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FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING



*III MAF
Force Reduction Planning*



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27. CG FMFPAC 030048Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON INFO THARIN FROM BUSE
HML-367 -- CMC DESIRES HML FLAG IN COUNTRY -- PROPOSES ADJUSTMENTS
28. CG FMFPAC 030334Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
WESTY PROPOSED A "THINOUT" -- PRIME B -- 3D MARDIV MIGHT NOT GO -- ABRAMS ACCEPTS
29. CG FMFPAC 041948Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-3*
FOR CHAPMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING -- B PRIME w/III PHASES 2/3 MET IN WESTPAC/MIDPAC
30. CG III MAF 051002Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE, MCEO *gp-3*
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
GEN ABRAMS' ALTERNATIVES - MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE A & ALTERNATIVE A PRIME
31. CG FMFPAC 060152Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE, MCEO *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
SUGGEST YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCLUDE ONE HMM SQDN IN AVN PACKAGE
32. COMNAVFORV 030610Z JUN69 (C) PERSONAL *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO BONNER FROM ZUMWALT
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES - "I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU 3 WEEKS AGO THAT WE ARE DRAFTING PLANS FOR THE ARMY TO REPLACE THE NAVY'S SUPPORT ROLE IN ICTZ"
33. CG III MAF 040940Z/JUN69 (S) PERSONAL *gp-4*
FOR ZUMWALT FROM NICKERSON
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES - "NO REASON WHY SUCH IMPORTANT MATTER WAS KEPT FROM ME FOR 3 WEEKS (see 32 above). I VOICE STRONG OBJECTION TO YOUR PROPOSAL - THIS ICTZ SUPPORT IS NAVY RESPONSIBILITY - WHILE MARINES ARE HERE ANYWAY"
34. CG III MAF 040942Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR *gp-4*
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES - PASSES ZUMWALT'S 030610Z JUNE.
ALSO PASSES III MAF'S 040940Z JUNE - "I RECOMMEND YOU SEE HYLAND AND MAKE A STRONG REPRESENTATION ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL"
35. CG FMFPAC 042301Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES - "I SAW HYLAND, HIS REACTION WAS IMMEDIATE - HE CONCURS IN THIS ICTZ SUPPORT TURNOVER ONLY IN CONN W/T-DAY" HE HAS NOT CONCURRED IN NAVY REDUCTION AS LONG AS MARINES ARE COMMITTED ICTZ"
36. CINCPACFLT 052037Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4* ? ?
FOR BUSE, NICKERSON AND ZUMWALT, INFO COMBS AND BONNER FROM HYLAND
PHASE DOWN OF NAVSUPPORT DANANG
"SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS MARINE FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN, NAVY WILL START TO RELINQUISH THE ICTZ SUPPORT ROLE TO ARMY - IN VIEW OF IMMINENT MARINE REDUCTIONS, I DON'T CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF THIS AT ALL PREMATURE"

37. COMNAVFORV 060928Z JUN69 (C) *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
 "SORRY ABOUT YOUR CONCERN OVER MY 030610Z - I WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY
 PLAN TO MACV THAT DID NOT HAVE YOUR CONCURRENCE"
38. CG III MAF 061030Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
 "GEN ABRAMS WAS PRESENTED AN APPROVAL BRIEF ON 6 JUN: HE APPROVED TROOP
 LIST AND AIT A MODIFIED AS THE PREFERRED MACV POSITION - WE INCLUDED
 THE HMM IN THE REVISED TROOP LIST , HE DID NOT OBJECT"
39. CG FMFPAC 062143Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR THARIN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
 FORCE PLANNING - TALKS ABOUT MANNING LEVELS, PROGRAM 6, AND SEASIA CEILINGS
40. CG FMFPAC 062246Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
 "HERE'S A QUOTE OF HYLAND'S MSG TO BAUMBERGER RE THE "ZUMWALT AFFAIR"
 "HOLD THIS INFO VERY CLOSE AND DON'T LET ANYONE KNOW YOU ARE PRIVY TO
 HYLAND'S MSG"
41. CG III MAF 071434Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
 SUBJ: HYLAND'S "CLEAR THE AIR MSG" -- NICKERSON DISAPPOINTED -- ALSO
 HYLAND'S MSG TO BAUMBERGER, A CLEARER DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM, --
 QUOTES NICKERSON'S 040940Z TO ZUMWALT -- DON'T INTEND TO ANSWER HIS MSG
 TILL COMFORTABLE TIME HAS PASSED
42. COMNAVFORV 080016Z JUN69 (C) FOR *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON AND BONNER FROM ZUMWALT
 "I'M COMING WITH BAUMBERGER TO DISCUSS FUTURE ROLE OF NSA DNG - 8 JUN"
43. CG III MAF 081006Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
 BAUMBERGER WAS HERE TODAY (8th) AND ZUMWALT ACCOMPANIED -- CONVERSATION
 CONCERNED FUTURE ROLE OF NSA DNG AND ICZ SPT RESPONSIBILITIES (Army/Navy)
44. CG III MAF 081146Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
 TROOP LIST FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT -- WE'LL KEEP 3dReconCo & some Inter-
 rogators/Translators -- take 200 more from FLC and 60 from III MAF Hq
45. COMUSMACV 090030Z JUN69 (U) ~~090030Z~~ *Also 110630Z (2)*
 SUBJ: TROOP WITHDRAWAL
 THIS MSG RESULT OF PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF 25,000 TROOP REDUCTION
 BY END OF AUG. -- AVOID RUMORS, SPECULATION & CONJECTURE

46. ✓ C/S MACV 100754Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *(Op-4)*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
COMDRS MEETING 0900 12 JUN AT MACV: DISCUSS FORCE PLANNING
COMUS FURTHER DIRECTS CLOSE-HOLD ON UNITS TO BE REDUCED
47. ✓ C/S MACV 100852Z JUN69 (TS) EYES ONLY SENSITIVE *Op-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
COMUS IS PLEASED WITH THE CLOSEHOLD -- CONTINUE ON STRICT NEED
TO KNOW BASIS
48. ✓ ADMIN EMEPAC 120109Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/MCEO
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM FONTANA *Op-3*
CMC REVISED/UPDATE P=6 TROOP LIST -- TOTAL MARINE 7,094
49. ✓ CG III MAF 121014Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *Op-3*
FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
CINCPACFLT LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG AND I OBJECT (HIS 112214Z)
50. ✓ CG III MAF 121646Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *Op-3*
FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
WE WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH 1,294 MORE PEOPLE
ADD-ON TROOP LIST

