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32. COMUSMACV 010237Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM VANDE HEY
DECEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU

~~33. COMSEVENTHFLT 010400Z DEC69 (C)
FOR THRASH AND BORMAN FROM BRINGLE
INVITE FOR A LUNCHEON ON 6Dec69~~

34. COMUSMACV 010615Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BAUTZ
EMPLOYMENT OF 51ST REGIMENT (U)

35. COMUSMACV 010645Z DEC69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR DOOLEY FROM SMITH
REVIEW OF R&R PROCEDURES

~~36. USDLO HONG KONG 020830Z DEC69 (U)
FOR BORMAN FROM SULLIVAN
SHIPMENT OF GEAR~~

37. CG XXIV CORPS 030116Z DEC69 (C) *Group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
INTEL AIR PHOTO COVERAGE OF LAOTIAN BORDER

38. COMUSMACV 030328Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
VISIT OF COL FRANK BORMAN TO RVN 10-16DEC69

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- ~~39. COMUSMACV 040040Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
CG III MAF VISIT TO DALAT~~
40. ✓ COMUSMACV 040440Z DEC69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM VANDEHEY
RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARD TO THE CIVILIAN POPULACE
41. COMUSMACV 040909Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*
INFO NICKERSON FROM MAJ SHEVLIN
DEPCOMUSMACV VISIT TO DANANG AREA 15 DEC 1969
42. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 051010Z DEC 69 (S) LIMDIS EYES ONLY *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
VIETNAMIZATION - RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ASPECTS
AND RELATED US PLANNING
43. COMPHIBPAC 050103Z DEC 69 (C) PERSONAL *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM SMITH
RED BEACH CAUSEWAY (U)
44. ✓ CTF SEVEN SIX 060330Z DEC 69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR CLIFT INFO NICKERSON AND JONES FROM ROSENBERG
READYGROUP OPS (U)
45. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 060834Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR DODLEY FROM SHEDD
GEN ABRAMS VISIT ON 10 DEC 1969
- ~~46. COMUSMACV 061135Z DEC 69 (U)
BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON LTGEN D. V. BENNETT, USA~~
47. ✓ LTGEN ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS 071013Z DEC69 (S) *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
CREATION OF A LIGHT TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN 11TH DTA
- ~~48. CMC 082153Z DEC 69 (C)
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN WALT
HAD ORDERS FOR LEATHERNECK PERSONNEL~~
49. BOWERS DCS (P&A) USARV LONG BINH RVN 110645Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY
TO DOOLEY COFS III MAF *gp not shown*
NOMINATION DEPCOFS PLANS III MAF
50. ✓ MGEN RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI RVN 110849Z DEC 69 (U) EYS ONLY
TO MG SMITH ACOFS J1 MACV SAIGON RVN
R&R PROGRAM

1. ~~MGEN TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON 111144Z DEC 69 (U) EYES ONLY
TO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
APPROVAL OF R&P~~
2. ✓ ~~CC FMEDAC 120121Z DEC 69 (U)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
ASSIGNMENT OF LTCOL G. S. MCNEILL 050854/2403 USMC~~
3. ✓ MGEN TOWNSEND COFS MACV 122347Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
(CITE 16076)
COMMANDERS MEETING 14 DECEMBER 1969
4. ✓ CS XXIV CORPS 140910Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
TO BGEN DOOLEY CS III MAF FROM BGEN SHEDD
INVITATION TO BRIEFING BY 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
5. ✓ C/S USMACV 140925Z DEC 69 (U) EYES ONLY
TO LGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG FROM MGEN TOWNSEND
DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION, TELEVISION TAPE
6. ~~COMUSMACV 151125Z DEC 69 CITE 16160 (U) EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON INFO MGEN RAMSEY
MY LAI INCIDENT.~~
7. ✓ COMUSMACV 151110Z DEC 69 CITE 16164 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LGEN NICKERSON INFO LTGEN MILDREN
LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN THRASH, MGEN RAMSEY
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT (U)
8. ✓ COMUSMACV 160242Z DEC 69 (U) CITE 16217 EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FROM BGEN SMITH ACOFS J1 MACV SAIGON TO BGEN DOOLEY
INFO COL PARNELL G1 III MAF
VISIT OF LTC GOZUR
9. ✓ COMUSMACV 160313Z DEC 69 CITE 16218 (U) EYES ONLY
FROM GEN ABRAMS TO LTGEN MILDREN, LTGEN NICKERSON,
MGEN RAMSEY INFO ADM MCCAIN
VISITS TO MY LAI
- * 10. ✓ ~~COMUSMACV 160943Z DEC 69 CITE 16234 (S) EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN BAUTZ TO BGEN DOOLEY
REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3~~
11. ✓ XXIV CORPS 160934Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FROM LTGEN ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS TO LTGEN NICKERSON
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT (U)
12. ~~COMUSMACV 161127Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16247 EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON
WIVES CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR VEGETATION~~

* See Force Reduction Planning, 10 Oct - 17 Dec 69 SPECATs *of cy/HOR-40*

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28. CG FIRST MAW 010500Z DEC69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR NICKERSON FROM THRASH
VIETNAMIZATION-RVNAF I&M ASPECTS AND RELATED US PLANNING (U)
29. CG AMERICAL DIV TS (LETTER FORMAT) GP-4
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY
VIETNAMIZATION-RVNAF I&M ASPECTS AND RELATED US PLANNING (U)
30. CG FIRST MARDIV (TS) (MSG FORMAT) GP-4
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON
VIETNAMIZATION
31. CG FMFPAC 021845Z DEC69 (TS) MCEO GP-4
FOR WALT INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
32. CG COMUSMACV 140927Z DEC 69 (TS) CITE 16146 EYES ONLY GP-4
TO LTGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG FROM GEN ABRAMS
CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL CORPS WITH THE 11TH DTA
33. COMNAVFORV 161119Z DEC 69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE GP-3
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT - PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT (C)
- 34...CMC 161910Z DEC 69 (TS) SPECAT PERSONAL GP-4
FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, MAJGEN THRASH FROM
GEN CHAPMAN
POST HOSTILITIES USE OF MCAS IWAKUNI (C)
35. COMUSMACV 170057Z DEC 69 (TS) CITE 16255 EYES ONLY GP-4
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON
REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3 (U)
36. CG FMFPAC 171905Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY SPECAT GP-4
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
37. CMC 172055Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, FROM GEN
CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING

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13. ~~COMUSMACV 170429Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16273 EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON, LTGEN EWELL,
MGEN WETHERILL
WIVES CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR VISITATION~~
14. ✓ COMUSMACV 170431Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16273 EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON
SEARCH FOR INFORMATION
15. ~~CG FMFPAC 172016Z DEC 69 (U) FOR
FROM CG FMFPAC TO CG III MAF FOR DCEN DOOLEY AND
DCEN DULACKI
CHANGE OF COMMAND~~
16. ~~COMUSMACV 180220Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16215 EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON
WIVES CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR VISITATION~~
17. ~~COMUSMACV 190222Z DEC 69 (U) EYES ONLY
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON
IODS~~
18. ✓ CG FMFPAC 192012Z DEC 69 (C) *gp - 4*
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUTS
19. ~~COMUSMACV 191050Z DEC 69 (U) CITE 16298 EYES ONLY
FROM DCEN SMITH TO MGEN MADDY, DCEN BENNETT, DCEN
DOOLEY AND CAPT BIDD
CHANGE TO MACV DIRECTIVE~~
20. ~~CG 1ST LCG CMB LBN RVN 201514Z DEC 69 (C) CITE ARY 2426 EYES ONLY
FROM WOOLWINE TO NICKERSON
OPERATION HOLLY (U)~~
21. ✓ CG FMFPAC 202011Z DEC 69 (C) *gp - 4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
USE OF O&MMC FUNDS FOR CRUSHED ROCK (U)
22. ✓ COMUSMACV 211051Z DEC 69 (S) CITE 16485 EYES ONLY *gp - 4*
FROM MGEN BAUTZ TO LTGEN NICKERSON
QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE HEADQUARTERS
23. ✓ COMNAVFORV 220730Z DEC 69 (U) FOR
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
NAVY AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM
24. ✓ COMUSMACV 231113Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16579 EYES ONLY *gp - 4*
FROM BGEN VANDE HEY TO LTGEN NICKERSON
VISIT OF LTGEN PEERS
25. ✓ COMUSMACV 240240Z DEC 69 (U) CITE 16590
FROM BGEN SMITH TO LTGEN NICKERSON
R&R PROGRAM

- ~~16. COMUSMACV 241050Z DEC 69 (C) CITE 16714 EYES ONLY
FROM BGEN VANDE HEY TO LTGEN NICKERSON
HOLIDAY VISIT OF CORDS WIVES TO I CORPS~~
17. ✓ CG AMERICAL DIV 240958Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
VISIT OF LTGEN PEERS
FOR MGEN BOWMAN FROM MGEN RAMSEY
28. ✓ CG FMFPAC 241842Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
EXCLUSIVE FORMGEN BOWMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE
ZUMWAL TO BAUMBERGER INFO CONCERNING NAVAL SUPPORT
ACTIVITIES
- ~~29. COL HIXON XXIV CORPS 270304Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY
FROM COL HIXON XXIV CORPS TO LTGEN ZAIS III MAR
ARTILLERY PAID 28-29DEC69~~
- ~~30. CINCPAC 270500Z DEC 69 (U)
FOR MGEN BOWMAN FROM ADM MCCAIN
MESSAGE TO CAPTAIN THONG~~
- ~~#31. XXIV CORPS 270820Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY
FROM COL HIXON XXIV CORPS TO LTGEN ZAIS III MAR
ARTILLERY PAID~~
- ~~32. CINCPAC 282226Z DEC 69 (U)
FOR MGEN BOWMAN FROM ADM MCCAIN
VISIT OF ADMIRAL MCCAIN~~
- ~~33. CINCPAC 282212Z DEC 69 (U)
FOR CAPT LEA FROM ADM MCCAIN
VISIT OF ADM MCCAIN~~
34. ✓ CG FMFPAC 292305Z DEC 69 (S) *gp-4 (Re-add CinPac Jtl 2420372 Dec 69)*
EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO LGEN BUSE AND CAPT DYE FROM HYLAND
VISIT OF BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL MEMBERS TO PACOM (U)
- ~~35. CINCPAC 300422Z DEC 69 (U)
FOR MGEN WHEELER FROM ADMIRAL MCCAIN
VISIT OF ADM MCCAIN~~
36. ✓ COMUSMACV 300910Z DEC 69 (U) *(Re-add CSAF 292230Z Dec 69)*
FROM CSAF FOR COMMANDER FROM RUSSELL
APPOINTMENT TO BGEN
- ~~37. USDAO HONG KONG 310923Z DEC 69 (U)
WIDENOTE FOR MGEN BOWMAN FROM LTCOL SULLIVAN
RESERVATIONS~~
38. ✓ COMNAVFORV 312331Z DEC 69 (C) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO LTG ZAIS FROM ZUMWALT
CTF CLEARWATER MISSION (U)

38. COMUSMACV 190736Z DEC 69 (TS) CITE MAC 16382 GP-4
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTGEN MILDREN, WADM
ZUMWALT, LTGEN NICKERSON, INFO LTGEN CORCORAN, LTGEN EWELL,
LTGEN ZAIS AND MGEN WHETHERILL (FORCE PLANNING (U))
39. CG FMFPAC 192027Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT (S)
40. CMC 192350Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN WALT
FORCE PLANNING
41. CG FMFPAC 200415Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U)
42. CMC 201555Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING (U)
43. COMUSMACV 211049Z DEC 69 (TS) CITE 16484 EYES ONLY GP-4
FROM MGEN BAUTZ TO BGEN DULACKI
FORCE PLANNING (U)
44. CG FMFPAC 212042Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY GP-4
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U)
45. CMC 271711Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING (U)
46. COMUSMACV CITE 16812 DTG 280853Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FROM MGEN BAUTZ J3 MACV SAIGON TO MGEN DIXON, MGEN MABRY,
RADM FLANAGAN, MGEN BOWMAN, LTGEN CORCORAN, LTGEN EWELL
INFO LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN WETHERILL
FORCE PLANNING (U)
47. CG THIRD MARDIV 301131Z DEC 69 (TS) GP-3
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON, LTGEN BUSE FROM MAJGEN YONDS
VISIT ADC, THIRD MARDIV TO III MAF
48. CMC 311521Z DEC 69 (TS) GP-4
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS (S)
49. CG FMFPAC 312121Z DEC 69 (TS) Marine Corps Eyes Only GP-4
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U)
50. CG FMFPAC 312123Z DEC 69 (TS) GP-4
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AMALGAMATION (U)

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FM CG FIRST MAW
TO CG III MAW

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FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN THOMAS DELIVER DURING
WORKING HOURS

VIETNAMIZATION-RVNAF I & M ASPECTS AND RELATED US PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAW 290125Z NOV 69 (TS)

1. (S) THIS HEADQUARTERS IS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON MOST POINTS RAISED SINCE THE NATURE OF OUR MISSION HAS PRECLUDED ALL BUT A CURSORY AND DISTANT OBSERVATION OF VNAF ORGANIZATION, TASKS, AND METHODS OF OPERATION. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL COMMENTS ARE OFFERED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2. (TS) BELIEVE ANY TENDENCY TO EXPEND ASSETS OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT THAT CONTRIBUTES MAINLY TO AN IMAGE SHOULD BE RESISTED AT ALL COSTS. IN TERMS OF THE VNAF, WITHIN THE TIME FRAME SPECIFIED, THIS MEANS THAT ITS ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE TAILORED WITH BUT ONE THING IN MIND: CLOSE, RESPONSIVE SUPPORT OF TROOPS ON THE GROUND. IT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE HELICOPTER AIR GROUP TO SUPPORT EACH DIVISION. THIS AIR GROUP SHOULD HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF LIFTING THE ASSAULT ELEMENTS OF ONE BATTALION. A MINIMUM MIX OF 20 UH-1H AND 10-12 CH-47 AIRCRAFT WOULD BE THE BEST MEANS OF SATISFYING TROOP AND HEAVY LIFT REQUIREMENTS. GUNSHIPS (AH-1G) SHOULD BE INCLUDED AT THE RATIO OF ONE GUN FOR FOUR TRANSPORTS, AS WELL AS FROM 10-12 OV-10 TYPE LIGHT OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT FOR VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE OPNS. THE USE OF CH-53 OR SIMILAR TYPE LARGER EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED DUE TO MORE COMPLICATED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND ATTENDANT MAINTENANCE/SUPPLY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. WITH 40 SQUADRONS AVAILABLE, ROUGHLY HALF MUST BE HELICOPTER EQUIPPED TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR EACH OF 12 DIVISIONS. FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 20 FIXED WING SQUADRONS, SIMPLICITY AND EASE OF MAINTENANCE ARE AGAIN KEY FACTORS. C-123 AIRCRAFT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE TRANSPORT ROLE; THIS AIRCRAFT COULD PROVIDE THE AERIAL OFF-SHORE SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY MENTIONED IN REF A. FOUR SQUADS (ONE FOR EACH SQUAD) OF 20-24 AIRCRAFT EACH APPEARS TO BE THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

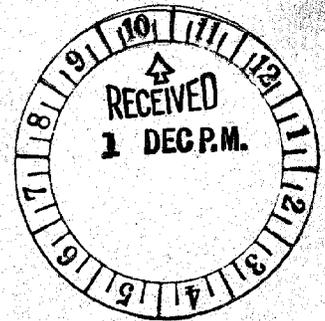
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FOR TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT, BELIEVE THAT AIRCRAFT SIMILAR TO THE A-37 OR F-5 AIRCRAFT TO BE THE MOST SUITABLE DUE TO EASE OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SUPPORT. IT IS NOT ENVISIONED THAT VNAF WILL REQUIRE AN AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY OTHER THAN LIMITED DEFENSE OF VITAL AREAS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT HAWK MISSILES AND THE ASSOCIATED ACQUISITION, COMMAND AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT ARE BEYOND THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF VNAF FOR THE TIME FRAME SPECIFIED. SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE F4, A6 ETC. AIRCRAFT COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED AND WOULD THEREFOR BE MERELY PRESTIGE ITEMS SERVING NO USEFUL PURPOSE.

3. (S) CONCUR WITH THE CONSIDERATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VIETNAMESE UNITS AS LISTED IN REF A. SUGGEST THAT THE PROGRAM FOR SENDING SELECTED INDIVIDUALS TO US SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BE CONTINUED AND THAT EFFORTS BE DIRECTED TOWARD CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF VIETNAMESE OPERATED SCHOOLS OF A LIKE NATURE.

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FM BG VANDE HEY ACTING COPS MACV SAIGON

TO GEN BR QVN CDR 7TH AF TAN SON WHOT

LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH

LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANG

VADM ZIMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON

LTG CORCORAN CG IFFV NHA TRANG

LTG EWELL CG IFFV LONG BINH

LTG ZAIS CG XX IV CORPS PHU BAI

MG WETHERILL CG DMAC IV CTZ CAN THO

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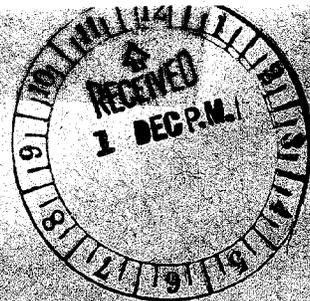
1. (C) THE DECEMBER COMMANDERS' WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, 27 DECEMBER 1969, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS.

2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ'S ALSO ATTEND THE WIEU.

3. (U) COMMANDERS AND DEPCORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV AT THE COMMAND MESS.

4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 27 DEC 69.

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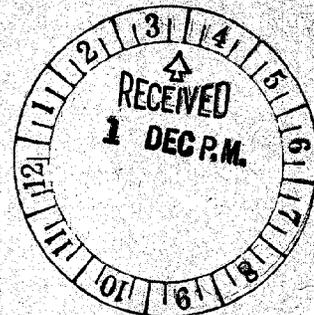
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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO RECOMMEND THAT EACH MAJOR US UNIT REVIEW ITS R&R PROCEDURES. AS A MINIMUM, THIS REVIEW SHOULD EXAMINE ALLOCATION OF SPACES, FLEXIBILITY OF THE SYSTEM, PREPARATION AND INSPECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL R&R PARTICIPANT, AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM IN-COUNTRY PROCESSING CENTERS (SAIGON, CAN RANH BAY AND DANANG.



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2. FROM MY PERSONAL INSPECTIONS AND DEBRIEFINGS OF R&R PARTICIPANTS, PLUS REPORTS FROM MY R&R STAFF OFFICERS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE OVERALL PROGRAM IS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE SOME WEAK POINTS WHICH MERIT IMMEDIATE COMMAND ATTENTION. FOR EXAMPLE, AIRCRAFT ARE GOING TO HONOLULU WITH EMPTY SEATS BECAUSE UNITS HAVE SUBMITTED FALSE NAMES SUCH AS CCL CHUCK ROAST, SP4 HUGH HEFNER, CAPTAIN JOHN WAYNE, ETC TO RETAIN ALLOCATIONS THE UNIT CANNOT POSSIBLY USE. THEN TOO, I HAVE PERSONALLY DEBRIEFED SERVICEMEN WHO HAVE TAKEN 3 TO 5 R&RS IN LESS THAN A 12-MONTH PERIOD. OBVIOUSLY, SOME OTHER SERVICE MAN HAS MISSED HIS R&R.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AND PRELIMINARY TO ANY MACV COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE R&R SYSTEM AND ITS SUPPORTING PROCEDURES, IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE FOR MAJOR UNITS TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN INTERNAL AUDIT. AN EQUITABLE, WELL ADMINISTERED R&R PROGRAM CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT, POSITIVE MORALE STIMULUS IN ANY ORGANIZATION WHILE AN IMPRESSION OF UNFAIRNESS, FRAUD, OR LACK OF COMMAND SUPERVISION IN AN R&R PROGRAM WILL HAVE JUST THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. IN SHORT, I RECOMMEND A GOOD IN-HOUSE LOOK INTO THE R&R SITUATION BEFORE SOME OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES FIND SOME OF OUR UNITS ARE NEGLECTING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA.