1. ~~CG III MAF 130132Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-3*
FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
~~MACV APPROVES OUR ADD-ONS: WHEELOCK DEPARTS F/CINCPAC THIS AM~~
2. ~~ADMIN FMFPAC 130404Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-3*
FOR SWYER FROM BARROW
NEW TROOP LIST APPROVED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS: 1/3 OF PKGE
COMMENCE DEPLOYMENT 15 JULY -- 2 MORE INCREMENTS OF 1/3 EACH
BY 31 AUG: PAC FLT WANTS USE ARG SHIPPING F/TROOP REDEPLOYMENT
3. ~~COMUSMACV 130945Z JUN69 (COB)~~ *gp - not shown*
TO ALL VMAC
COMMAND/INTERNAL INFORMATION PROGRAM
4. ~~C/S MACV 131122Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY~~ *gp-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNITS INVOLVED (SIMULTANEOUS WASH/SGN)
5. ~~CG III MAF 131552Z JUN69 (S)~~ *gp-4*
FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - PERSONNEL POLICIES - DON'T COMMIT THE
CORPS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO IMPLY RESHUFFLING - SHORT TIMERS
6. ~~CG III MAF 131640Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-3*
FOR BARROW FROM DWYER
BREAKDOWN OF FIRST INCREMENT
7. ~~ADMIN FMFPAC 132221Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-3*
FOR DWYER FROM BARROW
SHOULD PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF TWO ARG/SELF IN CONN WITH
REDEPLOYMENT -- CALL MCLAUGHLIN, I'LL PERSUADE WHEELOCK
8. ~~COMUSMACV TO VMAC 131507Z JUN69 (U)~~
TROOP REDEPLOYMENT
NEWS RELEASED IN WASH AT 2230, 13 JUNE "Sec'y LAIRD....."
9. ~~ADMIN FMFPAC 131739Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-3*
FOR BUSE FROM FONTANA
HERE'S TEXT HYLAND'S MSG -- "MOVEMENT OF MARINES TO OKI....."
10. ~~COMUSMACV 140940Z JUN69 (S)~~ *gp - illegible*
ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE -- REVIEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
THAT WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE TROOP REDEPLOYMENT
11. ~~ADMIN FMFPAC 142143Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~ *gp-4*
FOR BUSE FROM FONTANA
REDEPLOYMENT WITHOUT DISTURBING ARGS -- 7TH FLT PROPOSAL
12. ~~CG FMFPAC 150726Z JUN69 (S) NFN SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~ *gp-3*
FOR HYLAND INFO BRINGLE, NICKERSON & FONTANA FROM BUSE
EMBARKATION & MOVEMENT OF RET-9 -- CANNOT COMBAT LOAD, SHOULD
BE RECOGNIZED AS ADMIN MOVE

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MGen YOUNGDALE			
BGen BENNETT			
BGen DOOLEY			
BGen DWYER			

13. ~~CG III MAF 151304Z~~ JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR ABRAMS FROM NICKERSON
COMSEVENTHFLT MOVE RLT-9 IN FLEET SHIPPING W/O DISTURBING
ARG ALPHA & BRAVO ASSAULT SHIPS -- THIS IS MY PREFERENCE
14. CINCPACFLT 151958Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-3*
FOR BUSE AND BRINGLE INFO NICKERSON AND FONTANA FROM HYLAND
GLAD REDEPLOYMENT CAN BE EFFECTED W/O DISTURBING ARGS
ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY W/ADMIN MOVE
15. COMSEVENTHFLT 160042Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-3*
FOR HYLAND AND BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
PROPOSE WE GET TOGETHER YOKOSUKA 231000(?) JUN
16. CINCPACFLT 162158Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BRINGLE INFO BUSE & NICKERSON FROM HYLAND
THE ~~GET~~ TOGETHER ON FORCE PLANNING
17. CG III MAF 170926Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BUSE & BRINGLE INFO HYLAND FROM NICKERSON
CONFERENCE PROPOSED YOUR 160042Z OK W/III MAF
18. CG III MAF 180356Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR ZUMWALT FROM NICKERSON
IN CONN W/ICTZ CMN SPT RQMTS, ~~SHOW REFS~~ TO ABRAMS, BUT IT
IS NAVY/MARINE CORPS IN-HOUSE MATTER
19. COMSEVENTHFLT 180606Z JUN69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR HYLAND INFO BUSE & NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
SEVENTHFLT PLAN FOR REDEPLOYING MARINE FORCES TO OKI/JAPAN
20. CG III MAF 191246Z JUN69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR ~~WILSON~~ FROM DOOLEY
~~PASSES III MAF 191242Z~~ --- CHANGE TO TROOP LISTS
21. COMNAVEFORV 250518Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
PROPOSED MSG ON "ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES"
22. ADMIN-FMFPAC 270311Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM FONTANA
F4-J/F4-B; PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE VMAF-334 FOR VMFA-115,
CONCLUDE SUCH A MOVE IS NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME

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BGen DOOLEY			
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23. CG III MAF 271230Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR ~~QUILTER FROM NICKERSON~~
~~PASSES ADMIN FMFPAC 270311Z (F4-J/F4-B -- VMAF-334/VMPA-115)~~
24. CG III MAF 271414Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-1*
 FOR FOR ~~ZAIS, JONES, INFO QUILTER FROM NICKERSON~~
~~THREE ALTERNATIVES TO CUT ANOTHER 25,000 BY 30 JUNE~~
25. CG III MAF 271416Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE FOR MCEO *gp-1*
 FOR ~~BUSE FROM NICKERSON~~
~~PLANNERS TASKED TO PROVIDE TROOP LIST BY 30 JUNE -- ANOTHER 25,000~~
~~THREE ALTERNATIVES -- 100,000 PKGE ALSO BEING UPDATED~~
26. COMUSMACV 300857Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT LIMDIS CLOSEHOLD *gp-4*
 FOR BROWN, MILDREN, NICKERSON, CORCORAN, EWELL, ZUMWALT & WETHERILL
 FORCE PLANNING GUIDANCE -- TURN OVER OF US INSTALLATIONS TO RVNAF
27. CG FMFPAC 010125Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-3*
 FOR VAN RYZIN INFO ~~BUSE FROM NICKERSON~~
~~PLANNING FOR 2D INCREMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT --- INCLUDES TROOP LIST~~
28. MACV Ltr MACJ3-01 of 28Jun69: Subj: Force Planning (U) *700 of 28 Aug 69*
 Need assessment of situation in ICTZ by 28 Jul: Assume balance of
 3d Div will be redeployed in Fall (cover 4 different categories)

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T O P S E C R E T / SENSITIVE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON, INFO LTGEN THARIN FROM
 LTGEN BUSE. DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS ONLY.