4. MACV J-1 STANDS READY TO ASSIST ALL ECHELONS OF COMMAND IN MAKING THE R&R PROGRAM A UNIVERSAL SUCCESS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL UPON US FOR ANY ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. WE SHALL ALSO WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF R&R PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

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Commanding General
III Marine Amphibious Force
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1. (U) Reference: Msg, III MAF, DTG 290125Z, TOP SECRET, Eyes Only for MG Simpson, MG Ramsey, and MG Thrash, subject as above.
2. (S) This report is submitted in compliance with paragraph 1 of above reference. My comments are:
 - a. Based largely on experiences and observations within the Americal Division Tactical Area of Interest, and are thereby tempered by my continual association with a specific group of Vietnamese officials, the 2d ARVN Division, and provincial forces in Quang Ngai and Quang Tin Provinces.
 - b. Keyed to the southern portion of I CTZ and not to the entirety of South Vietnam.
 - c. Primarily geared to the assumption that the enemy threat will continue at its current level. Where modifications are in order as a result of a lessening of enemy activity, I have so indicated. The degree of force necessary to cope with a continuing level of the current activity would, in general, inherently include that required under a condition of lessened enemy activity.
3. (TS) Assumptions.
 - a. Paragraph 3 of reference message.
 - b. 2d ARVN Division will continue to operate within its present TAOI.
4. (TS) General. One of the apparent weaknesses of the present structure lies in its complexity. Under the present structure, various and separate military and paramilitary organizations have been established to accomplish specific missions with little or no centralized control or direction. The

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commander of a division tactical area, for instance, does not exercise complete control over the provincial forces in his area. The present force structure lends itself toward duplication of effort and lack of responsiveness. The present structure could be improved by combining some of the separate entities and establishing a more unified command to eliminate duplication and insure unity of effort. The quality of RVNAF training cannot be clinically isolated, but must be considered in light of various intangible parameters, not the least of which are motivation and morale. Training in the basic military skills has continually improved as evidenced by the increasing success of RVNAF military operations. The jump from poor to a satisfactory level of training in a majority of the units appears to have been accomplished. It will probably be more difficult for these forces to realize the next quality step in training proficiency. The quality of training varies with each unit and is normally indicative of the caliber of unit leaders. Although leadership ability is an individual attribute, there seems to be a large gap between the abilities of the junior and senior leaders. For the most part, the senior officers are competent, responsible, and have a definite sense of purpose. The junior leaders, on the contrary, are often lacking in both motivation and ability. The morale and responsiveness of the RVNAF are in direct correlation to the quality of the training they receive and the caliber of the leaders whom they follow. Although there is evidence that certain ARVN units have been patterned, to a large degree, after comparable US units, such action appears justified since it facilitates both the US advisory effort and the conduct of combined operations. The ever-present danger inherent in creating RVNAF which are mirror images of US units is that these units will not possess the technical proficiency to cope with the sophisticated weaponry and equipment found in comparable US units.

5. (TS) Specific requirements.

a. Increasing the combat power of the infantry division. The 2d ARVN Division has aptly demonstrated its combat power on many instances during the past 6 months. The division, currently organized with three regiments and twelve maneuver battalions, has consistently accomplished its assigned missions. The combat power of the division will be increased by the addition of a third direct support artillery battalion on approximately 1 February 1970. Although the addition of a fourth rifle company to each battalion would enhance the battalion's ability to conduct operations from established forward fire support bases, the inherent problems of span of control, increased communications, and increased logistics negate at this time the advantages to be gained. Due to the lack of leadership ability at the company level, ARVN companies do not now have the capability of sustained independent action. The addition of a fourth rifle company to each battalion, therefore, is not recommended at this time. The assignment of an additional truck company to the 2d ARVN Division is recommended, as the one company presently assigned will be insufficient when the 2d ARVN Division extends its forces to the border areas. The assignment of an additional truck company would require additional maintenance

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support capability.

b. Improving the effectiveness of artillery.

(1) The adoption of a single caliber weapon would simplify both training and maintenance of the system to include simplifying ammunition procedures and reducing required PLL and ASL. A single system, however, would not provide for the desirable mixture of calibers nor the required flexibility and depth. The mixture of 105mm (M101) and 155mm (M14A1) would satisfy these requirements while retaining two systems which are similar in nature and require similar training and maintenance. In addition, these weapons can be moved by air, are relatively low cost, and are less sophisticated than the M102 and M109 howitzers.

(2) Division artillery units employed in support of maneuver battalions should retain their ability to displace rapidly in order to provide continuous support. Additional artillery sections should be organized to provide support for territorial forces in static defensive positions. These sections should be mutually supporting.

(3) Although the effectiveness of the 8 inch howitzer is obvious, it is too sophisticated a weapon to be provided to the Vietnamese at this time. Its complex fire control system and track electrical and hydraulic systems would require maintenance beyond the present capabilities of the RVNAF.

(4) All ARVN artillery units should possess visual meteorologic capabilities. ARVN artillery units are presently being instructed in visual meteorologic procedures. Because of its simplicity, the visual system is preferred to the electronic system. The headquarters battery of each artillery battalion should maintain this capability.

c. ADA AWSP weapons should be organic to the ARVN infantry division. Both quad 50's and twin 40's on mobile mounts could be used effectively on fire support bases, in convoys, and in support of maneuver forces.

d. Territorial Forces.

(1) RF and PF. Assuming that the ARVN would have the primary mission of defeating the NVA elements the number of RF and PF units would necessarily have to be increased to provide the province, district and village chiefs with adequate forces to defeat VC main and local forces and to support pacification operations. The number of additional RF companies and PF platoons which could be organized would depend upon the availability of manpower after the ARVN force structure requirements were satisfied.

(2) CIDG. These assets should be converted, reorganized and retrained as either ARVN, RF or PF. Ethnic backgrounds of the various CIDG elements will

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have to be taken into consideration as to area of employment and leadership positions.

(3) NP and NFFF. These forces should be increased as pacification progresses and as manpower resources will permit.

(4) PSDF. Since these forces do not draw on ARVN draft-eligible resources, increases should be made as pacification progresses. PSDF should be organized, trained and armed in each GVN controlled hamlet. In a situation of lessened enemy activity, the PSDF could assume certain missions now assigned the PF.

(5) RD Cadre. Additional RDC beyond programmed increases would probably not be necessary. As the security and development in GVN controlled hamlets improves, the number of cadre can be reduced, freeing members to move on to other hamlets.

(6) In the event of a lessening of enemy activity, the situation would change somewhat. Either RF or PF could be gradually reduced depending on the situation. PF are normally more effective when operating in their home areas. One or more PF platoons will be required for each village for the foreseeable future in order to defeat VC local force and guerrilla elements and to train PSDF. CIDG forces should be converted to PF on a voluntary basis. National police and national police field forces will be the key to village and hamlet internal security and routine law and order functions. If additional forces are required beyond those currently programmed, selected RF personnel could be converted to NP/NFFF. Each hamlet should retain PSDF assets with gradual reduction in the number of armed personnel as the security situation improves. As pacification progresses, the number of RD Cadre can be reduced.

e. Tactical Communications. The 2d ARVN Division derives its communications support from its organic signal company. There are no civilian communications facilities available to augment tactical communications. Present ARVN communications doctrine places great emphasis on FM radio for command and control and fire support communications. The current FM equipment in use is the VRC-12 series radio. Existing radio nets, procedure, and equipment are adequate for command and control of the 2d ARVN Division. Administrative traffic is presently routed over a 4 channel telephone system augmented by HF radio. Employment of telephone and teletype traffic throughout the 2d ARVN Division has not achieved either the importance or reliability of the same type service in the Americal Division. Significant problems exist in communications support for fire control and fire support coordination between direct support artillery batteries and the Division FDC. The limited telephone system places primary reliance on FM radio. When this system breaks down, division artillery has no means of massing fires or obtaining clearance to fire. The addition of any general support artillery in the TAOR will require communications augmen-

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tion. Backup communications for both FM and Radio Relay is provided by HF radio. Currently the 2d ARVN Division is using the AN/GRC-9 in the CW mode. Although this means is very reliable, the traffic handling capability is limited. Telephone - teletype and HF communications will have to be upgraded to provide more reliable fire support, administrative, and logistical communications for the existing level of enemy activity. The present communications posture of the 2d ARVN Division is sufficient for a diminished level of enemy activity provided that civilian communications can be built up as an augmentative

f. Border Security. Considering the magnitude of the requirement, it is probable that manpower resources will preclude the establishment of a separate organization to accomplish border security. Limited border surveillance, to include ground and aerial sensors, patrols, ambushes and agents will be the primary means of accomplishing this task.

g. Hospitalization and medical procedures. Within the Americal Division TAOI, two province hospitals and one ARVN hospital are utilized. A second ARVN hospital supports this area although it is physically located outside the boundaries. These facilities are inadequate. The province hospitals provide care for the civilian population and capacities are overtaxed, sometimes as much as 200%. To provide good medical care is a monumental task; to provide optimum care appears to be impracticable at this time. Upgrading of facilities and equipment is mandatory. The only ARVN hospital in this area is a relatively new facility. However, conditions border on primitive with windows not screened and standards of cleanliness inadequate. Operating rooms are poorly lighted and inadequately ventilated and protected from dust. Presently, no air ambulance capability exists in ARVN forces in the 2d ARVN Division TAOI. Forward surgical support must be increased. A surgical hospital is needed in addition to upgrading the present ARVN hospital. A helicopter ambulance company is essential to accomplish medical support. Also, medical regulating must be improved to distribute patient load and avoid overloading one unit while another maintains empty beds. Displacement of forward surgical support could be made in accordance with casualty density. Increased ground ambulance capability would be needed for movement of routine patients. However, helicopter ambulance capability could not be concomitantly decreased.

h. Intelligence, CI and Security Capability. Improvements can be made in RVNAF intelligence, counterintelligence and security capabilities by providing at division level a military intelligence detachment, organized, equipped and trained to perform such functions as order of battle (OB) studies, imagery interpretation (II), counterintelligence (CI), interrogation of prisoners of war (IPW) and related military intelligence functions. These functions are presently performed by augmenting staffs with minimally qualified personnel. However, an MID type organization should be tailored to the specific needs of the division as opposed to a stereo-type unit fashioned exactly like a US MID. Improvements in these areas could also be realized through selection, preparation, and assignment of highly qualified personnel to key intelligence

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advisory slots throughout RVNAF. Moreover, training of RVNAF personnel at intelligence schools in Okinawa and in CONUS would materially enhance intelligence, counterintelligence and security capabilities.

i. The requirement for assault helicopter squadrons will vary with the level of activity and the number of roads secured. Under present conditions, a minimum of 2 assault helicopter squadrons would be required to support the division. In addition medium helicopter (CH-47) support will be needed. Under any circumstance, the 2d ARVN Division will require helicopter support in order to project effectively its combat power into the areas in which it will be required to operate.

j. RVNAF Sensor Programs. The sensor program for US as well as RVNAF has not yet been developed to the extent necessary for proper evaluation. During the brief period in which the RVNAF sensor program has been in effect, the Vietnamese forces have demonstrated achievements in training and employment which equal or exceed those demonstrated by US forces during a comparable period. Concepts, organization, equipment, training and other matters pertaining to the employment of sensors continue to be tested, evaluated and modified. Obviously, the quality of the RVNAF sensor program will depend on such variables as funding for R&D, technological advances in sensor equipment, availability of trained personnel and equipment, and the ability and willingness of RVNAF officials to integrate sensor assets with other target acquisition, reconnaissance and surveillance measures. Given optimum conditions on these variables, it is likely that RVNAF would effectively employ available sensor assets along with other security measures to deny or limit enemy access to critical areas and installations. Moreover, employment of sensors in an economy of force role will enable RVNAF to achieve greater flexibility in disposing maneuver elements along extended areas of operation.

k. Logistics. The present logistics system of the 2d ARVN Division is sufficient to provide minimal support to the division. When augmented by an additional truck company and a medium helicopter squadron in general support, the system, if exercised properly, would be capable of providing adequate support to the division operating on an extended front.

l. Tac Air sorties. ARVN maneuver battalions should be allocated a minimum of one pre-planned sortie per day. Immediate sorties should be provided as required, based on the tactical situation and established priorities.

m. Airlift capabilities. At the present time, there are no RVNAF fixed wing aircraft operating in support of the 2d ARVN Division. If ARVN artillery units replace US artillery at Tien Phouc, Tra Bong, and Minh Long they will have to move in excess of 200,000 pounds of cargo per week to these locations. Assuming that land LOC's to those locations are not open, all cargo will have to be airmoved. The airfields at these camps are capable of handling C-7A and C-123 aircraft.

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n. Training.

(1) The 2d ARVN Division has selectively withdrawn battalions from operational commitments to permit an increase in refresher training. The program has been very successful and should be further broken down into company level training.

(2) If enemy activity remains at the present level, the current five week refresher course for both RF companies and PF platoons will be adequate. The present requirement for RF-PF units to attend refresher training every 24 months should be strictly adhered to and attendance should be mandatory. Americal Division has initiated an RF/PF leadership course at the division combat center. The course is presented by both US and Vietnamese instructors, with emphasis on practical work. If enemy activity subsides, refresher training for RF/PF could be replaced by in-place training to maintain the desired level of proficiency and motivation.

(3) The integration of Vietnamese officers and NCOs into US platoons and companies and into battalion and brigade staffs is not recommended. If such a program were enacted, responsibilities would have to be delineated in great detail. Assignment of Vietnamese officers and NCOs to understudy positions in US units is considered feasible.

(4) Combined US/ARVN mobile training teams should be formed to conduct on the spot training during standdown periods. Such a program would do much to increase the technical proficiency of ARVN personnel. Americal Division has been providing mobile training teams to 2d ARVN Division upon request.

(5) There is a definite need for upgrading of the quality of personnel assigned to advisory duties and for lengthening the tours of advisors to provide continuity. Tours should be increased not to exceed a maximum of two years. Incentives to include additional pay or allowances could be offered to attract volunteers.

(6) Other proposals to improve the training of RVNAF commanders and staff officers include an expansion of the Vietnamese Military Academy and service schools. Additional quotas should be made available to the ARVN to permit officers to attend US service schools to include officer basic and advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. Elements of the Americal Division including G5, Support Command, Division Artillery, 23d Medical Battalion, 26th Engineers, 523d Signal Battalion and the division chemical section have initiated training programs and liaison visits to improve the proficiency of ARVN counterparts.

6. (TS) Critical Missions. The following is an evaluation of RVNAF's capabilities to perform specific missions now and in the light of programmed or suggested improvements in RVNAF capability.

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a. Intelligence Collection. The 2d ARVN Division has an outstanding intelligence collection capability which uses all available sources and agencies for acquiring information. The incumbent G2 and his staff have demonstrated a continuing concern for providing commanders with timely, tactically exploitable intelligence. Intelligence collection efforts at the district and province level in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai are similarly productive. However, exclusive reliance on RVNAF collection resources will require developing the capability for conducting infra-red(IR), side looking airborne radar (SLAR), and photo reconnaissance missions as well as airborne personnel detection. Also some restructuring of RVNAF G2 and S2 sections will be required to handle these missions without outside assistance. Due to the overlapping of collection effort and the cross dissemination of information, a percentage of ARVN contribution cannot be estimated.

b. Border surveillance. RVNAF does not currently have the capability of securing the borders within this TAOI. Some degree of surveillance is provided by agents and naval craft. Continued expansion of the RVNAF sensor program together with the development of a VN Army IR and SLAR capability could lead to a significant role for RVNAF in this mission. The 2d ARVN Division Reconnaissance Company has completed LRRP operations training and, with necessary aviation support, should be capable of performing long range reconnaissance and surveillance missions necessary to support the division TAOI.

c. Reconnaissance. General reconnaissance missions are adequately performed by organic 2d ARVN Division, provincial and district forces. However, the division's air reconnaissance capability is inadequate and will require personnel as well as rotary and fixed wing aircraft augmentation.

d. Engagement of Enemy Forces. The 2d ARVN Division has consistently demonstrated its ability to perform the missions expected of an infantry division. The ARVN battalion has generally the same combat capability of a US battalion that has three rifle companies. Because of basic leadership deficiencies, the ARVN battalion does not yet possess the capability to conduct company size sustained combat operations. The Americal Division currently shares an operational area with the 2d ARVN Division. Presently ARVN forces contribute approximately 30-35% of the infantry combat power in the operational area. ARVN forces have become quite aware of the capabilities of the helicopter and conduct numerous combat assaults. Presently more than 95 per cent of these assaults are supported by US helicopters. The 2d ARVN Division would have the capability of engaging and defeating the enemy in any given sector of the present TAOI if the division were provided with sufficient helicopters to maneuver its forces as required. The division would be capable of furnishing on a continuing basis one third of the combat power required in the present Americal/2d ARVN Division TAOI.

e. Interdiction. The 2d ARVN Division presently does not possess the capability to interdict all enemy LOCs from major base areas into the lowlands.

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Because of the nature of the infiltration of enemy troops and supplies, the degree of the 2d ARVN Division's interdiction capability will be determined by its reconnaissance and surveillance capability. The area of Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces is too great for the division to successfully interdict all approaches into the lowlands. With sufficient helicopter assets the 2d ARVN Division would be able to interdict approximately 50 per cent of the enemy's major LOCs on a sustained basis.

f. Artillery fire support. The two 105 battalions and one 155 battalion of the 2d ARVN Division artillery fire an average of 10,000 rounds per month. The Americal Division Artillery fires an average of 100,000 rounds per month with an additional 4000-5000 rounds fired in support of ARVN units. With the withdrawal of US units, the ARVN artillery which is to be expanded to three 105mm howitzer battalions organic and one attached 155mm howitzer battalion would have to increase artillery fire to support ARVN units, territorial forces and interdiction of LOCs.

g. Tactical air support. RVNAF is presently providing the majority of the pre-planned air strikes for Vietnamese forces in the 2d ARVN Division TAOR. All immediate air strikes are provided by the US Air Force. RVNAF has the capability to place aircraft on strip alert and to scramble aircraft for immediate air strikes. RVNAF should be able to assume the entire role for tactical air support of Vietnamese forces.

h. Visual and Photo Reconnaissance. 2d ARVN Division has no organic capability for visual and photo recons by aircraft.

i. Tactical Mobility. Mobility of 2d ARVN Division is largely dependent upon helicopter support. To achieve a satisfactory state of tactical mobility, the helicopter support recommended in paragraph 5i would have to be made available to the division.

j. Communications. Existing FM radio nets, procedures, and equipment are adequate for command and control of the 2d ARVN Division. Teletype, telephone, and HF communication will have to be upgraded to provide reliable communications systems. The AN/GRC-9 radios should be replaced with SSB AM radios. ARVN personnel will have to be trained with the TRC-24/TCC-7 equipment.

k. Psychological operations.

(1) If the level of enemy activity remains unchanged, the POLWAR Battalion organic to the ARVN corps would be able to provide adequate division level support with the exception of printed material. The ground broadcast and propaganda development sections are presently effectively manned and trained. The addition of four printing presses would provide the required reproduction capability.

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(2) If enemy activity subsides, the ARVN POLWAR capability at corps and division level will be more than adequate to accomplish the psychological mission.

1. Population Security. Population security falls into two categories - that security imposed by the short term physical presence of large ARVN military forces, and that imposed by the permanent presence of territorial forces to include the RF, PF, PSDF, National Police, NPDF and RD cadre. If the level of enemy activity continues at the present rate, the security imposed by large ARVN units can be achieved for short periods by effectively employing the unit or units within an area for tactical operations. While this type of security is short lived, it lessens the conflicts and incidents within a given area to a level which can be coped with by the territorial forces. Long-term security of the population can be achieved by close coordination between the various territorial forces. The fact that these forces are permanently within an area and composed of the local population, in most instances, lends continuity and permanency to the total security of an area. Before this type of security can be achieved, however, ARVN forces must have the capability of quickly reacting to a situation or threat of a greater magnitude than can be eliminated by the territorial forces. If enemy activity subsides, the overall security of large areas will be good. The paramilitary forces can be reduced while still maintaining the achieved level of security. National police garrisons can be increased, thereby placing a larger portion of the responsibility for security upon the local government and the population. This will allow for greater manpower resources for the RVNAF.

m. LOC Security. LOC security is currently a joint US/ARVN/RF/PF operation with RVNAF providing approximately 70% of the effort. This mission could be assumed by RF/PF forces with artillery support provided by the 2d ARVN Division.

n. Engineer Construction. The 2d ARVN Division is presently performing less than 10% of the overall engineer construction in the Americal/2d ARVN Division TAOI. Although an engineer battalion is organic to the 2d ARVN Division, without augmentation they could probably perform no more than 20% of the required engineer construction.

o. Logistical Support. The 2d ARVN Division is approximately 80% self-sufficient in the logistical support area. The logistics system augmented by a truck company has the capability to provide the required support if properly managed.

p. Medical support. Although it is difficult to determine the percentage of medical support provided its units by the 2d ARVN Division, it is readily apparent that such support falls far short of that required. The addition of a surgical hospital and a helicopter ambulance company would materially increase

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the division's medical support capability.

q. Defoliation. The 2d ARVN Division does not possess a defoliation capability. This capability could be furnished from out of country assets.

r. Unconventional Warfare. The 2d ARVN Division has an extremely limited ability to conduct unconventional warfare operations. Provincial reconnaissance units and certain units advised by special forces possess a UW capability and could be incorporated into the 2d ARVN Division in a modified configuration.

7. (TS) In the event that the assumption pertains wherein the tempo of the war decreases, the RVNAF in the Americal Division TAOI could successfully carry out their missions provided they were augmented or modified as suggested in the foregoing paragraphs. Should the current level of VC/NVA activity continue, the capability of the RVNAF in the Americal Division TAOI to successfully conduct sustained combat operations would be marginal even assuming the suggested augmentations were accomplished. Sizeable additional forces or a greatly reduced TAOI would enhance the 2d ARVN Division's ability to prosecute the war with any real assurance of success.

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1. LAW REF COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN FOLLOWING PARAS.

2. (TS) INTRODUCTION

A. THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE PRECLUDES A RESPONSE IN DEPTH.

EVERY ASPECT OF VIETNAMIZATION PLANNING LISTED COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE STUDY. COMMENTS ARE SUBMITTED ONLY ON THOSE ITEMS WITH WHICH THE 1ST MARDIV HAS SOME EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE GENERALLY LIMITED TO MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE RVNAF BALANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS WITHIN THE AREA ENCOMPASSED BY THE CURRENT DIVISION TACR BY LATE 1973. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 1ST MARDIV HAS OPERATED ONLY WITH SEPARATE REGIMENTS (SUCH AS 51ST) AND HAS NO EXPERIENCE WITH ARVN DIVISIONAL UNITS SINCE NONE ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO QUANG NAM.

3. (TS) GENERAL COMMENT ON QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

THE BASIC REQUIREMENT TO MEET THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL THREAT FOLLOWING U.S. WITHDRAWAL IS FOR ONE WELL ORGANIZED, FULLY EQUIPPED, AND TRAINED INFANTRY DIVISION OPERATING IN THE PERIPHERY OF THE POPULATED COASTAL LOWLANDS, SUPPORTED BY ORGANIC SUPPORTING

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TALENTS WITHIN LIMITED ASSETS AVAILABLE. IT WOULD PROVIDE ADDED MANEUVERABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY WHILE ENHANCING THE BATTALION CAPABILITY FOR SUSTAINED OPERATIONS.

(2) AN INCREASE IN MOTOR TRANSPORT ALONG WITH UPGRADING OF LOG'S WOULD REDUCE HELO LIFT REQUIREMENTS.

B. (1) IN ORDER TO SUPPORT GROUND OPERATIONS IN PERIPHERAL AREAS, SECURITY OPERATIONS IN COASTAL AREAS, AND DEFENSE OF VITAL FACILITIES/CENTERS, A MIX OF ARTILLERY CALIBERS IS REQUIRED. ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CALIBER (E.G. 105 MM HOW) WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY OR FIRE POWER. A NECESSARY ADJUNCT TO EMPLOYMENT OF ARTILLERY BY RVNAF IS IMPROVED PSCG CAPABILITIES.

(2) DIV ARTY MUST BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE TO SUPPORT MANEUVER ELEMENTS AS REQUIRED. BATTERIES FOR STATIC DEFENSE OF KEY POPULATION CENTERS AND VITAL AREAS SHOULD BE ACTIVATED WHERE REQUIRED. TERRITORIAL FORCES SHOULD RELY PRIMARILY ON MORTARS FOR DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT.

(3) AS LONG AS 8" HOWITZER ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RVNAF USE, THIS WEAPON SHOULD BE PROVIDED. UP TO THREE BATTERIES COULD BE EMPLOYED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. THE NUMBER OF BATTERIES RE-

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REQUIRED WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE QUANTITY OF OTHER CALIBERS PROVIDED. GOOD USE COULD BE MADE BY THE ARVN OF MORE TOWED 155MM HOWS IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE. THE TOWED PIECES WOULD CONSTITUTE A LESS SOPHISTICATED MAINTENANCE PROBLEM. PROVISION OF TOWED 8" SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

(4) METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE BEST MET BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE TO THE RVNAF.

G. AIR DEF ARTY AUTO WPNS (SP). TO ^{MEET} THE THREAT OF NVN AIR ATTACKS FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES, PROVISIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR ANSP ON THE BASIS OF ONE BATTERY PER INFANTRY REGIMENT.

D. TERRITORIAL FORCES SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE SPAN OF CONTROL ABOVE COMPANY LEVEL. COMMAND OF TERRITORIAL FORCES SHOULD BE CLEARLY VESTED IN THE REGULAR MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURE, AND DIVORCED FROM THE POLITICAL HIERARCHY. THE CTZ COMMANDER MUST CONTINUE TO COORDINATE ALL MILITARY/PARAMILITARY FORCES WITHIN A MORE EFFECTIVE COMMAND STRUCTURE. RF/PF MUST OPERATE MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVELY UNDER CENTRALIZED DIRECTION.

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E. EFFECTIVE AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TYPE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS ENVISIONED. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY C/E EQUIPMENT, SUPPORT AND TRAINING. TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS OF MORE THAN ONE COMPANY STRENGTH REQUIRES DEPENDABLE TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS.

F. NO COMMENT

G. HOSPITALIZATION/MEDICAL. SIMPLY SET REASONABLE, ATTAINABLE OBJECTIVES, THEN PROVIDE MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND ADVISORS. HELICOPTER EVACUATION IS A MUST IN A TAOR AS LARGE AS PRESENTLY EXISTS.

H. (IMPROVEMENT IN INTELLIGENCE) NO COMMENT.

I. (HELO/TROOP RATIO) A RATIO OF ONE HELICOPTER SQUADON PER REGIMENTAL SIZE UNIT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

J. (SENSORS) NO COMMENT. CURRENT EXPERIENCE NOT ADEQUATE FOR EVALUATION.

K. (LOGISTIC CAPABILITY) NO COMMENT.

L. (TACAIR SORTIES) NO COMMENT.

M. (NAVAL OPS) NO COMMENT.

N. (RIVERINE OPERATIONS) NO COMMENT.

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O. (OFFSHORE RECON) NO COMMENT

P. (AIRLIFT) NO COMMENT

Q. TRAINING (1) REFRESHER TRAINING SHOULD BE CONDUCTED NO HIGHER THAN COMPANY LEVEL, IN ORDER THAT BATTALIONS REMAIN IN THE FIELD FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS. OUT IN US UNITS PROGRAMS COULD PROVE VERY EFFECTIVE AT PLATOON AND COMPANY LEVEL. INTEGRATION OF SELECTED RVNAF PERSONNEL IN INITIALLY BATTALION STAFF AND SUBSEQUENTLY INTO LARGER UNITS STAFFS COULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN, RVNAF STAFF FUNCTIONING. FOLLOWING ACQUISITION OF INITIAL EXPERIENCE, SELECTED PERSONNEL COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO US UNITS ON ALL LEVELS AND PROVIDE FOR RAPID ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE IN MANY AREAS INCLUDING LOGISTICS. THE ADVANTAGES TO BE ACCRUED FROM UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF ADVISORY PERSONNEL ARE QUITE OBVIOUS. STAFF TRAINING COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BY INTEGRATING BATTALION AND REGIMENTAL STAFFS WHEN COMBINED OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED.

6. NO COMMENT ON PARA 7.

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1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN RVN AND CONTAINED RECOMMENDED 50,000 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES FOR PLANNING. THESE PACKAGES WERE PRESENTED AS MARINE-HEAVY AND ARMY-HEAVY OPTIONS; COMUSMACV RECOMMENDED USE OF THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION PACKAGES FOR FUTURE PLANNING; REF B CONCURRED IN THE ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN REF A, BUT INDICATED CINCPAC RECOMMENDATION ON THE MARINE-HEAVY VS ARMY-HEAVY OPTIONS WOULD BE FORWARDED AT A LATER DATE.
2. (TS) CONCUR IN THE USE OF THE MARINE-HEAVY 50,000 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES FOR FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING. THIS OPTION PROVIDES COMUSMACV FOUR ADDITIONAL BRIGADES AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. IT WILL PROVIDE THE RVNAF JUST THAT MUCH MORE TIME TO READY THEMSELVES BEFORE ASSUMING MAJOR ADDITIONAL MISSIONS.
3. (TS) I DO NOT RECOMMEND FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF A REDEPLOYMENT IS CONTEMPLATED, I RECOMMEND THAT IT BE THE 35,000 PACKAGE PROPOSED IN REF A.
4. (U) VERY RESPECTFULLY. WARM REGARDS.

UNQUOTE.

2. I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH MCCAIN ABOUT THIS AFTER BEING BRIEFED, BUT HE WAS ADAMANT IN HIS POSITION, FEELING THAT HE HAD TO GO ALONG WITH ABE. I SUGGESTED THAT HE ADD PARAGRAPH THREE. REGRET THAT THIS WAS ALL THAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH
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1. (C) ON 19 NOV, XXIV CORPS IDENTIFIED SEVEN AIR PHOTO TARGETS ON OR SUSPECTED ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS LAOTIAN BORDER INTO CORPS AO, AND SUSPECTED 245TH AVN CO (THRU G2 AIR III MAF) TO FLY AGAINST THESE TARGETS DAILY UNTIL ALL HAD BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED; THEREAFTER SUFFICIENTLY OFTEN TO PHOTOGRAPH EACH TARGET ONCE A WEEK. FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT:

20 NOV SORTIE CANCELLED FOR WEATHER.

21 NOV 3 TARGETS PHOTOGRAPHED AT WRONG SCALE; 4 TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

22 NOV ALL TARGETS PHOTOGRAPHED AT WRONG SCALE.

23 NOV ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

24-26 NOV SORTIE DIVERTED TO OTHER TARGETS BECAUSE OF WEATHER ON BORDER.

27 NOV ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

28 NOV ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

29 NOV ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

30 NOV ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

01 DEC ALL TARGETS COVERED: NO PHOTOGRAPHY BECAUSE OF CAMERA MALFUNCTION.

02 DEC ALL TARGETS ABORTED FOR WEATHER.

2. (C) THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING AIR PHOTO COVERAGE OF SELECTED TARGETS ALONG THE LAOTIAN BORDER IS EMPHASIZED BY THE FACT THAT ON 2 DEC, USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT ELEMENTS OF AN NVA REGT ARE OCCUPYING AND CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS IN THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT SOUTH OF ROUTE 9. OUR ABILITY TO LAUNCH TAC AIR AND ARC LIGHT STRIKES AGAINST THE ENEMY AS HE INFILTRATES INTO THE CORPS AO DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE ON ADEQUATE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

3. (C) AS INDICATED IN PARA 1, ABOVE, WEATHER IS A CRITICAL FACTOR, AND EVERY ELEMENT OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ALERT TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ANY BREAK IN THE GENERALLY BAD WEATHER NOW CONFRONTING US. OUT OF 13 DAYS, 3 OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHY, AND THESE THREE OPPORTUNITIES WERE LOST BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL OR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. I FEEL WE CANNOT AFFORD THESE PROBLEMS.

4. (C) I BELIEVE THAT MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE 245TH AVN CO MIGHT HELP. IF A TARGET IS ABORTED FOR WEATHER, IT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED AGAIN THE SAME DAY IF ANY POSSIBILITY OFFERS. IF THERE IS AN EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION, THE SORTIE SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED AGAIN AS SOON AS THE MALFUNCTION IS DETECTED. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT BETWEEN 24 SEP AND 1 DEC, THE 245TH AVN CO FLEW 34 AIR PHOTO SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF XXIV CORPS AND EXPERIENCED CAMERA MALFUNCTION ON 8 OF THESE.

5. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN INSPIRING A GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THESE MISSIONS IN THE 245TH AVN CO.
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COLONEL FRANK BORMAN TO RVN 10 - 16
DEC 69 (C)

1. (C) THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE REFERENCE COLONEL FRANK BORMAN'S VISIT TO RVN HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM OSD (ISA):
"COLONEL FRANK BORMAN'S STATUS WHILE TRAVELING IN RVN WILL BE THAT OF A NASA ASTRONAUT AND HE WILL BE WEARING CIVILIAN ATTIRE. HE DESIRES TO KEEP HIS VISIT AT A LOW KEY AND HE WISHES TO TALK INFORMALLY TO AS MANY SMALL GROUPS OF SERVICE PERSONNEL AS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING HIS VISIT. THE THEME OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WILL BE TO REASSURE OUR PERSONNEL THAT THE U. S. PUBLIC IS SUPPORTING THEM."
2. (C) IN ADDITION, NO REPEAT NO BRIEFINGS ARE TO BE GIVEN.

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SECRET MAC 15663 EYES ONLY

1. COMUSMACV HAS BEEN TASKED TO PROVIDE PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT ALL U.S. OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL IN SVN, WHETHER IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY OR NOT, ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO THE CIVILIAN POPULACE OF SVN, AND THAT COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE AWARE OF THEIR DUTY TO ENFORCE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.
2. REQUEST YOU REVIEW PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED DIRECTIVES AND PROCEDURES AT ALL ECHELOWS TO ENSURE THAT:
 - A. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED YOUR COMMAND, IN COUNTRY, HAVE BEEN BRIEFED AND ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE CIVILIAN POPULACE.
 - B. PRESENT PROCEDURES ENSURE ALL REPEAT ALL NEWLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL RECEIVE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN COUNTRY.
3. REQUEST YOU R MACV CONFIRMATION BY 1200 HOURS, 6 DECEMBER 1969. THAT ACTIONS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

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 of end 15th Div; mentioned
 Gen Lam would want
 to attend it also.

2. Suggested 1000-1100
 at 15th DW, 1100-1100 en
 route; 1110-1240
 at NPTC; 1240 en
 route USAAG -
 lunch + going then
 either depart for
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 3. Gen Lam on out
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MAJ C. L. SHEVLIN, AIDE TO DEPCOMUSMACV SENDS FOR COFS, USAAG,
1 CTZ. INFO CG III MAF.

1. (C) DEPCOMUSMACV DESIRES TO VISIT DANANG AREA 15 DEC 69
ENROUTE VISIT TO YANKEE STATION PERIOD 15 - 16 DEC 69. RE-
QUEST PROPOSED ITINERARY BASED UPON GUIDANCE WHICH FOLLOWS
BE FURNISHED ME VIA THIS CHANNEL NLT 091700 DEC 69.

2. (C) DEPCOMUSMACV WILL ARRIVE DANANG BY T-39 151000H DEC 69
ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE, AND WILL DEPART DANANG 151400 DEC 69 BY
COD FO USS HANCOCK AT YANKEE STATION.

3. (C) VISITS TO THE FOLLOWING ARE DESIRED:

A. NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING CENTER DANANG MORNING OF 15
DEC TO INCLUDE SHORT BRIEFING (I.E. STUDENT INPUT, PROBLEM
AREAS) FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF FACILITIES (MINIMUM 1 1/2 HOURS).

B. CG, USAAG, I CORPS TO INCLUDE LIGHT LUNCH AND BRIEF
RUNDOWN ON PROBLEM AREAS.

4. (U) IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMED TIMES OF VISITS, REQUEST NAMES
OF KEY INDIVIDUALS, VN AND US, TO BE MET AT ALL LOCATIONS.

5. REGRADE UNCLASSIFIED 18 DEC 69.

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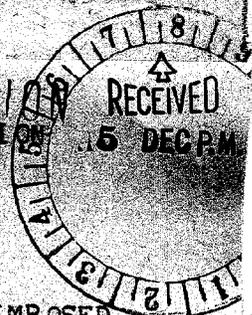
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- A. MACV SSO 270915Z NOV 69 (TS)
- B. YOUR SSO 290126Z NOV 69 (TS)
- C. YOUR SSO 040941Z DEC 69 (TS)
- D. MY LTRWC 2 DEC 69, SUBJECT AS ABOVE (TS)

1. (S) BY REFERENCE C, III MAF RESPONDED TO REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY REFERENCE A RELATIVE TO IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF RVNAF IN THE TIME FRAME FROM THE PRESENT TO 1973.

2. (S) I AM MOST CONCERNED THAT MY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN YOUR REPLY TO COMUSMACV (REF C). THE SPAN OF CONTROL PROBLEM FACED BY GENERAL TRUONG IS A SERIOUS ONE - AND IT IS COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT HE MUST FIGHT TWO VERY DIFFERENT WARS IN THE TWO PROVINCES UNDER HIS CONTROL. THE PROBLEM WILL BECOME EVEN MORE ACUTE AS US UNITS ARE WITHDRAWN AND US COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRMOBILE ASSETS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO ARVN.