SUBJ: FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 020137Z/MAY69(TS) SPECAT

1. (TS) YOUR TROOP LIST PRESENTLY HAS HML-367 INCLUDED
 PER SUGGESTION REF A. HOWEVER, INFORMATION RECENTLY
 RECEIVED FROM HQMC INDICATES THAT HML FLAG SHOULD
 REMAIN IN-COUNTRY, IF POSSIBLE. DOD APPROVAL FOR HML
 SQUADRONS WAS TEMPORARY, BASED UPON USMC REQUIREMENTS
 IN SEASIA. WITHDRAWAL OF ENTIRE HML NOW COULD INDICATE
 THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR THE SQUADRON
 AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN OUR LOSING IT FROM THE ACTIVE
 STRUCTURE. RETENTION OF HML FLAG IN-COUNTRY AND
 WITHDRAWAL OF ONLY A PORTION OF THE SQUADRON WOULD

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 APPEAR TO BOTH SATISFY OUR NEEDS AND PROTECT OUR
 INTERESTS.

2. (TS) REF A ALSO SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF A MATCU,
 HOWEVER, YOUR TROOP LIST DOES NOT REFLECT THIS. A
 23-MAN MATCU DET IS REQUIRED TO BRING MATCU-66 TO
 FULL STRENGTH. *Det?*

3. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING
 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TROOP LNT WHICH COMUSMACV
 SUBMITTED TO CINCPAC:

A. COMUSMACV SUBMISSION:

UNIT	PERS
HML-367	164
DET VMO-6	174

338\$

B. RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENT:

UNIT	PERS
DET HML-367 (12UH-1E)	82 (FUTEMA)
DET VMO-6 (12 OV-10)	169 (FUTEMA)

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(10 UH-1E) 64 (2SLF'S; 32 PERS PER SLF;

DET MATCU

23 (FUTEMA)

338\$

C. TOTALS REMAIN THE SAME. \$

4. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS.

WARM REGARDS.

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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) THE JCS PAPER ON NSSM 36, FORWARDED TO SECDEF ON 31 MAY,
 PROPOSED FOUR BASIC ALTERNATIVE WITHDRAWAL PACKAGES AS FOLLOWS:

A. ALT A: FIFTY THOUSAND TROOPS, PRIMARILY COMBAT,
 INCLUDING 3D MARDIV WITH AIR AND SUPPORT ELEMENTS; IN ARMY
 DIVISION AND SUPPORT; USN ELEMENTS; AND USAF ELEMENTS.

B. ALT B: FIFTY THOUSAND TROOPS, "BALANCED" BETWEEN COMBAT
 AND SUPPORT UNIT RN INCLUDING 3D MARDIV WITH AIR AND SUPPORT
 ELEMENTS; ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS, ALL SERVICES, TOTALING
 APPROX 23,000.

C. ALT C: ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TROOPS, PRIMARILY COMBAT,
 INCLUDING 3D MARDIV WITH AIR AND SUPPORT ELEMENTS; TWO ARMY
 DIVISIONS WITH SUPPORT; USN ELEMENTS; AND USAF ELEMENTS.

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D. ALT D: ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TROOPS, "BALANCED" BETWEEN
 COMBAT AND SUPPORT, INCLUDING 3D MARDIV WITH AIR AND SUPPORT
 ELEMENTS; ONE ARMY DIVISION WITH SUPPORT; AND ADDITIONAL
 SUPPORT ELEMENTS OF ALL SERVICES TOTALING APPROX 53,000.

2. (TS) IN ADDITION, THE JCS PAPER PROVIDED A FURTHER ALTERNATIVE
 IDENTIFIED AS B PRIME, AND TOTALING FIFTY THOUSAND TROOPS.
 THIS ALTERNATIVE, PROPOSED BY WESTY DESCRIBED AS COUNTRY
 WIDE "THIN OUT" OF COMBAT FORCES TO AVOID REDEPLOYMENT OF 3D
 MARDIV FROM THE AREA FACING THE GREATEST ENEMY CAPABILITY.
 THIS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENTS:

A. COMBAT FORCES TOTALING APPROX 22,000:

- (1) TWO REGIMENTS/BRIGADES FROM ICTZ
- (2) TWO BRIGADES FROM III/IV CTZ

B. SUPPORTING FORCES OF ALL SERVICES TOTALING 28,000 TROOPS.

3. (TS) ON 31MAY, SECDEF APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT,
 PREPARATION OF A PAPER OUTLINING THE FIVE ALTERNATIVES AND
 PROPOSING THAT THE FORCE REDUCTION DURING CY 1969 BE LIMITED TO
 FIFTY THOUSAND. HE IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE INDICATED THAT THE
 IMPOSITION OF THE FIFTY THOUSAND TROOP PACKAGE SHOULD BE
 DETERMINED BY THE MILITARY.

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4. (TS) THE CONCEPT AND OUTLINE OF THE B PRIME ALTERNATIVE HAVE
BEEN SENT TO MCCAIN AND ABRAMS FOR THEIR VIEWS.

5. (TS) SUMMARY OF ABRAMS' VIEWS FOLLOWS:

A. THAT MODIFYING THE MACV 50,000 ALTERNATIVE A
PACKAGE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INITIAL WITHDRAWAL INCREMENT
OF 21,000, CONSISTING OF A RLT FROM 3D MARDIV AND THE
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION MINUS ONE BRIGADE RATHER THAN THE
ENTIRE 3D MARDIV WAS ACCEPTABLE.

B. THAT THE FOLLOW-ON INCREMENT OF 28,000 SUPPORT
TROOPS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE SUPPORT MUST BE
PROVIDED FOR FORCES REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

C. THAT THE FOLLOW-ON INCREMENT SHOULD CONSIST
ESSENTIALLY OF REMAINDER OF MACV 50,000 ALTERNATIVE A
PROPOSAL.

6. (TS) FOREGOING IS PROVIDED TO KEEP YOU ABREAST OF
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN
 CHAPMAN, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, FROM LTGEN BUSE.
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS ONLY
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS)
 ALTERNATIVE B PRIME, IF SELECTED FOR IMPLEMENTA-
 TION, INDICATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTAIN THE APPROVED
 POST-HOSTILITY POSTURE FOR OUR 2/3 MEF IN WESTPAC/
 MIDPAC WITHOUT THE OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS AND
 EXPENDITURES OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION MONIES
 INCLUDED IN OUR INITIAL FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING.
2. (TS) THE INCREMENTAL PHASING IN THE B PRIME APPROACH
 APPEARS TO PROVIDE AN EXTENDED TIME FRAME FOR REDEPLOY-
 MENTS. ALTERNATIVE B PRIME, SLIGHTLY MODIFIED AT THE
 DISCRETION OF APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDERS, COULD

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 0630 **T O P S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 ACCOMMODATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 3D MARDIV WITH
 APPROPRIATE AVIATION SUPPORT ON A PHASED BASIS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHASE I - REDEPLOY ONE RLt WITH APPROPRIATE
 AVIATION SUPPORT TO OKINAWA, WITH THE SLF'S CONTINUING
 TO BE PROVIDED FROM SVN RESOURCES.