3. (S) I DO NOT KNOW YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AND IT IS POSSIBLE YOU DISAGREE WITH MY RECOMMENDATION. POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CONSTRAINTS GROWING OUT OF YOUR NEED TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF GENERAL LAM ALSO MAY BE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN COMBAT IN NICTZ FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 17 MONTHS AND FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COMUSMACV RECEIVE MY VIEWS ON THE NEEDS OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION AND RVNAF FORCES NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

4. (S) IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULT POSITION YOU ORCHPY ON THIS ISSUE, I WOULD LIKE TO SOLICIT YOUR PERMISSION TO PRESENT MY VIEWS TO COMUSMACV INSOME MANNER. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO FORWARD MY COMMENTS SEPERATELY FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMUSMACV. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SECURE YOUR PERMISSION TO FORWARD TO COMUSMACV MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS IN THE NICTZ (I WLD OF COURSE INDICATE THE CONSTRAINTS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM FORWARDING MY VIEWS ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS).

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM SMITH
 RED BEACH CAUSEWAY (U)

A. YOUR 270520Z NOV 69

1. (C) REGRET MY DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR REF (A) WHICH ARRIVED WHEN I WAS AWAY ON TAD THE PAST WEEK. YOUR PROMPT INQUIRY INTO THE RED BEACH CAUSEWAY SITUATION FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSION AT YOUR HQS IN EARLY NOV AND REPLY ARE CERTAINLY APPRECIATED.

2. (C) MY STAFF AND NAVAL BEACH GROUP PEOPLE HAVE REVIEWED THE ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED IN YOUR MESSAGE AND THE PROS/CONS OF EACH. WE APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ON-SITE SECTIONS READILY AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONAL USE AND MAINTENANCE ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS AND CONSIDER THAT THE ALTERNATIVES OF REMOVING 3 OR 5 SECTIONS AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT PRODUCE APPRECIABLE SAVINGS AND COULD CONCEIVABLY REDUCE FLEXIBILITY OF OPERATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, FOR THE PRESENT AND AS LONG AS THE CAUSEWAY INSTALLATION IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT YOUR

PAGE TWO RUWJMSA0519 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**
 OPERATIONAL NEEDS, I CONSIDER IT BEST THAT WE RETAIN THE CAUSEWAY AT DANANG AS IS.

3. (C) NEW SUBJECT. YOUR RECENT MESSAGE COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF OUR WESTPAC GATORS RE PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OPS WAS MOST APPRECIATED. LET'S HOPE ANY FUTURE SERIES GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THOSE IN THE PAST.

4. (C) WARM REGARDS

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 FOR COMMODORE CLIFT INFO LGEN NICKERSON AND MGEN JONES FROM
 ROSENBERG

READY GROUP OPS (U)

A. MY 030904Z DEC 69

1. (S) WHILE IT DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE ARG/SLF SECOND QTR
 SKED, IT IS INTENDED THAT YOU CONDUCT A ZAMBALES BLTLEX UPON
 COMPLETION OF YOUR CURRENT SUBIC UPKEEP. IT SHOULD COMMENCE ON 11
 DEC COINCIDENT WITH THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED READY GROUP
 OPS PERIOD. DURATION OF THE EXERCISE IS LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW-
 EVER CONSIDER THREE DAYS AS OPTIMUM. YOUR PREPARATIONS SHOULD COMMENC

E
 NOW. DIRLAUTH COMNAVBASE SUBIC.

2. (S) IN AMPLIFICATION OF REF A, UPON COMPLETION OF ZAMBALES BLTLEX,
 WOULD LIKE YOU TO PROCEED WITH TG 76.4 TO RVN AREA. SINCE ARG/SLF
 PRIMARY CONTINGENCY REACTION RESPONSIBILITY NOW RELATED TO RVN,
 CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT YOU VISIT CG III MAF HDQTRS AS SOON AS
 FEASIBLE TO ESTABLISH LIAISON AND ACQUIRE UPDATED ENEMY AND FRIENDLY
 SITUATION INFO. USE LPH ORGANIC HELO. RECOMMEND CTG 79.4 ACCOMPANY
 IF PERMITTED BY CTF 79. WARM REGARDS.

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FM GEN SHEDD
TO GEN DOOLEY
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1. (S) THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE VISIT
OF GENERAL ABRAMS ON 10 DECEMBER 1969:

TIME	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
0930 - 1000	ENROUTE EAGLE PAD	MET BY GEN WRIGHT
1000 - 1050	BRIEFING BY 101ST ABN (AM)	CURRENT SITUATION PLAN 13-69
1050 - 1110	ENROUTE 3/187 (PHUONG DIEM)	MET BY 3/187 CO
1110 - 1130	BRIEFING BY 3/187	JOINT OPERATIONS
1130 - 1145	ENROUTE TO QUANG TRI	MET BY GEN BURKE
1145 - 1215	BRIEFING AND TOUR CP BY 1/5 MECH	CURRENT SITUATION
1215 - 1315	LUNCH WITH 1/5 MECH	
1315 - 1325	ENROUTE DONG HA	MET BY GEN TRUONG AND 1ST ARVN DIV FWD CP
1325 - 1345		REPRESENTATIVES
1345 - 1355	BRIEFING BY FWD CP GP ENROUTE CAMP CARR OLL	DIV FWD CP OPNS BRIEFING MET BY 2D ARVN REGT
1355 - 1420	TOUR CAMP CARR OLL	REPRESENTATIVES
1420 - 1435	ENROUTE TO QUANG TRI AIRFIELD	2D ARVN REGT
1435 - 1500	ENROUTE TODA NANG (U-21)	

WM (S) IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING TIME, IT IS PROPOSED TO FLY
GENERAL ABRAMS FROM QUANG TRI TODA NANG BY U-21 RATHER THAN USE
A HELICOPTER

EM (S) GENERAL ZAIS WILL ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT THE VISIT
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SUBJ: CREATION OF A LIGHT TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN 11TH DTA (S)

- A. 1TR, XXIV CORPS, AVII-CG, 2 DEC 69 (TS), SUBJECT AS ABOVE.
B. MY 51910Z DEC 69 (S).
C. YOU 260357Z DEC 69 (S).

1. (S) THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO AMPLIFY MY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REF A. I BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY FOR ARVN TO CREATE A LIGHT TACTICAL CORPS IN NICTZ IF IT IS TO MANAGE ITS RESOURCES AND PROVIDE TACTICAL DIRECTION OF ALL FORCES UPON WITHDRAWAL OF US UNITS FROM RVN. I ATTACH HIGHER PRIORITY TO THIS PROPOSAL THAN ANY OF THE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED FOR RVNAF WITHIN THE 11TH DTA.

2. (S) THE MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS IMPLICIT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ARVN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES DICTATE A REDUCTION IN THE SPAN OF CONTROL AS IT NOW EXISTS. THE CG OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION HAS MILITARY CONTROL OF 17 INFANTRY BATTALIONS, 2 ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRONS, 3 ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, 1 RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, 72 RF COMPANIES, 290 RF PLATOONS, 1 RIVER ASSAULT GROUP, AND NUMEROUS COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS. IN ADDITION, GENERAL TRUONG MUST WEAVE A DELICATE BALANCE AMONG POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC FACTIONS IN ORDER TO CREATE A VIABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR PROGRESS AND GROWTH. I SUBMIT THERE ARE VERY FEW MEN OF GENERAL TRUONG'S CALIBER WITHIN THIS COUNTRY WHO COULD EFFECTIVELY EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THESE FORCES AS PRESENTLY CONFIGURED. ONCE US FORCES LEAVE, I DO NOT BELIEVE HE OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL COULD EFFECTIVELY COALESCE THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE.

3. (S) ONE SOLUTION WHICH PRESENTS ITSELF IS THE CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL CORPS FOR THE COMMAND OF ALL ARVN FORCES NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. OUT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION, IT IS POSSIBLE TO CREATE A 2-DIVISION FORCE, EACH DIVISION OF WHICH WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVINCE IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED. THE COMMANDER WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO PACIFICATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL BASED ON POTENTIAL COMMAND RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED CORPS AND I CORPS. HOWEVER, THE RELATIONSHIP COULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF XXIV CORPS, WHICH HAS OPERATED MOST SUCCESSFULLY UNDER III MAF FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A # 470

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4. (S) THE LIGHT CORPS I PROPOSE WOULD CONSIST OF 2 INFANTRY DIVISIONS; EACH DIVISION WOULD CONTAIN 3 INFANTRY REGIMENTS, AN ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON, A SIGNAL COMPANY, TWO 105MM ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, ONE 155MM HOWITZER BATTALION, AN ENGINEER BATTALION, A RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, AND A LIGHT LOGISTICS SUPPORT BATTALION. EACH OF THE REGIMENTS SO FORMED WOULD CONSIST OF THREE BATTALIONS. THE CORPS HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE TACTICAL IN NATURE AND WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AS THEY APPLY TO COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.

5. (S) I BELIEVE A TACTICAL FORCE SO ORGANIZED WOULD BEST BE ABLE TO COME WITH THE WIDELY DIFFERING THREATS AND TYPES OF WARFARE FOUND IN THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES. ONE DIVISION SHOULD BE ORIENTED TO DEFENSE OF THE DMZ AND THE KHE SANH PLATEAU WHILE THE OTHER DIVISION CONCENTRATES ON WESTERN DEFENSES OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE EXTENDING TO THE A SHAU VALLEY. THIS ARRANGEMENT PARALLELS THE ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENSE OF THE 11TH DTA PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE 30 MARINE DIVISION AND EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THE SOUNDNESS OF SUCH A SOLUTION.

6. (S) SUCH A TACTICAL ORGANIZATION FORMED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF US FORCES WOULD PLACE ARVN IN A BETTER POSTURE TO MEET THE THREAT THAN THE PRESENT GEOGRAPHICALLY EXTENDED 1ST ARVN DIVISION.

7. (S) MY RECOMMENDATION IS PREDICATED UPON ALMOST 18 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS COMBAT IN THE NIGTZ AND IS CONCURRED IN BY GENERAL TRUONG AND HIS US ADVISOR. I MOST EARNESTLY RECOMMEND THE FORMATION OF SUCH A TACTICAL CORPS BEFORE FURTHER US FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM NIGTZ.

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FM DEPT OF DEFENSE (PMA) USARV LONG BINH RVN
TO BOOLEY COFS III MAF

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1. REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN GENERAL MILDREN AND YOU THIS DATE CONCERNING CANCELLATION OF BG MCLEOD'S ORDERS AND NOMINATION OF COL(P) JOHN R. THURMAN TO BE DEPUTY COFS PLANS III MAF. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

JOHN ROYSTER THURMAN, III COLONEL SSAN 238-26-1135
 DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 11 APRIL 1924, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE: OVER 23
 MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED
 UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
 THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL, OFFICERS GROUND BRANCH BASIC COURSE
 THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL, BRANCH BASIC NO 1
 THE INFANTRY SCHOOL, BASIC AIRBORNE COURSE NO 9A
 THE ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE SCHOOL, ARTILLERY OFFICERS
 ADVANCED COURSE, 1954-1955
 COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, REGULAR COURSE
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 THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL, BASIC AIRBORNE COURSE
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MAJOR PERMANENT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS (LAST 10 YEARS)	FROM	TO
SECRETARY, FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS, USAREUR	JUN 1959	JUN 1960
STUDENT, ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	AUG 1960	JAN 1961
CADET COMPANY TACTICAL OFFICER, UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS LATER BATTALION COMMANDER AND CADET ACTIVITIES OFFICER, STAFF AND FACULTY, UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK	JAN 1961	SEP 1963
OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER, DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS BRANCH, STRATEGIC OPERATIONS DIVISION, J-3 AND CHIEF, PACIFIC SECTION, UNITED STATES STRIKE COMMAND, MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA	OCT 1963	MAY 1964
STUDENT OFFICER, FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JAY, NEW YORK WITH STATION NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND	AUG 1964	JUN 1965
CHIEF, SCHOOLS AND DOCTRINE DIVISION LATER SECTOR		



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ADVISOR AND ASSISTANT MISSION COORDINATOR, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, USARPAC, VIETNAM JUN 1965 SEP 1966
 COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION, 8TH ARTILLERY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY LATER DIVISION ARTILLERY COMMANDER, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, USARPAC, VIETNAM JAN 1967 MAR 1968
 MILITARY ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WASHINGTON, D.C. MAR 1968 PRESENT

PROMOTIONS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
2D LT		4 JUN 1946
1ST LT	4 DEC 1947	6 JUN 1949
CAPT	4 JAN 1951	1 APR 1953
MAJOR	10 JUN 1958	4 JUN 1960
LT COL	22 JAN 1963	6 JUN 1967
COL	5 DEC 1967	

- MEDALS AND AWARDS
 LEGION OF MERIT (WITH 2 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS)
 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
 BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (WITH 4 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS)
 AIR MEDAL (WITH 18 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS)
 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
 PURPLE HEART
 COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE

2. HE IS NUMBER 37 ON THE CURRENT LIST OF OFFICERS SELECTED FOR PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL. THEREFORE, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT HE WILL BE ACTUALLY PROMOTED UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1970.
 3. REQUEST YOU INFORM ME WHETHER THURMAN IS ACCEPTABLE TO BE DEPUTY COFS PLANS III MAF, AND IF SO THE DATE YOU WANT HIM TO REPORT. DA HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM EARLY JANUARY 71 ON.
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 BG DOOLEY C/S III MAF DANANG RVN
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UNCLAS E F T O ACD 1227 EYES ONLY

1. REFERENCE YOUR MSG MAC 15506 REGARDING THE R&R PROGRAM
 2. A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF ALL FACETS OF THE R&R PROGRAM WITHIN THE AMERICAL DIVISION HAS BEEN CONCLUDED. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED INTEREST, THE FINDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

A. SPACES ARE ALLOCATED TO THE AMERICAL BY HQ USARV IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THAT HEADQUARTERS' STRENGTH THE AMERICAL REPRESENTS. WITHIN THE DIVISION THE SAME METHOD IS UTILIZED IN FURTHER ALLOCATIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

B. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR INTERNAL SUBSTITUTION, REDISTRIBUTION OF QUOTAS, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF STANDBY R&R TO ADD FLEXIBILITY AND INSURE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF ALLOTTED QUOTAS.

C. ALL PERSONNEL DEPARTING THE AMERICAL ON R&R ARE SUBJECTED TO A MINIMUM OF THREE PERSONAL INSPECTIONS: PRIOR TO DEPARTING HIS UNIT, PRIOR TO DEPARTING THE CHU LAI AREA, AND FINALLY HE IS INSPECTED BY THE

AMERICAL R&R LIAISON NCO AT EITHER DANANG OR CAM RANH BAY PRIOR TO BOARDING PLANES TO R&R SITES.

D. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE BY THE UNIT AND MONITORED BY THE DIVISION R&R LIAISON NCO AT THE RESPECTIVE R&R DEPARTURE POINTS.

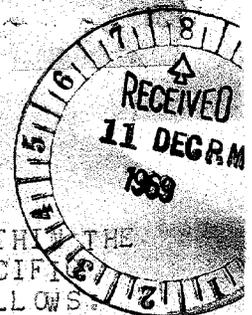
E. THE NAME AND DATE OF LAST R&R OF EACH INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED FOR R&R IS VERIFIED PRIOR TO HIS SELECTION TO PRECLUDE THE USE OF FICTITIOUS NAMES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF REPEATED R&R'S.

F. WITH THE RESPECT TO UTILIZATION OF SPACES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT OF OUR ALLOCATION WAS USED. WHILE INTEREST IN SPECIFIC R&R LOCATIONS VARY FROM TIME TO TIME, OVERALL THE PROGRAM IS WELL RECEIVED AND ADMINISTERED.

3. I SHARE YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF AN EQUITABLE R&R PROGRAM ON THE MORALE OF THIS COMMAND, AND PLEDGE MY CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

4. WARM REGARDS

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 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF
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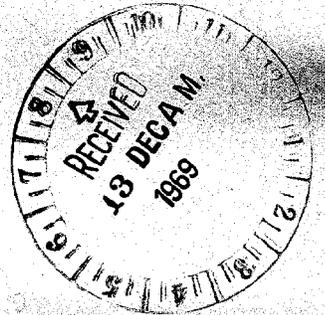
1. COMUSMACV HAS CALLED A MEETING OF COMMANDERS FOR 1400 HOURS, SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER AT MACV HQ IN THE CIIB. BOTH ADDRESSEES AND INFO ADDRESSEES ARE TO ATTEND.
 2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEETING WILL TERMINATE NOT LATER THAN 1600 HOURS, 14 DECEMBER.
 3. WARM REGARDS.
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FM BG SHEDD CS XXIV CORPS
TO BG DOOLEY CS III MAF
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19 DEC 69 / [Signature]

C O N F I D E N T I A L PNB 2577 EYES ONLY

1. CS XXIV CORPS FEELS IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL IF WE COULD INVITE SOME OF YOUR SENIOR STAFF PERSONNEL TO COME UP AND RECEIVE A BRIEFING PUT ON BY THE 101ST ABR DIV ON THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF PACIFICATION AND TRAINING OF TERRITORIAL FORCES CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN XXIV CORPS. IN ADDITION, PERSONNEL WOULD VISIT A DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WITH WHICH A BATTALION IS CO-LOCATED.

2. THE PEOPLE WE HAVE IN MIND ARE DCG III MAF, DEP FOR CORDS, G3, DSA, DEP G3, ASST DEP FOR CORDS, G2, G5, AND THE AF/FF OFFICER WITH CORDS (COL FISK). *G/S*

3. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

0850 DPT III MAF
0920 ARR XXIV CORPS
0920-1020 BRIEFING
1020-1040 ENROUTE PHONG DIEN
1040-1140 PHONG DIEN BRIEFING
1140-1200 ENROUTE XXIV CORPS
1200-1300 LUNCH CG'S MESS
1300-1330 ENROUTE III MAF



4. TO EASE THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, WE CAN DIG UP TWO HELICOPTERS AND SEND THEM DOWN TO PICK UP THE PARTY AND STAY WITH THEM THROUGHOUT. AS FAR AS DATES ARE CONCERNED, OUR FIRST CHOICE WOULD BE FRI, 19 DEC; SECOND CHOICE, MON 22 DEC; THIRD CHOICE, TUES 23 DEC 69.

5. THIS IS THE SAME BRIEFING AND VISIT THAT WAS PART OF THE ITINERARY FOR GEN ABRAMS AND LTG NICKERSON LAST WEEK. IF YOU AGREE, LET ME KNOW THE DATE AND WE WILL LAY IT ON.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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*Howe Simpson
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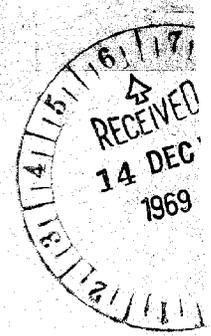
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FM MG TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 16145 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION, TELEVISION TAPE

1. REFERENCE: CG, III MAF, 041200Z DEC 1969.
2. RBANY THANKS FOR LETTING US SEE THE FINE TV TAPES ON DRUG ABUSE.
3. REQUEST THAT CHIEF REED BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF HQ MACV TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A SERIES OF TV LECTURES ON DRUG ABUSE WITH CHIEF REED AS NARRATOR.
4. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
 INFO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T MAC 16146 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA.

REFERENCE: A. COMUSMACV 15353/270915Z NOV 69.

B. CG III MAF 040941Z DEC 69.

C. CG III MAF 081416Z DEC 69.

1. REFERENCES ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. REF A ASKS FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON RVNAF PHASE III I&M.

B. REF B IS CG III MAF ANSWER TO REF A.

C. REF C IS A FOLLOW-ON TO REFERENCE B AND OUTLINES A PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA.

2. BOTH YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEM IN NORTHERN I CTZ AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF U.S. FORCES FROM THE CTZ ARE APPRECIATED. THE REASONING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS QUESTION AND THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY EACH ARE UNDERSTOOD. FINAL ACTION IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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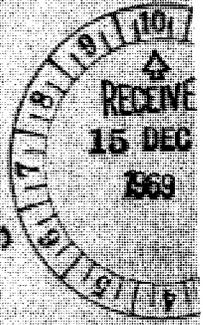
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TO LTJEN NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANG
INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH VIETNAM
LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI VIETNAM
NGEN THASH CG FIRST MAF DA NANG VIETNAM
MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI VIETNAM
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SECRET MAC 16164 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT (U)
REF: A. CG, XXIV CORPS, AVII-6C, DTG 050602Z OCT 69 (S) (NOTAL)
B. COMUSMACV 3121 (J3) DTG 260515 OCT 69 (S) (NOTAL)
C. CG III MAF DTG 110530Z FEB 69. (S)

1. (S) REFERENCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
A. REF A REQUESTED AUGMENTATION OF AVIATION ASSETS ASSIGNED TO XXIV CORPS TO MEET THE INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BDE, 3TH MECH DIV, AND THE 2D ARVN OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN

I CTZ.
B. REF B STATED COMUSMACV DECISION TO ADHERE TO CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF HELICOPTER ASSETS BY CORPS AREA AND REQUESTED CG, III MAF, IN COORDINATION WITH DCG, USARVN, REALLOCATE THE I CTZ HELICOPTER ASSETS AS NECESSARY TO SERVE ALL U.S. AND RVN FORCES IN THE ENTIRE

I CTZ.
C. REF C STATES THAT REALLOCATION OF CURRENT ASSETS IS NOT FEASIBLE AND RECOMMENDS RECONSIDERATION OF THE XXIV CORPS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT.

2. (U) REASSESSMENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND ALLOCATION OF GENERAL SUPPORT HELICOPTER ASSETS IN THE RVN HAS BEEN MADE. REASSESSMENT INDICATE NO REPEAT NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM THAT STATED IN REFERENCE B. THIS FINDING HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO COMUSMACV AND HIS DECISION IS TO ADHERE TO THE CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF HELICOPTER ASSETS AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE B.

3. (U) VAMN REGARDS.
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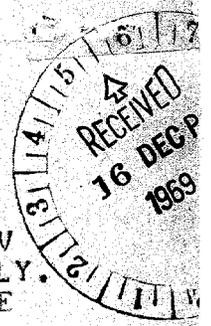
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O 160242Z ZYH ZFF-S ZFF-3
 FM BG SMITH ACOFS J1 MACV SAIGON 16 Dec 69 09 33Z
 TO MG DOOLEY CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF DANANG
 INFO COL PARNELL G1 III MAF DANANG
 ZEM



UNCLAS E F T O MAC 16217 EYES ONLY

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO OBTAIN YOUR CONCURRENCE IN A TWO DAY VISIT, 18 - 19 DEC, OF LTC GOZUR AND CPT COFFEY OF MACV HEADQUARTERS. THEY ARE THE R&R EXPERTS OF J1 AND AG, RESPECTIVELY. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, THEIR MISSION WILL BE TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH FULL UTILIZATION OF R&R FROM DANANG AND TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON 19 DEC AT A DESIGNATED LOCATION IN DANANG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR UNITS WHO SEND PERSONNEL TO R&R FROM DANANG.

2. I PROPOSE TO ACCOMPANY THE TWO OFFICERS TO III MAF HEADQUARTERS, ARRIVING DANANG BY T39 AT APPROXIMATELY 0940 ON 18 DEC. IF CONVENIENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO CALL ON YOU AND THEN CONFER BRIEFLY WITH

COL PARNELL, YOUR G1. DUE TO AN URGENT COMMITMENT HERE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO DEPART DANANG ON THE SAME T39 AIRCRAFT BY 1030 HOURS. HOWEVER, I DID WANT TO GET OUR TWO R&R EXPERTS OFF TO A GOOD START.

3. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE SUBJECT VISIT AND SUPPORT FROM COL PARNELL IN HOSTING AND WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF THE 19 DEC CONFERENCE.

4. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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- 1. C/S will be in for call 18th at approx 0950H. G-1 to escort.
- 2. Col Calben will call R&R rep all local commands and arrange trans and escort. COPY 2 OF 4 COPIES
 COL G. & CAPT C in visit to each.
- 3. Trans for pickup BGEN Smith to be arranged by G-1.

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV
 INFO ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC
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UNCLASSIFIED E F T O MAC 16218 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: VISITS TO MY LAI

1. DA MESSAGE DTG 121439Z DEC 69, SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER VISITORS ON MY LAI INCIDENT, RETRANSMITTED SEPARATELY, CONTAINS GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT. DA IS OSD EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR THIS ACTION.

2. THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES ADDITIONAL MACV GUIDANCE:

A. BRIEFINGS ON PAST OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SITUATIONS IN THE AREA WILL BE CONDUCTED AT MACV HQ AND PRESENTED BY THE MACV STAFF.

B. BRIEFINGS ON CURRENT OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE SITUATION IN THE AREA WILL BE DONE BY III MAF AND AMERICAL DIVISION.

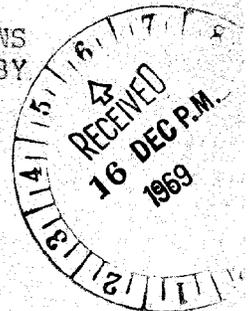
C. DOCUMENTS WILL BE RELEASED TO VISITORS ONLY BY MACV HQ.

D. ACCESS TO THE MY LAI AREA WILL BE BASED ON THE JUDGMENT AND DECISION OF CG, III MAF AND/OR CG AMERICAL DIVISION BASED ON THEIR ESTIMATES OF THE SITUATION. COMMANDERS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, HAZARD ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT SOLELY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLOWING VISITS TO MY LAI BY AIR OR SURFACE MEANS.

3. ALL VISITS TO THE MY LAI AREA AND QUESTIONS PERTINENT THERETO WILL BE REFERRED TO MACJ1 FOR COORDINATION. COLONEL LOWELL B. HARLAN, TELEPHONE 3894, IS THE MACV POINT OF CONTACT ON THIS MATTER.

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B. COMUSMACV 60121 (J3) 260535Z OCT 69
C. YOUR 110530Z DEC 69 (S) (BOX)
D. COMUSMACV 16164 (C/S) 151110Z DEC 69 (S) (BOX)

1. AS STATED IN REF B, IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT XXIV CORPS HAS A VALID NEED FOR THE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER ASSETS TO SUPPORT THE 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH), THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT AND TERRITORIAL FORCES IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THIS REQUIREMENT WAS STATED IN MY 5 OCT MSG (REF A). THE NEED STILL EXISTS AND IS OF A GREATER URGENCY TODAY THAN WHEN REQUESTED BECAUSE OF THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE ENEMY THREAT IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN QUANG TRI AND WESTERN THUA THIEN PROVINCES. THIS INCREASED THREAT EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR RAPID MOVEMENT TO DENY THE ENEMY ACCESS

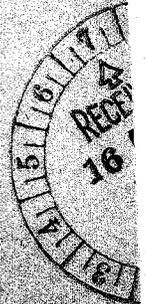
TO THE MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI AND PROVIDE FOR A FLEXIBLE RESPONSE CAPABILITY ALONG THE DMZ AND IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

2. AS STATED IN REF A, THE DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MAR DIV MEY REQUIRED THE 101ST ABN DIV TO ASSUME A 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN THEIR AO. SIMILARLY, THE AREA NOW ASSIGNED TO THE 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH AND THE 2D ARVN REGT IN QUANG TRI REPRESENTS NEARLY A 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY COVER SUCH EXTENSIVE AREAS, HELICOPTER ASSETS ARE REQUIRED. THE ASSUMPTION OF HELICOPTER SUPPORT MISSIONS REQUIRED TO INSERT AND EXTRACT LONG RANGE PATROLS IN THE DMZ; TO MOVE AND EMPLOY REACTION FORCES, AND TO EFFECT MINIMUM AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IN THE CORPS AO TAKES EXISTING HELICOPTER ASSETS OF THE 101ST TO THE UTMOST. ADDITIONALLY, HELICOPTER ASSETS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT COM MISSIONS AND PROVIDE IMMEDIATE REACTION BACKUP TO FORCE RECON MISSIONS. IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE ABOVE MISSIONS, THE 101ST HAS RECENTLY FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CONVERT SOME LIFT AND GUNSHIP ASSETS INTO PROVISIONAL AIR CAV UNITS IN ORDER TO BETTER MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER ITS EXTENDED AO. ADDITIONALLY, ARVN IS DEPENDENT ON THE 101ST FOR WHATEVER LIFT AND AIR LOGISTIC SUPPORT THEY RECEIVE, TO INCLUDE MEDEVAC AND THE SUPPORT OF THE ARVN RECON CO. ANY FURTHER SHIFT OF THE 101ST ASSETS TO SUPPORT NON-DIVISIONAL FORCES WILL FURTHER DEGRADE THE 101ST'S CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PRESENT EXTENSIVE MISSION. HENCE, THE 101ST ABN DIV IS ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE A MINIMAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT PACKAGE TO THE 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH.

3. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE REDUCTION IN FORCE TO DATE IN I CORPS HAS BEEN TAKEN IN XXIV CORPS WHILE SOUTHERN I CORPS HAS NOT REALIZED A REDUCTION IN AVIATION ASSETS AND COMBAT FORCES. IN VIEW OF THE GROWING THREAT TO THE XXIV CORPS AO AND COMUSMACV'S INABILITY TO REALIGN CURRENT HELICOPTER ASSETS FROM OTHER CORPS AREAS, I REQUEST FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO STATIONING ONE ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY AT QUANG TRI TO SUPPORT U.S. AND RVN FORCES IN THAT AREA.

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 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT.
 PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT (C)

1. (TS) LIAISON WITH MACJ3 INDICATES MARINE CORPS AND NAVY QUOTAS FOR 30,000 PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE WILL BE 19,176 AND 2,802 RESPECTIVELY. OF THE 2,802 NAVY SPACES, 552 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS NAVY WITH MARINE UNITS REDEPLOYING AND 750 GENERATED BY ACTOV FROM DELTA FORCES.
2. (TS) IN ORDER TO MEET THE REMAINING 1,500 REDUCTION IN NAVY SPACES, ONE PROPOSAL IS TO REDEPLOY ONE CB BATTALION AND 750 SPACES FROM NSA, DANANG. MACJ3 HAS AGREED TO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF BY DELAYING ACTUAL REDUCTION OF NSA, DANANG SPACES UNTIL 15 MAY 1970. ALTERNATIVELY, SINCE JACK DILLON'S WORKLOAD DOES NOT CHANGE APPRECIABLY, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO TAKE THE WHOLE REDUCTION AT NSA, DANANG. I AM PREPARED TO CERTIFY THAT NSA, DANANG CAN PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE SUPPORT WITH THE LOSS OF 1,000

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 PERSONNEL (IN VIEW OF REDUCED POPULATION).
 SINCE III MAF WILL BE AFFECTED, I WANT TO PROVIDE
 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COMMENT ON ABOVE PROPOSAL OR RECOMMEND
 MARINE/NAVY 1 CORPS MIX, WITH 21,228 TOTAL, FOR REDEPLOYMENT
 THAT WILL LEAST AFFECT CONTINUED SUPPORT OF III MAF. FOR INFO,
 MACJ3 IS ALSO PICKING UP THE 750 ADDITIONAL NAVY SPACES FROM DELTA
 IN JUNE.

3. (C) TO MEET MACV DEADLINE OF 18 DEC, YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BY COB 17 DEC.
4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT PERSONAL FOR LTGEN RUSE INFO LTGEN

NICKERSON, MAJ GEN THRASH FROM GEN CHAPMAN

POST HOSTILITIES USE OF MCAS IWAKUNI (C)

A. CG FMFPAC 290127Z NOV 69 (S) (NOT HELD)

1. (S) YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBTLETIES OF THE ATSUGI/
IWAKUNI/KADENA BASING SITUATION APPEARS CORRECT. WE
ARE NOT ON THE DEFENSIVE AND DO NOT NEED TO BE. THE
APPROVED I-DAY PLAN SHOWS TWO MARINE GROUPS AT IWAKUNI
AND THAT BASE IS NOT BEING PROPOSED FOR CLOSURE.

2. (TS) IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE MAJOR INPUT FOR DECISION
WILL BE MC CAIN'S DESIRE FOR TACTICALLY READY FORCES. IN
ORDER TO RETAIN VP/VQ ASSETS IN WESTPAC EITHER FUNDS TO
OPERATE ATSUGI OR FUNDS TO BUILD FACILITIES AT IWAKUNI MUST
BE APPROVED OR OTHER SPACE ALLOCATED. A REDUCTION OF

PAGE TWO RUEOFIA2824 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT PERSONAL
AIR FORCE AT KADENA PERMITTING A MARINE AIR GROUP AND
WING HQ TO ASSUME AIR FORCE SPACE THERE WOULD MAKE THE
NEEDED SPACE AVAILABLE AT IWAKUNI FOR VP/VQ. IT WOULD
APPEAR ACCEPTABLE TO TEAM UP WITH HYLAND TO ADVANCE THAT
COURSE OF ACTION TO MC CAIN. IF MC CAIN WILL IDENTIFY
THE KADENA FACILITY WHICH THE MAG/WING HQ WILL OCCUPY
THEN WE WOULD CERTAINLY SUPPORT IT TO THE FULLEST HERE.
WITH THE PRESENT FISCAL CLIMATE AND THE POLITICAL
UNCERTAINTY AROUND BOTH JAPAN AND OKINAWA BASES ANY
PLAN WHICH INVOLVES FACILITY CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE
UNREALISTIC.

3. (S) IN SHORT, WE REAFFIRM THE POSITION TO KEEP TWO
GROUPS & WING HQ AT IWAKUNI. THE CONDITION FOR MOVEMENT
TO KADENA SHOULD BE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
FACILITIES.

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 TO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF BARANG
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 16255 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3 (C)

- REFERENCES:** A. MAC 16234/16254 2 DEC 69.
 B. III MAF 16119 22 DEC 69.
 C. 22 NOV 69 COMMANDERS MEET.
 D. 19 NOV 69 BRIEFINGS AT MACV FOR GS'S OF MAJOR COMMA BGS.

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED DETAILED TROOP LIST TOTALING 19,176 AS USMC PORTION OF 30,000 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE FOR PHASE 3. REFERENCE B REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL 12,000 USMC TROOPS TO BE REDEPLOYED IN PHASE 3. REFERENCES C & D SELF-EXPLANATORY.
2. REQUIREMENT TO REDEPLOY 30,000 TROOPS IN PHASE 3 USING MARINE HEAVY OPTION REQUIRES 26TH RLT AND APPROXIMATELY 12,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 15 APRIL. THE COMPOSITION OF THE 12,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES IS TO BE DETERMINED BY CG, III MAF. THIS POINT WAS COVERED IN REFERENCES C AND D AND ALSO DURING THE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE ON 14 DEC 69.
3. THE 30,000 TROOP REDEPLOYMENT CHART USED DURING BRIEFING ON SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT A SECOND RLT IS LISTED THEREIN; HOWEVER, THIS IS THE PLANNER'S SUGGESTION. CG, III MAF IS TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION.

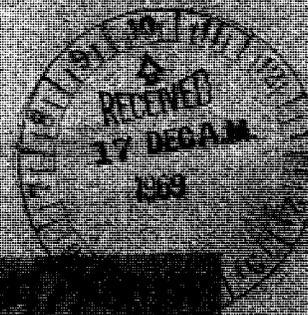
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4. DETAILED TROOP LIST REQUESTED IN REFERENCE A REQUIRED SO FURTHER PLANNING CAN PROCEED.

5. MARK REGARDS.

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 B. CG III MAF 170702Z/DEC69 (TS) (SPECAT)
 C. CMC 161910Z/DEC69 (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 PICTURE FOR THE TIME BEING.
2. (TS) IN ORDER THAT WE MAY SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON

PAGE 2 RUHMFMA1966 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCL FOR/MCI.O
 THE SUBJECT OF THE MARINE CORPS PORTION OF THE 50K,
 REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ME A TROOP LIST WHICH ADDRESSES
 A III MAF TOTAL OF 10.6K. AFTER STAFFING HERE, I WILL SUB-
 MIT 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 VMCJ-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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4. (TS) REF B, WAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED HERE AND IT APPEARS, BASED UPON MY CONVERSATION WITH BILL VAN RYZIA (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 CHIEFS WILL SETTLE ON FIGURE BETWEEN 10.6 AND 22.3 PROBABLY ABOUT 13. STAY LOOSE.

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FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, FROM GEN CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) AT JCS MEETING ON 17 SEP, THE CHIEFS DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF MARINE HEAVY VERSUS ARMY HEAVY OPTIONS IN THE 50,000 MAN PACKAGE.
2. (TS) THE ARMY HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS MANPOWER AND BUDGET PROBLEMS WITHIN DEPT OF ARMY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE RESULTING ARMY STRENGTH CEILING IN RVN.
3. (TS) OUR CONCERN WITH THE MARINE HEAVY IS TWOFOLD:
 - A. IT APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT 3 RLTS WOULD BE REDEPLOYED. THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN IN-COUNTRY STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 33,000 BUILT AROUND A SINGLE RLTI.
 - B. ADDITIONALLY, MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS AND FACILITY OVER-

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CROWDING, ALTHOUGH MANAGEABLE, WOULD PRESENT US WITH CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS.

4. (TS) THE JCS HAVE PROPOSED TO CINCPAC A MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE 4 ARMY BRIGADES; A BALANCED MARINE AIR/GROUND PACKAGE WITH ONE RLTI, BUT AT A STRENGTH GREATER THAN 7,600; WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP FROM AF AND/OR NAVY.
5. (TS) OUR THINKING HERE ASSUMES A FIGURE OF 10,600 TO 12,900. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THE ARMY AND MARINE PROBLEMS. THE LARGER PACKAGE IN PHASE 3 WOULD LESSEN THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF LATER MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS AND FACILITY CROWDING.
6. (TS) THE 12,900 FIGURE IS BASED ON DELETING ONE ARMY BRIGADE FROM THE ARMY HEAVY OPTION AND ASSIGNING THOSE 5,000 SPACES TO MARINES. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE MAXIMUM PACKAGE WE CAN DEPLOY BUILT AROUND A SINGLE RLTI. MAINTAINING THE DIV/WING TEAM AND NECESSARY SUPPORT, AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL NON-III MAF ELEMENTS WITHIN A NEW CEILING OF 42,610 MAY REQUIRE SOME AUSTERE MANNING, BUT IT APPEARS HERE THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD MANAGE IT.