B. PHASE II - WITHDRAWAL OF A SECOND RLt, WING UNITS,
 AND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO FORM ON
 OKINAWA THE MEF (-) AUTHORIZED IN OUR APPROVED POST-
 HOSTILITY POSTURE. THE SLF'S WOULD CONTINUE TO BE
 PROVIDED FROM SVN RESOURCES UNTIL THE MEF (-) ON
 OKINAWA ASSUMES THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

C. PHASE III - WITHDRAWAL OF THE THIRD RLt, WITH
 APPROPRIATE AVIATION SUPPORT, DIRECTLY TO HAWAII TO
 BECOME PART OF THE 1ST MAR BDE.

NOTE: IN ALL PHASES, APPROPRIATE COMBAT SUPPORT
 AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS WOULD BE INCLUDED.

3. (TS) IN ADDITION TO MINIMIZING THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
 WITH BILLETING, CONSTRUCTION, AND FUNDING, PHASING
 IN THE MANNER OUTLINED HAS THE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF
 RETURNING A PORTION OF MARINE COMBAT UNITS TO U.S.

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TERRITORY. THERE IS, OF COURSE, THE OPTION OF RETURNING
AN RLT TO HAWAII DURING PHASE II AND HAVING THE LAST
RLT CLOSE OKINAWA DURING PHASE III SHOULD CONSIDERATIONS
DICTATE. HOWEVER, THIS OPTION DOES DELAY BASE LOADING
ON OKINAWA, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR AN ARMY BDE
TO UTILIZE THE SPACE AVAILABLE.

4. (U) ABOVE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WARM REGARDS.

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- B. CG FMFPAC 030334Z JUN 69
- C. COMUSMACV MAC 7021 EYES ONLY 021053Z JUN 69

1. (TS) ROSS DWYER VISITED WITH MACV PLANNERS AND SUBSE-
QUENTLY BRIEFED ME ON ALL FORCE ALTERNATIVES CURRENTLY UNDER
CONSIDERATION WHICH INCLUDED THOSE YOU DESCRIBED IN REF B PLUS
TWO ADDITIONAL MACV ALTERNATIVES GEN ABRAMS HAS DEVELOPED
FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES. THEY ARE OUTLINED BELOW:

A. ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED (50,000)

SOURCE: MACV
DATE: 1 JUNE

PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO SECDEF APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO CON-

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SIDER INITIAL 20-25,000 POST-MIDWAY REDEPLOYMENT, AND IN DE-
REFERENCE TO JCS CONCERN OVER REDEPLOYING THE 3RD MAR DIV IN
ENTIRETY DUE TO THE ENEMY THREAT IN NORTHERN I CTZ.
MAJOR UNITS: 2 DIVISIONS (5 BRIGADES/REGIMENTS)
TIMING: INCREMENT 1 -- 2 MONTHS (AUG-SEP)
PAUSE -- 2 MONTHS
INCREMENT 2 -- 2 MONTHS

FORCES:				
1ST INCR	USA	9TH INF DIV (-3RD BDE)	11,151	
		SVC SPT ELMS	1,620	
	USMC	RLT 3RD MAR DIV	6,900	(THIS WILL BE IN- CREASED TO CONFORM WITH RLT TROOP LIST WE SUBMITTED)
2ND INCR	USN	W/3RD MAR DIV	300	
		TF 117	970	
	USAF	NONE		20,941
	USA	SVC SPT ELMS	6,840	
	USMC	3RD MAR DIV (-1 RLT) MAW (REAR)	19,923	

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 USN W/3RD MAR DIV 1,019
 USAF ELMS 1,299 29,081
TOTAL 50,022

B. ALTERNATIVE A PRIME (50,000)
 SOURCE: MACV
 DATE: 1 JUNE

PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO SECDEF APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO CON-
 sider INITIAL 20-25,000 POST-MIDWAY REDEPLOYMENT, AND IN DE-
 FERENCE TO JCS CONCERN OVER REDEPLOYING ENTIRE 3RD MAR DIV
 INITIALLY DUE TO ENEMY THREAT ACROSS THE DMZ. IN ADDITION
 CONCEDES TO JCS STAND THAT ONLY 1 DIVISION SHOULD REDEPLOY
 IN THE 50,000 ALTERNATIVE.

MAJOR UNITS: 1 USMC RLT
 9TH INF DIV (-3RD BDE)
 2 USA SEP BDES

TIMING: INCREMENT 1 -- 2 MONTHS (AUG-SEP)
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 SVC SPT ELMS 1,620
 USMC RLT 3RD MAR DIV 6,900 (SAME COMMENT AS
 WITH ALTERNATIVE
 A MODIFIED)

USN W/3RD MAR DIV 300
 TF 117 970 20,941
 USAF NONE

2ND INCR USA 199TH LT INF BDE; 25,760
 3D BDE, 82D ABN DIV;
 SVC SPT ELMS

USMC NONE
 USN ELMS 2,000
 USAF ELMS 1,299 29,059
TOTAL 50,000

2. (TS) A SUMMARY OF MACV SUPPORTING RATIONALE FOR ALTERNATIVES A,
 A MOD AND A PRIME (PREPARED FOR GEN ABRAMS' USE AT THE FORTHCOMING
 MEETING) IS ALSO FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

A. ALTERNATIVE A.
 (1) LEAD OFF BY REDEPLOYING FIRST RATE US COMBAT UNITS IN ORDER TO
 MAKE THE REDUCTION CREDIBLE BOTH TO THE ENEMY AND THE US/GVN PUBLIC.

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PAGE FIVE RHMAFA 0643 T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR THE 3RD MAR DIV AND THE 9TH INF DIV BOTH MEET THIS CRITERION.