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REFERENCE: THE SUBJECT AND YOUR DISCUSSIONS THEREON WITH GENERAL
ROSSON FOLLOWING COMMANDERS' MEETING ON SUNDAY,
14 DEC.

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOUR SEARCH FOR INFORMATION INCLUDE ALL
CORDS' FILES AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE MILITARY. THIS QUESTION
AROSE DURING A LATER CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT AFTER
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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. PLANNING FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH STAFFS OF THOSE CONCERNED USING THE MACV RECOMMENDED MARINE-HEAVY OPTION ON WHICH YOU WERE BRIEFED ON 14 DECEMBER 1969.
 2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS ON THE MARINE-HEAVY VERSUS ARMY-HEAVY OPTIONS, THE JCS SUGGESTED LOOKING AT A "MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE" WHICH WOULD REDEPLOY A MARINE AIR/GROUND PACKAGE WITH ONLY ONE RLT.
 3. CINCPAC REQUESTED A TROOP LIST ON "MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE" UNLESS COMUSMACV HAD FURTHER COMMENTS OR RESERVATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY OF THIS PACKAGE.
- SINCE TIME IS CRITICAL IF PHASE III IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY, COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED ADJUSTMENT TO THE JCS PROPOSAL AS INDICATED BELOW:

USA	1ST INF DIV	17.16
USA	BDE, 4TH INF DIV	5.80
USA	CHT SPT & SVC SPT	8.61
USAF	ELEMENTS	5.58
USMC	2GEH RLT WITH AIR AND SPT	10.80
USN	SPT	2.85

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5. ADJUSTING TO THIS PROPOSAL FOR PHASE III STILL PERMITS CONTINUATION OF THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION FOR SUBSEQUENT REDEPLOYMENTS. MACV HAS SO RECOMMENDED SINCE IT WILL RETAIN GREATER GROUND COMBAT POWER IN-COUNTRY FOR A LONGER PERIOD IN 1970 THAN ARMY HEAVY OPTION.

6. BASED ON THE PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DETAILED TROOP LISTS BE PROVIDED THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT COB 20 DECEMBER 1969.

7. INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE TROOP LIST SUBMISSIONS ARE:

A. UIC; FRN; UNIT; AUTHORIZED STRENGTH; LOCATION; AND FUNCTION (COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT; OR COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT).

B. WHEN A COMPLETE UNIT IS TO BE REDEPLOYED, AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SHOWN IN PROGRAM 8.

C. AN ASTERISK WILL BE USED NEXT TO THE STRENGTH FIGURE TO INDICATE IT IS A DRAW-DOWN INCREMENT OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR A UNIT REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT(S)

1. (TS) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE MOST EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIP DURING THE IMPENDING PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE CORPS FORCES FROM RVN, I PROPOSE TO EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOGISTIC CONCEPT IN ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR REDEPLOYMENT.

A. REDEPLOYING UNITS SCHEDULED FOR DEACTIVATION.

G-4 (1) CG III MAF WILL SCREEN ALL T/E AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (TGXE P-4960) EQUIP ASSETS CURRENTLY HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION AGAINST T/E AND AUTH SPECIAL ALLOWANCE DEFICIENCIES OF UNITS REMAINING IN-COUNTRY AND DIRECT EQUIP TRANSFER/INVOICING ACTION, AS REQUIRED.

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 (2) CG 3D MARDIV(-) AND CG 1ST MAW(REAR) WILL PROVIDE CG III MAF WITH LISTINGS OF ALL CLASS VII T/E, MO AND MOA

DEFICIENCIES OF 3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR) UNITS, AND 3D FSR WILL PROVIDE CG III MAF WITH CLASS VII MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES OF ORGANIC 3D FSR ELEMENTS. VPLY CLASS VII DEFICIENCIES FOR WHICH SHIPPING STATUS IS NOT HELD WILL BE REPORTED.

(3) SUBSEQUENT TO SCREENING/REDISTRIBUTION ACTION OUTLINED IN PAR 1.A.(1) ABOVE, CG III MAF WILL UTILIZE DEFICIENCY LISTINGS FURNISHED BY CG 3D MARDIV(-)/CG 1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR TO DIRECT SHIPMENT/INVOICING OF EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION, AS REQUIRED, TO FILL 3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR DEFICIENCIES.

(4) T/E AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCE EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION WHICH ARE NOT REQD TO FILL III MAF/3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW (REAR)/3D FSR DEFICIENCIES WILL BE MADE AVAIL, IF DIRECTED BY CMC, TO FILL T/E REQMTS COINCIDENT TO FORCE STRUCTURE INCREASE OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS (VMMC). SPECIFIC ITEM/Qty IDENTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THIS HQ BY HQMC AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IF EQUIP ASSETS ARE TO BE APPLIED TO PROJECTED VMMC REQMTS.

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(5) ALL T/E AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCE EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION WHICH ARE EXCESS TO III MAF/3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR/VNMC ALLOWANCES WILL BE PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT AND STAGED BY THE HOLDING UNITS. THESE EQUIP ASSETS WILL BE RETROGRADED TO CONUS FOR RETURN TO STORES SYSTEM ON REDEPLOYING OR OPPORTUNE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING.

(6) ALL OP STOCKS HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION WILL BE TURNED-IN TO FLC. PAR 2. BELOW APPLIES.

B. REDEPLOYING UNITS WHICH WILL BE RETAINED IN THE ACTIVE FMFPAC FORCE STRUCTURE.

(1) UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN THE ACTIVE FMFPAC FORCE STRUCTURE WILL REDEPLOY WITH ALL ON-HAND SERVICEABLE AND UNSERVICEABLE REPARABLE T/E-T/A ALLOWANCES, ALL INDIVIDUAL EQUIP AND WEAPONS AND ALL ON-HAND OP STOCKS LESS CLASS I, III (BULK/DRUMMED), V(W) AND V(A) MATERIEL AND LESS SPECIAL SOUTHEAST ASIA CLOTHING NOT IN THE HANDS OF TROOPS.

(2) ALL SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (T/E P-4960) EQUIP ASSETS

PAGE 4 RUHNFMA2230 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEB HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN THE ACTIVE STRUCTURE WILL BE SCREENED/REDISTRIBUTED BY CG III MAF TO MEET III MAF/3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR/VNMC DEFICIENCIES UTILIZING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARS 1.A.(1) THROUGH 1.A.(4) ABOVE.

(3) IF DIRECTED, MO/MOA WILL BE RECONSTITUTED FOR UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN THE ACTIVE STRUCTURE FROM EXCESS ASSETS WHICH BECOME AVAIL AT FLC. PAR 2. BELOW APPLIES.

C. NON-TAN GARRISON PROPERTY/NON-TECHNICAL COLLATERAL EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY ALL REDEPLOYING UNITS WILL BE SCREENED BY CG III MAF AGAINST III MAF/MARCORBASES WESTPAC/MCAS KANEONE ALLOWANCE DEFICIENCIES, IN THAT ORDER OF PRIORITY, AND REDISTRIBUTED ACCORDINGLY. ALL ASSETS EXCESS TO III MAF/MARCORBASES WESTPAC/MCAS KANEONE REQMS WILL BE RETROGRADED TO WHATEVER CONUS DEPOT YOU MAY DIRECT.

2. (TS) IN ADDITION TO THE LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OUTLINED IN PAR 1. ABOVE, I FURTHER PROPOSE TO REDUCE FLC STOCK LEVELS (REQUISITIONING OBJECTIVES) AND MAINTENANCE FLOAT BY AN APPROPRIATE PERCENTAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PHASE III REDEP-

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 LOYMENTS. THE ASSETS WHICH BECOME EXCESS TO IN-COUNTRY REQMTS AS A
 RESULT OF THIS STOCK LEVEL REDUCTION, ALONG WITH THOSE OF STOCKS
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 IAW PAR 1.A.(6) ABOVE, WILL BE APPLIED TO FILL M0/MOA DEFICIENCIES
 OF 3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR AND UNITS SCHEDULED FOR
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 3. (TS) IF THE CONCEPT OUTLINED PARS 1. AND 2. ABOVE IS
 APPROVED, AND TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS I PROPOSE TO EMBARK
 THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPS AND RETROGRADE CARGO
 ON THE PHIERON SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT
 TO EASTPAC IN LATE FEB. THE REMAINING PERSONNEL WOULD BE
 AIRLIFTED TO COMUS, MAKING MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EXISTING MAC
 CHANNEL/SAAM AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING CARGO WILL BE RETURNED
 BY AVAILABLE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING OR AS A LAST RESORT,
 MSTIS.

4. (U) YOUR CONCURRENCE ON THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PARS
 1. THROUGH 3. ABOVE IS REQUESTED. WARM⁰REGARDS.

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REF: (A) MAC 16383/190738Z DEC69 (EO)

1. (TS) AT JCS MEETING ON 19 DEC, THE CHIEFS DISCUSSED THE MJV PROPOSAL AND THE JCS PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFERENCE (A). THE MARINE CORPS POSITION WAS THAT WE COULD ACCEPT EITHER THE MACV PACKAGE (17,980), THE JCS PACKAGE (10,800), OR A MODIFICATION TO THE JCS PACKAGE (12,900 USMC SPACES). WE PREFER EITHER OF THE LATTER OPTIONS TO THE MACV PACKAGE.
2. (TS) IN EVALUATING THE TWO OPTIONS, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A MODIFICATION TO THE JCS POSITION AS INTERPRETED BY MACV, MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ADDING ABOUT 2000 MARINE CORPS SPACES TO THE 10,800 ORIGINALLY

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 PROPOSED, BRINGING OUR TOTAL TO 12,900, THE INCREASE COULD
 BE OFFSET BY CORRESPONDING DECREASES FOR OTHER SERVICES.
 SPECIFICALLY, THIS MIGHT PERMIT RETENTION IN-COUNTRY OF A
 4TH BRIGADE OF ARMY FORCES.

3. (TS) THE JCS HAVE PROPOSED TO CINCPAC AND COMUSMACV THIS MODIFICATION TO THE JCS PROPOSAL AND REQUESTED THEIR COMMENTS.
4. (TS) EITHER THE 10,800 PACKAGE OR THE 12,900 PACKAGE WOULD BE BUILT AROUND REDEPLOYMENT OF ONLY ONE RLT. THE MACV 17,980 PACKAGE WOULD REQUIRE REDEPLOYMENT OF TWO RLT'S. OUR VIEWS ON COMPOSITION OF THE MARINE AIR ELEMENT FOR THE 12,900 PACKAGE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.
5. (TS) AS A RELATED SUBJECT, THE JCS REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER IT WAS MACV'S INTENTION ESSENTIALLY TO ZERO OUT USMC COMBAT STRENGTH BY END OF 4TH REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REFERENCE (A). THE JCS CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO RETAIN APPROPRIATE COMBAT REPRESENTATION FROM ALL SERVICES IN RVN UNTIL WE ARRIVE AT SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL LEVELS.
6. (TS) WE CONSIDER A MAB, CONSISTING OF AN RLT, A FIXED-WING MWG, A HELO MAG, PLUS SUPPORT AS AN APPROPRIATE MARINE FORCE

PAGE THREE RUEOFIA3804 **T O P S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 TO BE LEFT IN-COUNTRY UPON COMPLETION OF A 4TH REDEPLOYMENT
 INCREMENT AND UNTIL SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE LEVELS ARE REACHED.

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AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUTS

A. CG III MAF 160944Z/DEC69 (C) SPECAT

1. YOUR INQUIRY ON AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PARALLEL INQUIRIES FROM OTHER COMMANDS. SINCE ISSUANCE OF ALMAR 65.
2. TODAY I DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH BILL VAN RYZIN WHO ASSURED ME THAT HQMC WILL PROMULGATE PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING AUTHORIZED AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUTS WITHIN A WEEK.
3. FROM THE CONTENT OF ALMAR 65 AND PARAGRAPH 1101.1.b. OF MCO P1020.34A (UNIFORM REGULATIONS), I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUT AND A REGULATION MARINE CORPS HAIRCUT AS WE KNOW IT, IS THE NOMENCLATURE. ACCORDINGLY, MY RESPONSE TO OTHER INQUIRIES HAS BEEN TO QUOTE THAT PORTION OF PARAGRAPH 5 ALMAR 65 DEALING WITH

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2227 C O N F I D E N T I A L S P E C A T EXCLUSIVE FOR HAIRCUTS AND TO CITE PARAGRAPH 1101.1B. OF THE MARINE CORPS UNIFORM REGULATIONS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES A REGULATION HAIRCUT.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAC 16383/190738 (ROSSON
 TO MCCAIN AND WHEELER) WHICH IS REFERENCE A TO
 CMC'S 192350 DEC 69. PLEASE PROTECT OUR SOURCE.

QUOTE:

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFS: A. MAC 15171/231135Z NOV 69.

B. CINCPAC 020511Z DEC 69.

C. JCS 15587/112145Z DEC 69

D. CINCPAC 170431Z DEC 69.

E. JCS 15940/172257Z DEC 69.

F. CINCPAC 180306Z DEC 69.

1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A PROVIDED MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION

PAGE TWO RUNHFMA2375 **T O P S E C R E T** EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEG
 IN VIETNAM AND OUTLINED 50,000 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES
 FOR PLANNING. COMUSMACV RECOMMENDED MARINE-HEAVY
 OPTION FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

B. IN REF B, CINCPAC CONCURRED IN USE OF MARINE-HEAVY
 OPTION FOR FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING.

C. REF C INDICATED THAT MACV SHOULD REACH NEW
 TROOP CEILING AS LATE AS POSSIBLE DURING THE PERIOD
 15 DECEMBER-15 APRIL 1970 AND A SLIGHT OVERSTRENGTH
 AT THE END OF PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD BE
 ACCEPTABLE.

D. RESND REITERATES THAT PLANNING IS PROCEEDING
 WITH MARINE-HEAVY OPTION AND OUTLINES A NUMBER
 OF QUESTIONS ON WHICH EARLY DECISIONS ARE REQUIRED.
 IT RECOMMENDED A PLANNING CONFERENCE AT HQ CINCPAC
 ON 12 JAN 70 SO THAT FIRM MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS COULD
 BE ESTABLISHED.

E. REF E SUGGESTS LOOKING AT MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE
 INSTEAD OF 50,000 PACKAGE RECOMMENDED BY COMUSMACV AND CINCPAC.

F. REF F STATES THAT UNLESS COMUSMACV HAS FURTHER
 COMMENTS OR RESERVATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY

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PAGE THREE RUHNFMA2375 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO OF THE "MIDDLE POSITION" THE TROOP LIST FOR THE "MIDDLE POSITION" OUTLINED IN REF E IS REQUESTED. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR GT JAN 1970.

2. AS INDICATED IN REF A, FUTURE TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS WERE ANALYZED IN TERMS OF THE NEXT 100,000 WITH A VIEW TO RETAINING THE MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT POWER IN-COUNTRY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE DURING 1970. IN VIEW OF THE ENEMY THREAT, RETAINING MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT POWER IN-COUNTRY WOULD MINIMIZE THE FOLLOWING RISKS:

A. REGRESSION IN PACIFICATION PROGRESS.
 B. REDUCED FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND TO ENEMY INITIATIVES.
 C. UPSETTING THE GROWTH OF VIETNAMESE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE WHICH HAS TO DEVELOP SLOWLY AND IN WHICH THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF US GOVERNMENT POLICY WILL DEPEND.

D. IMPEDING THE OVERALL VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS.
 3. IN THE NEXT 100,000 TROOPS TO BE REDEPLOYED, THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION DELAYS REDEPLOYMENT OF FOUR BRIGADES AND ONE DIVISION BASE. THE PHASE III REQUIREMENT TO REDEPLOY 50,000 BY 15 APRIL 1970 MUST BE

PAGE FOUR RUHNFMA2375; T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE NEXT 100,000, AND NOT IN ISOLATION.

4. THE MACV RECOMMENDATION IN REF A AND THE JCS PROPOSAL IN REF E ARE COMPARED BELOW:

MACV		JCS	
USA 1ST INF DIV	17.16	USA 1ST INF DIV	17.16
USA SVC SPT	8.03	USA BDE, (4TH) INF DIV	5.80
USAF ELEMENTS	4.78	USA SVC SPT	8.61
USMC 26TH RLT	7.18	USAF ELEMENTS	5.58
USMC RLT, 1ST MARDIV		USMC 26TH RLT WITH	
WITH AIR AND SPT	10.80	AIR AND SPT	10.80
USN SPT	2.05	USN SPT	2.05
FR	50.00		50.00

5. THE MACV RECOMMENDED OPTION EDUCES MARINE RLT FROM FOUR (4) TO TWO (2), NOT FROM FOUR (4) TO ONE (1) AS INDICATED IN PARA 2C OF REF E. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ADJUST TO THE JCS PROPOSAL FOR A PHASE III PACKAGE OF 50,000 AND STILL CONTINUE WITH MARINE HEAVY OPTION IN PHASE IV. ADOPTION OF THE JCS PROPOSAL WOULD CREATE SOME ADDITIONAL TURBULENCE AND REQUIRE SOME ADJUSTMENTS

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PAGE FIVE RUHMFMA2375 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO WHICH WOULD NOT OCCUR SHOULD THE MACV PROPOSAL BE FOLLOWED.

6. SINCE TIME IS CRITICAL IF PHASE III IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY, IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USE THE JCS OPTION. HOWEVER, LOOKING BEYOND 15 APRIL 70, MACV MUST STILL RECOMMEND THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION BECAUSE SPACE SAVINGS WILL PERMIT RETENTION OF FOUR MORE BRIGADES THAN THE ARMY HEAVY OPTION. TO PERMIT PLANNING TO PROCEED, A DECISION ON THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION FOR PHASE IV IS NEEDED NOT LATER THAN 15 JAN 70. AFTER PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE READJUSTMENTS WILL BE ALMOST NIL.

7. A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IS REQUIRED BEFORE PERSONNEL, MOVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT ("F&K") CARDS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO CINCPAC. UNLESS DECISIONS ON QUESTIONS IN REF D ARE RECEIVED WITHOUT DELAY ADEQUATE MOVEMENT PLANNING CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE UNITS OR MACV PRIOR TO A MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE ON 5 JANUARY.

8. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF F, A TROOP LIST FOR THE "MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE" OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE IS

PAGE SIX RUHMFMA2375 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE DISPATCHED SOONEST UNQUOTE.

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USE OF O&MMC FUNDS FOR CRUSHED ROCK (U)

A. CG III MAF 141034Z DEC69 (C)

B. CMC 072300Z APR67 (C)

C. CG FMFPAC 072040Z APR69

D. CMC 281540Z OCT68 (C)

1. (U); 8 297) \$)8KE REF A TO BE REVIEWED. PERHAPS THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

2. (C) EARLY IN FY-67, THE MATTER OF PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR SUPPORT OF III MAF WAS RESOLVED BY CMC AND CNO. THIS AGREEMENT RESULTED IN NAVY FUNDING FOR CULVERTING, CRUSHED ROCK (REGARDLESS OF SOURCE), BRIDGING MATERIALS, ETC. THIS AGREEMENT WAS PROMULGATED BY REF B. SINCE THAT TIME THE NAVY HAS BORNE THE FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE MATERIALS. ACCORDING TO INFORMAL LIAISON AT THIS HEADQUARTERS, FUNDS FOR

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2435 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR THESE MATERIALS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO 3D NCB FOR III MAF SUPPORT ARE AMPLE. IN FACT NAVFACENCOM IS PUTTING THE PRESSURE ON TO GET THE MONEY SPENT, IF IT IS REQUIRED, OR ELSE THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE CUT.

3. (C) INASMUCH AS THE NAVY IS FUNDED FOR TACTICAL SUPPORT MATERIALS, THE MARINE CORPS DOES NOT RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES. IN ORDER THAT FORWARD COMBAT BASES COULD BE PROVIDED WITH FIELD PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORT, REF B DOES PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF O&MMC FUNDS FOR FIELD-TYPE PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE AT THESE AREAS. THE TYPE OF WORK ENVISIONED FOR STRUCTURES WAS OUTLINED IN REF C. REF B CAN BE INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT OF CRUSHED ROCK FOR CANTONMENT MAINTENANCE; HOWEVER, III MAF ENGR BNS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ORGANIC ROCK CRUSHING CAPABILITY WHICH SHOULD MORE THAN MEET ALL CRUSHED ROCK REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE CATEGORIZED MORE PROPERLY AS FIELD PUBLIC WORKS VICE TACTICAL SUPPORT. ACCORDINGLY I SEE VIRTUALLY NO REQUIREMENT TO BUY THIS MATERIAL.

4. (C) MY REVIEW OF REFERENCE A, PARTICULARLY PAR 3, LEADS ME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT TACTICAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING CONSTRUED AS FIELD PUBLIC WORK FUNCTIONS. CLEARLY, THE NECESSITY TO

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 ENSURE MOBILITY OF TACTICAL VEHICLES TO, FROM, AND WITHIN FIRE
 SUPPORT BASES AND LANDING ZONES AS DESCRIBED THEREIN IS A TACTICAL
 REQUIREMENT AND NOT A PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTION.

5. (C) I THINK THAT USE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL ENABLE YOU AND
 YOUR STAFF TO FERRET OUT THE OBSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.
 IF YOU CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING THESE
 ROADS BECAUSE MATERIALS ARE BEING DENIED YOU, IT IS MY INTENTION
 TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY COMSERVPAC AND CMC, INASMUCH AS THE
 COMMANDANT'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER WAS CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN
 REF D. AS I READ REF D, YOU HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO SPECIFY WHAT
 IS A TACTICAL REQUIREMENT AND THE COMMANDANT IS INTERESTED IN
 SEEING THAT YOU ARE NOT RESTRICTED AND ARE FULLY SUPPORTED.
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 INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN.
 FORCE PLANNING(U)

REF: (A) CMC 192350Z DEC 69 (TS MCEO)

1: (TS) THE AVIATION PACKAGE TO ACCOMPANY REF A IS AS FOLLOWS

A. 10.8K PACKAGE (ONE RL) READ IN THREE COLUMNS

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HAMS	CHU LAI	ELTORO
MABS	CHU LAI	ELTORO
VMA	CHU LAI	ELTORO
VNA	CHU LAI	KANEONE
VMFA	CHU LAI	IWAKUNI
MWH	MMTN	SANTA ANA.

B. 12.9K PACKAGE SAME AS ABOVE PLUS VMA (AW) TO CONUS

C. APPROPRIATE AVN HEADQUARTERS, SUPPORT AND AIR

PAGE TWO RUEOFIASS818 "TOPSECRET EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY"
 CONTROL PERSONNEL TO FIRST MAW REAR IN EITHER PACKAGE.
 2. (TS) RETURN OF SELECTED AVIATION UNITS TO CONUS IS
 CENTERED ON URGENT NAVY RQMT TO FLESH OUT ATTACK CARRIER
 DECKS THIS SUMMER WITH A4'S AND A6'S. USURPATION OF
 IWAKUNI SPACE BY NAVY HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND WE ARE WORK-
 ING ON THIS END TO BELAY THAT PROBLEM.

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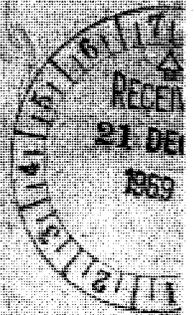
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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (D)
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2. THE JCS HAS DIRECTED MACV TO EXAMINE A TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE FOR PHASE III WHICH INCREASES THE USMC TOTAL TO 12,900 SPACES VICE 10,800.
3. REQUEST THE ADDITIONAL 2,100 USMC SPACES BE IDENTIFIED AND SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1500 HOURS 22 DEC 69 USING THE FORMAT OUTLINED IN REF MESSAGE.

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 1. TROOP LIST PROPOSED PAR 2. REF (A), AS MODIFIED
 BY PAR 4. REF (A), IS APPROVED AND AUTHORITY GRANTED
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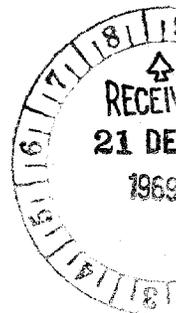
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S E C R E T MAC I 6485 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE HEADQUARTERS
DURING A MEETING WITH GENERAL DZU YESTERDAY, I BROUGHT UP
THE JGS DISAPPROVAL FOR THE ADDITIONAL SPACES TO ENLARGE
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. I POINTED
OUT THAT YOU WERE CONCERNED THAT THIS WOULD RESULT IN A
LACK OF ADEQUATE MEANS TO COMMAND AND CONTROL THE FORCES IN
THE AREA. GENERAL DZU INDICATED THAT NOT ALL THE REQUESTED
SPACES WERE DISAPPROVED AND WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT I CORPS
WANTS A HEADQUARTERS SIMILAR TO CMAC'S WHEREAS JGS FEELS THAT
A TYPE COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE 24TH AND 44TH STZ'S WILL
SUFFICE. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK INTO
THE MATTER.
WARM REGARDS.
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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
NAVY AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM

A. COMUSMACV 030446Z DEC 69

B. COMUSMACV 160451Z DEC 69

1. A PERSONAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MACDC BASED ON A QUERY FROM OASD (I&L) REGARDING NAVY AIRCRAFT SHELTER REQUIREMENTS. CHU LAI WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.
2. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL SHELTERS BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF OUR PRESENT REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING.
3. IN RESPONSE TO REF A WE HAVE INDICATED YOU ARE PRESENTLY REEVALUATING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL SHELTER PROCUREMENT.
4. BY REF B COMUSMACV SUGGESTED REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS (\$1.2 MIL) CURRENTLY RESERVED FOR INCREMENT II.
5. IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY OF REDUCING UNOBLIGATED BALANCE BOTH THROUGH AND CONTRACTOR WE PROPOSE TO OBLIGATE THE FUNDS PRESENTLY

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HELD BY THIRD NCB RESERVED FOR INSTALLATION OF THE 57 SHELTERS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW. THIS \$402,000 COULD NOT BE OBLIGATED UNTIL THE SEP-OCT 70 TIME FRAME IN VIEW OF THE 6 MONTH LEAD TIME. THIS IS FAR LATER THAN OUR PRESENT OBLIGATION PLANS TAKE US, LEAVING THIS \$402,000 ON THE BOOKS WILL CONTINUALLY INFLATE OUR UNOBLIGATED BALANCE, THE PARAMETER OF MOST SIGNIFICANCE TO OSD REVIEWERS. ACTION WILL BE WITHHELD ON REPROGRAMMING OF THE \$798,000 REMAINING ON CD FOR PROCUREMENT OF 57 SHELTERS UNTIL RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR REEVALUATION. FUNDS WOULD BE ASSIGNED FOR INSTALLATION WHEN WE NEED THE MONEY.

6. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO OBTAIN THE RESULTS OF YOUR A/C SHELTER REEVALUATION BY 1 JAN 70 IF POSSIBLE.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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FM BG VANDE HEY ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF MACV SAIGON
TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 16579 EYES ONLY

1. QUOTED BELOW IS MESSAGE RECEIVED BY COMUSMACV FROM LTG PEERS.

QUOTE: 1. (C) PLAN TO ARRIVE SAIGON 28 DEC 69, 0910 HOURS ABOARD SAM AIRRAFT. I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. ROBERT MACCRATE, MR. JEROME WALSH, CIVILIAN LEGAL COUNSELS, AND A SMALL SUPPORT PARTY.

2. (C) TENTATIVE ITINERARY CALLS FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS IN SAIGON AREA, FOLLOWED BY TRIP TO I CORPS AREA TO VISIT U.S. AND ARVN UNITS AND BANG NGAI PROVINCE. TENTATIVE DEPARTURE 6 JAN 70. COLONEL THOMAS F. WHALEN, WHOM YOU WILL RECALL AS FORMER PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR, KONTUM, CURRENTLY AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS HAS DETAILS OF ITINERARY WHICH HE HAS DEVELOPED.

3. (C) IT IS CRITICAL TO THE VALIDITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS INVESTIGATION THAT I GET ON THE GROUND AT MY LAI (4). I PLAN ON BRINGING AN AVIATOR WHO WAS PRESENT AT MY LAI (4), 16 MAR 68 AND IS FAMILIAR WITH AREA. IN EVENT MY LAI (4) IS NOT SECURE, REQUEST OPERATION BE ARRANGED FOR SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 31 DEC TO 4 JAN WHICH WILL ALLOW AN ON-SITE INSPECTION. I RECOGNIZE THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH COULD EMANATE FROM SUCH AN OPERATION IN THE EVENT THERE WERE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. ACCORDINGLY, IF IT INVOLVES A MAJOR OPERATION WITH FRIENDLY FORCES HAVING TO FIGHT THEIR WAY INTO THE AREA, THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH AN OPERATION MAY BE OUTWEIGHED BY ITS DISADVANTAGES. I WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU FURTHER WHEN I SEE YOU. UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ON LTG PEERS' DESIRES.

3. MERRY CHRISTMAS.
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SUBJECT: R&R PROGRAM

1. DURING MY VISIT TO III MAF LAST WEEK, I DISCUSSED THE R&R PROGRAM WITH GENERAL DOOLEY AND COL PARNELL AND THEY SHARE MACV'S CONCERN THAT UTILIZATION OF R&R OPPORTUNITIES FROM DANANG HAS DECREASED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL QUARTER.

2. OUR MACV R&R CHIEF AND THE AG R&R COORDINATOR SPENT TWO DAYS WITH YOUR SPECIAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO REVIEW THE III MAF R&R PROGRAM AND TO VISIT UNITS OF ALL SERVICES IN THE DANANG AREA. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A III MAF REPRESENTATIVE.

3. DURING THEIR TOUR OF MARINE UNITS, THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST WERE NOTED:

A. THERE IS VERY LITTLE STANDARDIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS A LACK OF PUBLICITY TO THE MARINE IN THE FIELD.

B. IN SOME UNITS, THE PROGRAM WAS LOW KEYED AND LACKED THE COMMANDER'S SUPPORT.

C. UTILIZATION OF R&R IN A TYPICAL UNIT WAS ONLY 50 PERCENT, WHILE THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN R&R TRIP FOR EVERY MILITARY MAN WHO DESIRES ONE.

D. TRANSPORTATION IS NEEDED TO AND FROM THE R&R CENTER TO MINIMIZE MAN DAYS LOST. CURRENTLY, MANY MARINES IN THE FIELD ARE REQUIRED TO HITCH HIKE OR MANAGE A RIDE ON THEIR OWN TO THE DANANG CENTER.

4. COL PARNELL HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THESE PROBLEMS AND NUMEROUS OTHER MINOR DISCREPANCIES. IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO HIM THAT AN R&R OFFICER BE APPOINTED AND THIS HAS BEEN DONE. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR STAFF IS TAKING OTHER POSITIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION PUBLICITY AND UTILIZATION OF THE R&R PROGRAM IN III MAF. THE EMPHASIS NOW BEING PLACED ON THIS PROGRAM BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS MOST ENCOURAGING. R&R WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE MORALE BOOSTERS.

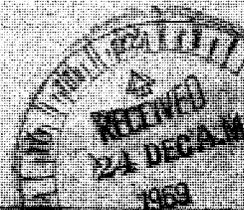
5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF MACV J1 CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE AT ANY TIME. IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO SUPPORT III MAF.

6. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L A C D 1264 EYES ONLY
 FOR MG BOWMAN FROM MG RANSEY

A. CG, III MAF, DTG 240114 DEC 69

1. ASSUMING THE ENEMY SITUATION DOES NOT DRASTICALLY CHANGE, I DO NOT FORSEE ANY DIFFICULTY AT THIS TIME IN ARRANGING AN OPERATION THAT WOULD PERMIT LTG PEERS TO ENTER MY LAI (4) SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 31 DEC 69 - 4 JAN 70.

2. WE WILL PLAN TO CONDUCT A MILITARY OPERATION IN THAT AREA AT LEAST ONE DAY AHEAD OF THE PROPOSED VISIT. IT WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND A CAV TROOP OR ELEMENTS OF A CAV TROOP.

EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO CLEAR MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS AT THAT TIME

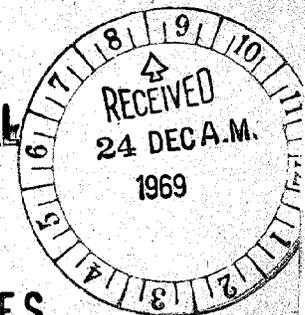
3. I HAVE DISCUSSED SUCH A VISIT WITH GEN TOAN, CG, 2D ARVN DIV, AND HE AGREES WITH MY CONCEPT. I WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM ON THIS.

4. MY GREATEST CONCERN IS HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL WANT TO GO TO MY LAI(4) AND KEEPING THEM DISPERSED. REGARDLESS OF THE SECURITY WE SET UP AROUND THE AREA THE ENEMY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF MORTARING OR ROCKETING THE HAMLET AT ANY TIME. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE ENEMY CAN BE KEPT COMPLETELY OUT OF THE AREA; THEREFORE, SMALL ARMS AND SNIPING ARE ENTIRELY POSSIBLE. GEN TOAN ADVISES WE THAT AN RF SGT, NOT ON DUTY, WENT INTO MY LAI (4) RECENTLY AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY.

5. I AM WILLING TO DO ANYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT THE VISITORS WILL UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ENEMY MAY WITHDRAW COMPLETELY, LET US GO WITHOUT A SHOT, AND HAVE PLANTS IN THE AREA THAT WILL TELL ALL KINDS OF STORIES.

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF ZUMWALT'S 191157Z/DEC69
 TO BAUMBERGER INFO COMBS CONCERNING NAVAL SUPPORT
 ACTIVITIES.

QUOTE:

1. (C) WITH THE CONTINUING PHASE DOWN OF U.S. COMBAT OPERATIONS
 COUPLED WITH THE INCREASING EXECUTION OF THE ACTOVLOG PROGRAM,
 I BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO EXAMINE THE IN-COUNTRY NAVAL
 SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND THEIR MISSION PARAMETERS.
2. (S) I ENVISION ULTIMATELY COMBINING NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
 DANANG AND SAIGON UNDER ONE COMMANDER OF FLAG RANK. THE BASIC
 MISSION OF NAVSUPACT VIET NAM (NSA-V) WOULD BE TWOFOLD:
 - A. PROVIDE LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO RESIDUAL USN/USMC FORCES
 REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.
 - B. SUPPORT THE ACTOVLOG PROGRAM.

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3. (S) THE RATIONALE FOR THIS MOVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE MISSION REQUIREMENTS OF NAVSUPACT DANANG ARE BEING
 SLOWLY BUT INEXORABLY PHASED DOWN.

B. THE ARMY HAS BEEN TASKED BY COMUSMACV TO TAKE OVER COMMON
 SERVICE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ICTZ.

C. AS THE EXECUTION OF ACTOVLOG PROGRESSES, THERE WILL BE AN
 INCREASING NEED TO HAVE ONE COUNTRY-WIDE COMMAND ADDRESSING THE
 PROGRAM TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS.

D. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF RANK TO THE VIETNAMESE, A
 LOGISTICS COMMANDER OF FLAG RANK WOULD BE ABLE TO EXERT A GREATER
 INFLUENCE ON THE VNN LOGISTICS COMMAND THAN WOULD A CAPTAIN.

2. 4. (S) I BELIEVE THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO MAKE SUCH
 A CHANGE WOULD BE COINCIDENT WITH, OR SUBSEQUENT TO, THE LAST
 MAJOR TURNS OF ACTOV (BUT NOT ACTOV-X) COMBAT CRAFT (PBR/RAC),
 I.E., ON/ABOUT 1 JULY 1970. I HAVE CHOSEN THIS TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING
 REASONS:

A. AT THIS TIME, NEITHER SUPPORT ACTIVITY WILL BE DEEPLY
 INVOLVED IN THE RETAIL LEVEL SUPPORT OF COMBAT CRAFT.

B. MAKING THE CHANGE AT THE START OF A FISCAL YEAR EASES
 MANY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED

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 WITH SUCH A MOVE. THE FINAL DATE OF THE CHANGE WILL BE
 REEVALUATED AS TIME GOES ON TO ENSURE IT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE
 BEFORE THE NAVSUPACT DANANG PHASEDOWN IS WELL UNDERWAY.
 5. (S) IN EXECUTING THE CHANGE, I WOULD EXPECT THAT COMNAVSUPACT
 SAIGON WOULD BECOME THE FLAG BILLET (COMNAVSUPACTV)
 WITH HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON (NHA BE). AT THE SAME TIME, NAVSUP-
 PACT DANANG WOULD BE DESIGNATED A NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY
 UNDER THE COMMAND OF A CAPTAIN AND SUBORDINATE TO COMNAVSUPACTV.
 THE RELIEVED COMMANDER OF NAVSUPACT SAIGON WOULD THEN MOVE TO
 MY STAFF TO RELIEVE MY ACOS LOGISTICS.
 6. (C) HAVE IN MIND ALSO THAT ROJO ADAMSON WOULD BE SUPERBLY
 QUALIFIED TO BE THE LOGISTICS FIXER-UPPER.
 7. (C) I HAVE PROPOSED THIS ACTION TO VINCE COMBS WHO HAS
 CONCURRED IN PRINCIPLE. I WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PLAN
 PRIOR TO HIS VISIT IN JANUARY. DURING HIS VISIT I WOULD PROPOSE
 WE JOINTLY AUTHOR A FORMAL SUBMISSION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC
 DETAILS. I REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE AT THIS TIME.
 8. (U) MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WARM REGARDS.
 UNQUOTE.
 2. FOLLOWING IS BAUMBERGER'S 240043Z/DEC69 TO MAJGEN

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 FONTANA AND COMBS, SAME SUBJECT.

QUOTE:

A. COMNAVFORV 191157Z DEC 69 (PASEP)

1. (S) REFERENCE A PROPOSES COMBINING NSA'S SGN AND DNG
 UNDER COMMAND OF ONE FLAG AND SHIFTING THE SITE OF THE
 FLAG COMMAND TO SGN.