(2) REDEPLOY UNITS FROM AREAS WHERE THERE ARE STRONG ARVN UNITS CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY USING US COMBAT SUPPORT. NORTHERN I CTZ AND NORTHERN IV CTZ BOTH MEET THIS CRITERION.

(3) REDEPLOY UNITS FROM AREAS WHERE WE ARE MAKING IDENTIFIABLE PROGRESS IN PACIFICACATION AS WELL AS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS. BOTH NORTHERN I CTZ AND NORTHERN IV CTZ MEET THIS CRITERION.

(4) INSOFAR AS IS POSSIBLE REDEPLOY UNITS FROM AREAS OTHER THAN ILL CTZ WHICH IS OUR NO-RISK AREA.

(5) INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE LEAVE ALL AVAILABLE NON-DIVISIONAL COMBAT SUPPORT IN THE RESIDUAL FORCE. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THIS. ONE IS THAT WE FORESEE AN INCREASED RVNAF REQUIREMENT FOR COMBAT SUPPORT AS THEIR FIGHTING EFFORT INCREASES. IN ADDITION, THE BASIC CONCEPT OF NSSM 36, TOWARD WHICH, IN THE LONG TERM, ALL OUR REDEPLOYMENTS CONTRIBUTE, IS THAT THE US CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT TO RVNAF WHILE TURNING THE COMBAT EFFORT OVER TO THE VIETNAMESE. FINALLY, MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG RESIDUAL COMBAT SUPPORT FORCE FOLLOWS OUR BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF MINIMIZING CASUALTIES THROUGH APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR FIREPOWER AND UTILIZATION OF OUR SUPERIOR MOBILITY.

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(6) PROVIDE IN THE RESIDUAL FORCE SUFFICIENT COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS TO CONDUCT ORDERLY RETROGRADE AND ROLLUP OF MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH REDEPLOYING FORCES. THUS INITIAL REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS WILL BE COMBAT HEAVY, THE BALANCE WILL SHIFT TOWARD SUPPORT FORCES IN MID-REDEPLOYMENT, AND INCREMENTS OF LATER REDEPLOYMENT PHASES WILL BE SUPPORT HEAVY.

B. ALTERNATIVE A MOD.

(1) SAME RATIONALE AS ALTERNATIVE A

(2) REDUCE SIZE OF INITIAL INCREMENT FROM THE 29,000 LEVEL TO THE 21,000 LEVEL. THIS BRINGS INITIAL INCREMENT SIZE IN LINE WITH THE SECDEF 20-25,000 FIGURE MENTIONED IN GEN WHEELER'S 2 JUNE MESSAGE. IN ADDITION IT CONCEDES TO THE JCS CONCERN FOR TAKING THE ENTIRE 3RD MAR DIV OUT OF I CTZ IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY THREAT ACROSS THE DMZ AND IN NORTHERN I CTZ. IT DOES HOWEVER HOLD TO THE TWO DIVISION PACKAGE FOR THE 50,000 ALTERNATIVE.

(3) REDUCES SIZE OF REDEPLOYING COMBAT FORCE BY ONE BRIGADE, SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS, MAKING IT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THOSE WHO CLAIM OUR INITIAL REDEPLOYMENT SHOULD BE MORE SERVICE SUPPORT HEAVY.

C. ALTERNATIVE A PRIME.

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3RD BN 1193 ✓

DET 12TH MAR REGT
DET HQ BTRY 21 ✓
D/S ARIY BN 669 ✓
DET 3RD PROV 155HTD BTRY 112 ✓
155 BTRY (SP)
DET 3D ENGR BN 275 ✓
DET ENGR SPT CO
ENGR CO
DET H&S CO
DET 3D RECON BN (-) 156
RECON CO
DET H&S CO
DET 3D MED BN 42 ✓
DET C&C CO
C&C CO
DET H&S CO
DET 3D MT BN 97 ✓
TRK CO
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DET COMM CO HQ BN 108
DET HQ CO HQ BN 55
DET MP CO HQ BN 44
3D AT BN (C) 381 ✓
FORCE TROOPS
MED TANK CO 3D TANK BN (C) 110
DET H&S CO 3D TANK BN 73 ✓
DET 3D DENT CO 1 ✓
1ST AMTRAC BN (C) 690 ✓
ARMY AMPHIB CO (-) (C) 143 ✓
TOTAL 7,001

AVIATION ELEMENTS
LAAM BN 722 ✓
VMFA (F4B) 385 ✓
TOTAL 1,107

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GROSS TOTAL 8,108

NOTE: (C) INDICATES CADRED UNITS

5. (TS) AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, ALTHOUGH GEN ABRAMS INDICATES IN REF C THE POSSIBILITY OF ROTATING AN ARVN ABN BDE IN NICIZ ONCE WE PULL OUT, MACV PLANNERS AT THE WORKING LEVEL ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT ARVN UNITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE UP THE SLACK.

6. (TS) IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO DEPLOY ONLY THE RLT INITIALLY I BELIEVE THE SLF'S SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED FROM RLT 26. SUBSEQUENTLY, AS A SECOND RLT DEPLOYS THE SLF'S CAN COME FROM 3RD MARDIV. THIS ADDS CREDIBILITY TO OUR INITIAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDES US WITH ADDED INSURANCE TO COUNTER AN ENEMY MOVE SHOULD HE SEEK TO EXPLOIT THE FORCE REDUCTION. THIS COURSE OF ACTION SUGGESTS THAT ADDITIONAL AMPH SHIPPING MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THE OKINAWA BASED RLT SHOULD IT BE COMMITTED ELSEWHERE IN SEA. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD OFF LOAD THE 26TH MAR SLF'S AND SAIL THE ARG'S TO OKINAWA IF SUCH A CONTINGENCY AROSE, AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM GEN ABRAMS' MSG (REF C) WHICH I ASSUME YOU HOLD, HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE USE OF THE SLF'S TO COUNTER

PAGE SIX RHMMAFA 0645 T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR
AN ENEMY THRUST IN THE DMZ AREA.

7. (TS) WHEN BEV CASS RETURNS FROM HONG KONG (5 JUNE) I INTEND TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS DETECTED IN ALL THESE RECENT CHANGES ANY SIGN OF A MOVE TO FREEZE US OUT OF OKINAWA. WHILE THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE AT THE MACV WORKING LEVEL THAT POINTS IN THIS DIRECTION, I'M NATURALLY SUSPICIOUS. PERHAPS YOU MAY HAVE SOME FEEL FOR THIS AT YOUR LEVEL.

8. (TS) FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MACV STAFF IT APPEARS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FORCE WITHDRAWAL WILL FLOW FROM THE MIDWAY MEETING. IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE CONTINUING OUR PLANNING PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE VARIATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALL OF OUR INTERESTED COMMANDS HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND SMALL PLANNING TEAMS ARE AT WORK. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR A DETAILED PRESS PLAN AND A TROOP INFORMATION PLAN. MY VIEWS IN THIS REGARD WILL BE EXPRESSED BY ROSS DWYER TO GEN ABRAMS AT THE FINAL APPROVAL BRIEFING IN SAIGON ON 6JUN. OTHERWISE I BELIEVE WE ARE UP TO SPEED. ONCE THE DECISION IS MADE WE'LL MOVE INTO HIGH GEAR.

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T O P S E C R E T. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON
FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. OUR TEL CON 052330Z/JUN69

1. (T/S) CONFIRMING REF A, I STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCLUDE ONE HMM SQUADRON IN AVIATION PACKAGE ACCOMPANYING THE RLT PROPOSED FOR INITIAL REDEPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBJECT.
2. (T/S) CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT REDEPLOYMENT RLT HAVE HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING AS WELL AS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM BONNER FROM ZUMWALT

I CTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES (U)

1. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM YOU OF A SITUATION ABOUT WHICH I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ALMOST THREE WEEKS AGO, BUT THROUGH OVERSIGHT DID NOT.
2. (C) DURING MY RECENT VISIT WITH ADM MOORER IN WASHINGTON AND ADM HYLAND IN PEARL, THE SUBJECT OF COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY IN I CTZ WAS DISCUSSED. ADM MOORER SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF HAVING ARMY RELIEVE NAVY OF THE I CTZ COMMON SUPPORT TASK AND ADM HYLAND STRONGLY CONCURRED. I BROACHED THE SUBJECT WITH GEN ABRAMS ON MY RETURN AND HE TASKED HIS LOGISTICIANS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PLAN.
3. (C) ON 2 JUN, REPRESENTATIVES FROM MACV, USARV, AND FIRST LOGISTICAL COMMAND MET WITH MY PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH A STARTING

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POINT. ACOS 64 FOR USARV IS HEADING A STUDY GROUP TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON USARV OF ASSUMING THE I CTZ RESPONSIBILITY.

4. (C) IN ORDER TO FULLY EXPLORE ALL FACETS OF THE PROBLEMS AND MECHANICS OF SUCH A TURNOVER, TEAMS CONSISTING OF ARMY REPRESENTATIVES AND COMNAVSUPACT DANANG PEOPLE WILL RESEARCH THEIR SPECIALITY AREAS TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH THE STUDY REQUIRED BY COMUSMACV AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE TURNOVER IN ANTICIPATION OF APPROVAL OF OUR PROPOSAL.
5. (C) THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY THIS ACTION IS TIMELY, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS GETTING THE JUMP ON TODAY. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES AND WE WILL NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION TO BE SURE THEY ARE FULLY IDENTIFIED.
6. (U) I WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON FUTURE MEETINGS SO YOU MAY PROVIDE REPRESENTATION. I HOPE YOU WILL DO SO.
7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T PERSONAL FOR VICE ADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES (U)

A. YOUR MSG 030610Z JUN 69

1. (C) YOUR REF A RECEIVED WHICH DISCUSSES ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS IS CONCERNED SOLELY WITH SUPPORT OF MY FORCES AND I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER HAS BEEN KEPT FROM ME FOR THREE WEEKS. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE STUDY BEING DISCUSSED HAS A BASIC PREMISE THAT A TURN OVER OF ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY IS DESIRABLE, THE STUDY IS NOT DESIGNED TO DETERMINE IF THIS IS A PROPER COURSE OF ACTION OR NOT BUT TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON USARV ASSUMING THE COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY IN ICTZ. IF THIS IS THE CASE, I MUST VOICE MY STRONG NON-CONCURRENCE WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL. THIS SUPPORT IS, TO ME, A NAVY RESPONSI-

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BILITY AND THE NAVY SHOULD NOT ABROGATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. I AM WELL SATISFIED WITH MY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION IN ICTZ, AND COMNAVSUPPACT, DANANG, HAS FULFILLED HIS COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER. NOTHING I HAVE SEEN HERE INDICATES THAT THE ARMY COULD DO ANY BETTER OR THAT SIGNIFICANT PERSONNEL SAVINGS WOULD BE REALIZED.

2. (S) YOU ARE AS WELL AWARE AS I OF THE PRIORITY PLANNING, INCLUDING T-DAY PLANNING, IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IT IS CONSIDERED SAFE TO FORECAST THAT THE NEAR FUTURE HOLDS FOR ME IN ICTZ SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WHICH WILL TAX MY CURRENT SUPPORT SYSTEM TO THE MAXIMUM. REGARDLESS OF THE EXCELLENCE OF A TURN OVER PLAN, EXECUTION WOULD PRODUCE SOME DIMINUTION IN SUPPORT CAPABILITY IN ICTZ. CONSIDERING THE MANY POSSIBILITIES AND ALTERNATIVES WHICH I NOW FACE, I CANNOT AGREE WITH ANY ACTION WHICH COULD REDUCE MY CAPABILITIES AT A CRITICAL TIME. I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL INFORM GEN ABRAMS OF MY FEELINGS IN THIS MATTER.

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 4. (C) REGARDLESS OF THE ABOVE, I DO SEE SOME BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING AT THIS TIME, IN CONNECTION WITH T-DAY PLANNING, A DETAILED PLAN FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER OF COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY AT SOME TIME TO BE SPECIFIED. PRESENT T-DAY PLANS CALL FOR TRANSFER SUBSEQUENT TO R PLUS 9. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD APPROVE SUCH A STUDY EFFORT BUT I WOULD NOT CONCUR IN ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CALL FOR PREMATURE TRANSFER.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES1. (C) TODAY I RECEIVED FROM BUD ZUMWALT A PERSONAL, SUBJECT
SAME AS ABOVE, AS FOLLOWS.