2. (S) THIS PROPOSAL APPEARS TO BE BENEFICIAL TO NAVY
 IN-COUNTRY INTEREST IN THE LONG RUN BUT WE HAVE RESERVATIONS
 ON THE TIMING OF THE SHIFT. IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO
 AWAIT THE ACTUAL COMPOSITION OF PHASE III AND SUBSEQUENT
 REDEPLOYMENTS IN ORDER TO TIME THE SHIFT WITH THE ACTUAL
 * TURNOVER OF NAVY COMMON LOGISTICS RESPONSIBILITY IN ICTZ
 TO THE ARMY. FLAG RANK COULD PROVE VERY BENEFICIAL
 DURING BOTH TURNOVER DELIBERATIONS AND PHYSICAL ASSUMPTION
 ACTIONS IN DEALINGS WITH THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

3. (U) YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

4. (U) BEST REGARDS.

UNQUOTE.

3. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE COMMENTS ON WHICH TO BASE
 RESPONSE NLT 0800 SUNDAY 28 DEC HAWAII TIME.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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 FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: (A) MAC 16061/230629Z DEC69

1. (TS) AT JCS MEETING ON 27DEC, THE CHIEFS DISCUSSED THE COMUSMACV'S REDEPLOYMENT PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPHS 2.C. (PHASE 3), 3.A (PHASE 4-ALT A), AND 3.B. (PHASE 4-ALT B) OF REFERENCE (A).
2. (TS) THE DECISION WAS MADE TO EXECUTE THE PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE (A), WHICH CONSISTS OF 12,900 MARINES TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 15 APRIL 70. CINCPAC HAS BEEN TASKED TO FORWARD BY 1 JAN 70 A TROOP LIST; COMMENTS ON DEFERRING REDEPLOYMENTS OF MAJOR COMBAT UNITS UNTIL AFTER TET 1970 AND TIME PHASING OF PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS; AND, TIMING AND CONTENT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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3. (TS) WITH RESPECT TO PHASE 4, THE FOLLOW-ON ALTERNATIVE A, AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3.A. OF REFERENCE (A), IS APPROVED FOR CINCPAC PLANNING PURPOSES. OF COURSE, DEVELOPMENTS IN RVN MAY INVALIDATE THIS PLANNING ASSUMPTION.
4. (TS) AS A RESULT OF THIS ASSUMPTION, IT IS NOW THE SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE INPUT TO THE FIELD COMMANDER AS FAR AS THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FORCES FOR PHASE 4, ASSUMING THAT THE REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 15 AUGUST 1970.
5. (TS) IN EVALUATING THE MACV ALTERNATIVE A, THAT IS, THE REDEPLOYMENT OF A MAR DIV (- RLT) WITH AIR AND SUPPORT TOTALLING 34.2K, WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH MACV'S PROPOSAL TO RETAIN ONE RLT AT A STRENGTH OF 7.5K. NOT KNOWING THE COMPOSITION OF THE 7,500 MAN RLT, IT APPEARS THAT MACV INTENDS THAT THE RLT WILL RECEIVE FIXED WING, HELO, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER SERVICES. THIS IS A SERIOUS DEROGATION OF THE MARINE CORPS AIR/GROUND TEAM CONCEPT.
6. (TS) WE ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF A MAB TO REMAIN IN-COUNTRY UNTIL THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE LEVELS ARE REACHED. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU DEVELOP A TROOP LIST

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BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- A. MAB WILL CONSIST OF A BRIGADE HQS, COMPLETE AIR/
GROUND TEAM, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCES.
- B. ORDER OF MAGNITUDE BETWEEN 11X AND 12X. IF AT ALL
FEASIBLE, KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE TO COME CLOSE TO MACV'S
PROPOSAL OF ABOUT 7,500.
- C. RETENTION OF LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCES NUMBERING
APPROXIMATELY 1,200 (THESE MAY BE ADDITIVE TO THE MAB OR AS
SEPARATE ELEMENT)
- D. INSURE INTEGRITY OF FISCAL SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED.
- E. ADDITIVE TO THE TOTAL MARINES LEFT IN-COUNTRY WOULD
BE THE 600 IDENTIFIED AS OUR PORTION OF THE SUPPORT/
TRANSITIONAL FORCE.
- F. (C) REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING REDEPLOYMENT
OF ALL OR PART OF THE CAG DURING PHASE 4.
- G. (TS) THE MARINE CORPS PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENTS IN MACV'S
ALTERNATIVE A TOTAL 34,2. DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE MAB,
THIS WOULD REDUCE THAT NUMBER ABOUT 1K. IF PHASE 4 IS
IMPLEMENTED AS MACV PROPOSES, WE WILL EXPERIENCE EXTREME
PERSONNEL TURBULENCE AND FACILITY OVERCROWDING, AS WELL AS

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LOGISTIC PROBLEMS BOTH IN CONUS AND IN RVN FOR A PERIOD OF
TIME. HOWEVER, WE CAN, IF REQUIRED, EXECUTE SUCH A
REDEPLOYMENT.

WARM REGARDS.

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 B. MAC 16484/211849Z DEC 69 (NOTAL)
 C. JCS 6983/271751Z DEC 69 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A OUTLINED MACV RECOMMENDED PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT TROOP PACKAGE AND REQUESTED SUBMISSION OF DETAILED TROOP LIST.

B. REF B REQUESTED III MAF TO RECOMMEND A TROOP LIST FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2100 USMC SPACES.

C. REF C PROVIDES JCS APPROVAL FOR THE PHASE III TROOP PACKAGE AS RECOMMENDED BY MACV AND REQUESTS ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

2. THIS MESSAGE IS IN FOUR PARTS.

PART I FOR ALL.

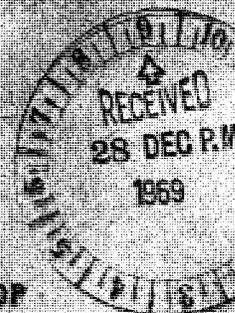
3. THE APPROVED PHASE III TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

USA	29,443
USMC	12,900
USAF	5,687
USN	2,058
	50,088

4. ALL REPLIES REQUIRED BY THIS MESSAGE ARE REQUESTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1700 HOURS, 29 DEC 69.

PART II FOR CG, USARV, III MAF AND NAVFOR.

5. TROOP LIST, IF ANY, TO THE DETAILED TROOP LIST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE HEADQUARTERS BY 1700 HOURS, 29 DEC 69.



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6. IN ADDITION, THE COMPOSITION BY FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY AND
 THOSE REMAINING IN COUNTRY ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PREPARE
 REPLY TO REF C. INFORMATION REQUIRED IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. REDUCTION IN SPACES CATEGORIZED BY COMBAT, COMBAT
 SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT IN EACH CTZ.
- B. REDUCTION IN SPACES IN HEADQUARTERS, CORPS AND ABOVE.
- C. REDUCTION IN SPACES AUTHORIZED CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT.
- D. AFTER PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, SPACES REMAINING IN COUNTRY
 CATEGORIZED BY COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.
- E. AFTER PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, SPACES REMAINING IN
 HEADQUARTERS, CORPS AND ABOVE; AND, AUTHORIZED SPACES REMAINING
 IN CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT.

PART III FOR USRV
 7. THE FINAL TROOP PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARA 3, ABOVE, REFLECTS
 A REDUCTION OF 2127 SPACES FROM THE 51,576 USED FOR YOUR
 SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO REF A. IN REPLYING TO FOREGOING
 PARA 4, THE 2127 SPACE REDUCTION WILL INCLUDE TWO INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS OF THE 8DE, 4TH INF DIV, AND THE AIR CAV TROOP OF
 1ST AV CAVALRY SQUADRON WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICE SUPPORT
 ATTACHED TO PLACE IT IN A SIMILAR CONFIGURATION TO DELTA TROOP,
 2ND AV CAVALRY SQUADRON.

PART IV FOR I FORCECV, II FORCECV, III MAF, AND YAF.
 8. COMBAT FORCES WILL BE REDEPLOYED AS DATE IN PHASE III AS
 POSSIBLE. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON TIME PHASING OF BTL/BRIGADES,
 DIVISION BASE AND ATTACK/FIGHTER SQUADRONS TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATE
 SHUTDOWN TIMES AND ANTICIPATED REDEPLOYMENT DATES. IT IS
 UNDERSTOOD THAT ADEQUATE INFORMATION IS NOT YET RECEIVED TO
 PERMIT DETAILED PLANNING; HOWEVER, GENERAL CONCEPTS ARE
 REQUIRED IN ORDER THAT YOUR VIEWS MAY BE CONSIDERED IN PREPARING
 RESPONSE TO REF C.

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VISIT OF BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL MEMBERS TO PACOM (U)

A. JCS 151502Z DEC 69

1. (C) REF A ADVISED BRDP VISIT TO RVN AND THAI PERIOD 8-18
 JAN. CHAMP BLOUIN AND CINCPAC HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 ON THE PANEL AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMPOSITION OF PARTY:

MR. GILBERT FITZHUGH, PANEL CHAIRMAN AND BOARD CHAIRMAN,
 METROPOLITAN LIFE;
 MR. ROBERT JACKSON, BOARD CHAIRMAN, RYAN AERONAUTICAL;
 MR LEWIS POWELL, ATTORNEY; MR HOBART LEWIS, PRESIDENT,
 READERS DIGEST; AND MRS. LEONA THURMAN, ATTORNEY; MR WILLIAM
 HOWARD OF STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, STAFF DIRECTOR OF BRDP

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 AND MR. J. FRED BUZHARDT, SPECIAL ASST TO ASD(A).

B. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE LATTER TWO INDIVIDUALS DO GROUP SPADEGA
 WORK AND PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN SHAPING PANEL'S ACTIVITIES AND DIREC-
 TIONS OF INTEREST.

C. SECRETARY LAIRD HAS ASKED PANEL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN
 AREAS OF DOD ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT, COMMAND AND CONTROL RES-
 PONSIVENESS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND PROCUREMENT. STATED
 PURPOSE OF VISIT IS FAMILIARIZATION WITH OPERATIONAL PLANNING,
 COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT
 AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND. PRINCIPAL INTERESTS OF FITZHUGH, JACKSON
 AND POWELL ARE IN THESE AREAS. THEY HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY BRIEFED
 IN WASHINGTON ON THESE SUBJECTS AND HAVE RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SIMI-
 LAR APPRAISAL OF EUCOM. MAJOR INTERESTS OF LEWIS AND THURMAN ARE
 PERSONNEL POLICIES AND RELATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION, I. E.,
 MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CIVIL RIGHTS, WITH LEANINGS
 TOWARD CIVIL RIGHTS.

D. MR BUZHARDT (??/ADMINISTRATION) A USMA GRADUATE AND
 FORMER COLONEL, USA. HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH SENATOR
 STROM THURMOND IN THE PAST AND IS HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON MILITARY
 AFFAIRS IN GENERAL.

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E. PANEL MEMBERS ARE GENERALLY PRO-MILITARY AND HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE. SECDEF AND JCS APPEAR TO INTERPOSE NO OBJECTIONS TO FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROBLEM AREAS. THE GROUP CAN BE EXPECTED TO ASK POINTED QUESTIONS SUCH AS: WHO CAN MAKE DECISIONS IN A CRISIS AND HOW ARE THESE DECISIONS IMPLEMENTED.

F. BRDP DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE PROVIDED POINT PAPERS, DOCUMENTS OR RELATED MATERIALS.

G. MR. HOWARD WILL POSSIBLY REQUEST A PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND WITH FITZHUGH WHEREIN YOU MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS ON THE WIDE RANGING ISSUES WHICH THE PANEL IS STUDYING. CHAMP BLOUI SAYS CNO HAS FOUND MR. FITZHUGH TO BE VERY FRIENDLY BUT HIGHLY INDEPENDENT. MR. FITZHUGH CLAIMS TO HAVE ONLY LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY, BUT IS MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN HE ADMITS. IT APPEARS THAT MR. FITZHUGH AND OTHER MEMBERS HAVE REACTED STRINGENTLY TO LACK OF CANDOR IN BRIEFINGS AND IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

✓ 2. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE THE USUAL SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RAISED AT BRIEFINGS OR MEETINGS.

3. BEST REGARDS.

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VISIT ADC, THIRD MARDIV TO III MAF (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 292310Z/DEC 69 (U) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) I AM FORMING A SMALL MEB STAFF FOR RAPID REACTION TO POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES. MY ADC WILL COMMAND THIS MEB. IT ENVISAGES, AMONG OTHER CONTINGENCIES, THE POSSIBLE REENTRY OF THE SLF'S INTO RVN AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS MEB STAFF AS THE COMMAND ELEMENT.

2. (TS) REF A NOMINATED THIRD MARDIV ADC TO BE MY REP AT THE BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THIS PROVIDES A PLAUSIBLE COVER FOR HIM TO MAKE AN IN-COUNTRY VISIT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. THEREFORE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF CG FMFPAC, IT IS PROPOSED THAT HIS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE BE TO DISCUSS THE CONTINGENCY MENTIONED ABOVE, TO BRIEF YOU ON THE STATUS OF MEB PLANNING, AND TO PERMIT HIM TO BE BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF OPERATIONS IN I CORPS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT SUCH AERIAL RECON, VISITS AND BRIEFINGS AS YOU DEEM ADVISABLE BE ARRANGED.

3. (U) BEEN FRIBOURG TO TA DANANG 041100H/JAN. ETD AS BOOKED BY YOUR STAFF ON 7JAN.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS

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CTF CLEARWATER MISSION (U)

1. (C) CURRENT CTF CLEARWATER MISSION IS TO PROTECT AND COORDINATE WATERBORNE LOGISTIC CRAFT INVOLVED IN THE MOVEMENT OF MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL ON THE PERFUME AND CUA VIET RIVER LOC'S AND CONDUCT RIVERINE OPERATIONS ON THESE AND ADJACENT WATERWAYS INCLUDING DAM CAU HAI IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES TO COMBAT FORCES IN THE NORTHERN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (NICTZ) AND TO DENY THE WATERWAYS OF NICTZ TO THE ENEMY.
2. (C) IN VIEW IMMINENT CLOSING OF CUA VIET RIVER AS A WATER LOC FOR USE BY U.S. FORCES, AND IN VIEW DRASTIC REDUCTION IN USN SPACE, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SUBJECT MISSION MUST BE REDEFINED.
3. (C) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING

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MISSION BE ASSIGNED CTF CLEARWATER, WITH FORCES ASSIGNED TASK
FORCE CLEARWATER WILL:

- A. CONDUCT RIVER PATROLS, VISIT AND SEARCH, AND INSHORE SURVEILLANCE IN ORDER TO ENFORCE CURFEWS AND PREVENT VC/NVA MOVEMENT AND RESUPPLY ALONG THE PERFUME, CUA VIET AND ADJACENT WATERWAYS.
 - B. CONDUCT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, ECONOMIC WARFARE, AND COMBAT SUPPORT OF U.S. AND RVN FORCES AS DIRECTED.
 - C. CONDUCT MINE COUNTERMEASURES OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AREAS.
 - D. CONDUCT INTENSIFIED PATROLS COORDINATED WITH CG XXIV CORPS IN THE CUA VIET RIVER AND ADJACENT WATERWAYS IN ORDER TO INTERDICT NVA/VC INFILTRATION AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES.
 - E. MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO REOPEN, WITH APPROPRIATE NOTICE, CUA VIET LOC WHEN THAT WATERWAY IS REQUIRED TO BE USED FOR RESUPPLY OR REINFORCEMENT.
4. (C) IN ORDER PROVIDE SUPPORT CONTINUING OPS CUA VIET RIVER AFTER CLOSE OUT NSAD CAU VIET, AM INITIATING STEPS TO COMBINE CG ELEVEN AND RESIDUAL CLEARWATER FACILITIES AND FORCES. REQ YOUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MISSION SOONEST IN ORDER FIRM UP SUPPORT PLANS AND ANY REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION.
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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS (S)

A. CG FMFPAC 192827Z DEC 69 (TS-SPECAT)

1. (TS) REF A HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS CONCURRED IN AS A
GENERAL LOGISTIC CONCEPT IN ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC PLANNING
GUIDELINE FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
AMPLIFICATION:

A. SPECIFIC ITEM IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE EQUIPMENT ASSETS
REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS FSI WILL
BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE. PARAGRAPH 1A (4) OF REF
A REVERC.

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B. AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED FOR RECONSTITUTION OF MO/MOA
OF UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN ACTIVE
STRUCTURE. PARAGRAPH 1B(3) OF REF A REFERS.

C. ALL NON-TAM GARRISON PROPERTY/NON-TECHNICAL COLLATERAL
EQUIPMENT ASSETS HELD BY ALL REDEPLOYING UNITS IN EXCESS TO
III MAF /MARCOR BASES WESTPAC/MCAS KANEOHE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
TURNED IN TO FLC FOR DISPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT
DIRECTIVES.

2. (TS) EVERY CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO INSURE THAT
REDEPLOYING UNITS WHICH WILL BE RETAINED IN THE ACTIVE FMFPAC
FORCE STRUCTURE MAINTAIN HIGHEST POSSIBLE COMBAT READINESS.

3. (TS) IN ADDITION, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN:
A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CADRES AS APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMPANY
REDEPLOYING EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY/
CONTINUITY.

B. EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING SELECTED IN-COUNTRY
FOURTH ECHELON MAINTENANCE TO THIRD FSR VIA UTILIZATION
AVAILABLE EXCESS TURN-AROUND TRANSPORTATION. ALSO FEASIBILITY
RELOCATION OF MAINTENANCE FLOAT TO THIRD FSR TO REDUCE
IN COUNTRY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY; EFFECT OF THESE ACTIONS TO

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ALLOW DRAWDOWN ON REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FACILITIES IN-COUNTRY.
C. KEEP THIS HEADQUARTERS ADVISED OF PLANS FOR TURN OVER
FLC AND NSA DANANG LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS/FACILITIES,
TO INCLUDE SECURITY, TO U. S. ARMY/NAVY INCLUDING PROPOSALS TO
SUPPORT ROKMC UPON PHASE DOWN USMC LOGISTICS SUPPORT. WARM
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 271711Z/DEC69 (TS SPECAT)

1. (U) REF A APPLIES.

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

MAB STRENGTH - LIMIT
 LOGISTICS ROLL - UP FORCE - LIMIT
 NON-MAF MARINES IN RVN - LIMIT
 SCOMBINED ACTION GROUP - LIMIT

10.8K
 1.2K
 .6K
 1.881K
 14.481K

TOTAL

SMOTE: 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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DET MP CO, HQ BN, MARDIV	36
CA PLT, FMF (2)	12
COMM SUPT CO (REIN) COMM BN, FMF	204
TOTAL	626

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INF REGT (REIN), MARDIV	6801
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
TOTAL	5300

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COMP MAG	
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-40D)	(530)
HMM (18 CH-53)	(263)
DET VMO (12 AH-1G, 9 OV-10A)	(294)
HML (24 UH-1E)	(253)
MASS (-) (DALC, ASRT)	140
MATCH	68
DET VMGR	10
TOTAL	3699
LSG	
DET SVC BN	391

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DET FSR	415
ENGR CO FMF	217
SHORE PARTY CO, SP BN, MARDIV	67
COLL AND CLEAR CO, MED BN, MARDIV	25
DENTAL CO, FMF	2
MP CO, FMF	121
	TOTAL 1146
	GRAND TOTAL 12,773

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 16.8K LIMIT. FURTHER, REQUEST YOU INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPOSITION OF 1.2K LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE. YOU WILL NOTE IN THE PROPOSAL THAT TGXO 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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