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FM COMNAVFORV

TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

INFO RUMUFGA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM BONNER FROM ZUMWALT

ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES (U)

1. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM YOU OF A SIT-
UATION ABOUT WHICH I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ALMOST THREE WEEKS AGO,
BUT THROUGH OVERSIGHT DID NOT.2. (C) DURING MY RECENT VISIT WITH ADM MOORER IN WASHINGTON AND
ADM HYLAND IN PEARL, THE SUBJECT OF COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY
IN ICTZ WAS DISCUSSED. ADM MOORER SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF
HAVING ARMY RELIEVE NAVY OF THE ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT TASK AND ADM
HYLAND STRONGLY CONCURRED. I BROACHED THE SUBJECT WITH GEN ABRAMS
ON MY RETURN AND HE TASKED HIS LOGISTICIANS TO INVESTIGATE THE
FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PLAN.3. (C) ON 2 JUN, REPRESENTATIVES FROM MACV, USARV, AND FIRST
LOGISTICAL COMMAND MET WITH MY PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH A STARTING

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POINT. ACOS G4 FOR USARV IS HEADING A STUDY GROUP TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON USARV OF ASSUMING THE I CTZ RESPONSIBILITY.

4. (C) IN ORDER TO FULLY EXPLORE ALL FACETS OF THE PROBLEMS AND MECHANICS OF SUCH A TURNOVER, TEAMS CONSISTING OF ARMY REPRESENTATIVES AND COMNAV SUPACT DANANG PEOPLE WILL RESEARCH THEIR SPECIALITY AREAS TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH THE STUDY REQUIRED BY COMUSMACV AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE TURNOVER IN ANTICIPATION OF APPROVAL OF OUR PROPOSAL.

5. (C) THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY THIS ACTION IS TIMELY, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS GETTING THE JUMP ON T-DAY. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES AND WE WILL NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION TO BE SURE THEY ARE FULLY IDENTIFIED.

6. (U) I WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON FUTURE MEETINGS SO YOU MAY PROVIDE REPRESENTATION. I HOPE YOU WILL DO SO.

7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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2. (S) MY REPLY FOLLOWS.

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P 040940Z JUN 69

FM CG III MAF DNG RVN

TO RUSVDA/COMANVFORV, SGN RVN

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S E C R E T PERSONAL FOR VICE ADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES (U)

A. YOUR MSG 030610Z JUN 69

1. (C) YOUR REF A RECEIVED WHICH DISCUSSES ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS IS CONCERNED SOLELY WITH SUPPORT OF MY FORCES AND I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER HAS BEEN KEPT FROM ME FOR THREE WEEKS. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE STUDY BEING DISCUSSED HAS A BASIC PREMISE THAT A TURN OVER OF ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY IS DESIRABLE, THE STUDY IS NOT DESIGNED TO DETERMINE IF THIS IS A PROPER COURSE OF ACTION OR NOT BUT TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON USARV ASSUMING THE COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY IN ICTZ. IF THIS IS THE CASE, I MUST VOICE MY STRONG NON-CONCURRENCE WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL. THIS SUPPORT IS, TO ME, A NAVY RESPONSI-

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 BILITY AND THE NAVY SHOULD NOT AROGATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. I AM WELL SATISFIED WITH MY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION IN ICTZ, AND COMNAVSUPACT, DANANG, HAS FULFILLED HIS COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER. NOTHING I HAVE SEEN HERE INDICATES THAT THE ARMY COULD DO ANY BETTER OR THAT SIGNIFICANT PERSONNEL SAVINGS WOULD BE REALIZED.

2. (S) YOU ARE AS WELL AWARE AS I OF THE PRIORITY PLANNING, INCLUDING T-DAY PLANNING, IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IT IS CONSIDERED SAFE TO FORECAST THAT THE NEAR FUTURE HOLDS FOR ME IN ICTZ SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WHICH WILL TAX MY CURRENT SUPPORT SYSTEM TO THE MAXIMUM. REGARDLESS OF THE EXCELLENCE OF A TURN OVER PLAN, EXECUTION WOULD PRODUCE SOME DIMINUTION IN SUPPORT CAPABILITY IN ICTZ. CONSIDERING THE MANY POSSIBILITIES AND ALTERNATIVES WHICH I NOW FACE, I CANNOT AGREE WITH ANY ACTION WHICH COULD REDUCE MY CAPABILITIES AT A CRITICAL TIME. I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL INFORM GEN ABRAMS OF MY FEELINGS IN THIS MATTER.

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4. (C) REGARDLESS OF THE ABOVE, I DO SEE SOME BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING AT THIS TIME, IN CONNECTION WITH T-DAY PLANNING, A DETAILED PLAN FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER OF COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY AT SOME TIME TO BE SPECIFIED. PRESENT T-DAY PLANS CALL FOR TRANSFER SUBSEQUENT TO R PLUS 9. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD APPROVE SUCH A STUDY EFFORT BUT I WOULD NOT CONCUR IN ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CALL FOR PREMATURE TRANSFER.

GP-A UNQUOTE

3. (S) I AM CONCERNED THAT THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE AND I PRESUME YOURS. VINCE COMBS IS HERE TODAY AND WAS MADE PRIVY TO THE ZUMWALT MSG. HE ALSO HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH PLANNING.

4. (S) I REITERATE THAT THIS IS A NAVY RESPONSIBILITY AND THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACCEPT IT.

5. (S) RECOMMEND YOU SEE JOHNNY HYLAND AND MAKE A STRONG REPRESENTATION AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

6. (U) I WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
 LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

I CORPS ZONE COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CG III MAF 040942Z/JUN

1. (S) I DISCUSSED WITH JOHNNY HYLAND THE INFORMATION
 CONTAINED IN REF A. HIS REACTION WAS IMMEDIATE AND
 UNEQUIVOCAL. HE STATED THAT HIS CONCURRENCE,
 MENTIONED BY ZUMWALT WAS BASED SOLEY ON T-DAY
 AND FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING. AS MARINE CORPS FORCES
 ARE MOVED OUT, HE ENVISIONS A PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION
 IN NAVY SUPPORT FORCES. HE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CON=
 CURRED IN ANY NAVY SUPPORT REDUCTION WHILE THE CURRENT
 LEVEL OF MARINE FORCES IS STILL COMMITTED IN VIETNAM.
 2. (U) PLEASE INFORM ME IF ZUMWALT UNDERSTANDS OTHERWISE.
- WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN NICKERSON AND
 VADM ZUMWALT INFO RADM COMB5 AND BONNER FROM HYLAND
 PHASE DOWN OF NAVSUPPACT DANANG (C).

1. (S) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CLEAR THE AIR WITH REGARD
 TO SOME APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AS TO MY DESIRES ON EVENTUAL
 PHASE DOWN OF NAVSUPPACT DANANG AS MARINE FORCES ARE REMOVED
 FROM VIETNAM.

2. (S) IN MANY DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD WITH BOTH SENIOR AND MARINE
 AND NAVAL COMMANDERS CONCERNED AND IN MANY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS
 OF MY STAFF AND THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN ALL OF YOUR STAFFS I
 THOUGHT THAT IT HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY ALL THAT AS MARINE
 FORCES WERE TAKEN OUT OF COUNTRY THERE WOULD BE A PROPORTIONATE
 REDUCTION IN NUMBERS OF NAVAL PERSONNEL NOW STATIONED IN THE I CORP
 TACTICAL ZONE WHO ARE INVOLVED PRINCIPALLY IN THE SUPPORT OF MARINE
 FORCES. ALTHOUGH THE FUTURE CANNOT BE PREDICTED IT HAS GENERALLY
 BEEN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE NAVY/MARINE TEAM IF MARINES
 WERE AMONG THOSE UNITS WITHDRAWN FIRST WHEN THE IN-COUNTRY
 SITUATION PERMITTED. ALSO IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED LIKELY THAT AT
 SOME FUTURE TIME THE ARMY WOULD ASSUME THE JOB OF PROVIDING
 LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN THE I CORP TACTICAL ZONE AND WOULD THEN IN TURN
 TRANSFER THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE VIETNAMESE WHEN THEY ARE ABLE
 TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. IT HAS ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT THE SHIFT
 IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN THE I CORPS FROM THE
 NAVY TO THE ARMY TO THE VIETNAMESE WOULD HAVE TO BE PHASED. IT MIGHT
 WELL TURN OUT THAT SOME VIETNAMESE MILITARY AND/OR CIVILIANS WOULD
 BE TRAINED AND PHASED INTO THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
 BEFORE ANY MARINE TROOPS WERE TAKEN OUT, BUT IF THEY WOULD DO THE
 JOB ADEQUATELY AND NAVY PERSONNEL COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
 FOR OTHER DUTY. HOWEVER ANY LARGE REDUCTIONS IN NAVY STRENGTH
 WOULD TAKE PLACE GENERALLY WITH CORRESPONDINGLY LARGE REDUCTIONS
 IN MARINE FORCES.

3. (S) MOST OF THE ABOVE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF
 DISCUSSION AND TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR T-DAY.
 HOWEVER NOW THAT IT IS BECOMING APPARENT THAT THERE WILL BE
 SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWALS OF MARINES BEFORE T-DAY IT IS LOGICAL THAT
 CORRESPONDING REDUCTIONS IN NAVY FORCES BE MADE GENERALLY IN THE
 SAME TIME FRAME. IF THE HIGHEST COMMAND IN VIETNAM SHOULD ELECT
 TO MOVE ARMY UNITS INTO THE I CORPS TO REPLACE MARINE UNITS WHICH
 ARE WITHDRAWN IT IS ALSO LOGICAL THAT AS THE ARMY PROPORTION OF
 FORCES STATIONED IN THE I CORP INCREASES, A CORRESPONDINGLY LARGER
 SHARE OF THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TASK BE SHIFTED FROM THE NAVY TO THE
 ARMY.

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4. (S) OBVIOUSLY IT IS GOING TO BE NECESSARY TO STUDY THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF PHASING MARINES AND NAVY UNITS OUT OF THE I CORPS ZONE AND TO DEVELOP PLANS TO EFFECT THIS WHEN THE TIME COMES. IT IS GOING TO BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH COMUSMACV AND OBTAIN ARMY CONCURRENCE. IF THAT CONCURRENCE CANNOT BE GAINED, ANY CONFLICT WILL HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR DECISION. IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE WHAT IS BEST FOR BOTH MEMBERS OF OUR NAVY/MARINE TEAM IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE MUTUALLY INFORM ONE ANOTHER PROMPTLY AND FULLY AT ALL LEVELS AND THAT WE ALL COOPERATE AND WHERE IT IS INDICATED GIVE AS WELL AS TAKE.

5. (S) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWALS APPEAR TO BE CONTEMPLATED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE AND MAY EVEN BE IMMINENT I CONSIDER IT IS NOT AT ALL PREMAUTURE TO BEGIN THE DISCUSSION, PLANNING AND SURFACING OF THOSE MATTERS CONCERNED AND IT IS MY EXPRESS DESIRE THAT WE ALL VROCEED TOGETHER NOW TO DO THIS.

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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKELSON FROM ZUMWALT

A. YOUR 040940Z JUN 69

B. MY 030610Z JUN 69

1. (C) I REGRET YOUR CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REF A, AND THE OVERSIGHT (REPORTED BY ME IN BOTH REF B AND IN CONVERSATION WITH MGEN YOUNGDALE) WHICH CAUSED YOUR CONCERN, AS REPORTED TO MGEN YOUNGDALE, I HAD THOUGHT WE HAD INFORMED YOU AND I DIDN'T DISCOVER THE OVERSIGHT UNTIL DEBRIEFED ON THE FIRST WORKING LEVEL MEETING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST, I HAVE EXPRESSED YOUR POSITION TO GEN ABRAMS. ALONG THIS SAME LINE, SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE TO PROVIDE GEN ABRAMS REFS A AND B, AND THIS MSG SO THAT HE WILL HAVE THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE MATTER.
2. (C) AT THE OUTSET, LET ME MAKE TWO POINTS VERY EXPLICIT: THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CONCEPT OF THE PROPOSED STUDY (WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE) FOR SHIFTING OF COMMON

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SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE SUPPORT CAPABILITY IN I CTZ. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE TURNOVER IS ON IN WHICH THE SUPPORTED TROOPS IN I CTZ CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UNINTERRUPTED HIGH QUALITY SERVICE. IN ADDITION, I WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY PLAN TO COMUSMACV THAT DID NOT HAVE YOUR CONCURRENCE OR EMPHATIC STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR NON-CONCURRENCE.

3. (C) WITH THE MANY PLANS FOR THE WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND FACED WITH THE REALITY THAT IN SOONER WE ARE PREPARED FOR T-DAY THE BETTER, I BELIEVE WE MUST PRESS AHEAD WITH THE STAFFING AND RESEARCH TO PREPARE FOR ANY EVENTUALITY AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE OBSTACLES WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH A SMOOTH T-DAY EXECUTION. IF THE CONCLUSION REACHED IS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF COMMON SUPPORT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO T-DAY IN A PHASED AND ORDERLY FASHION.

4. (C) I DO FEEL THAT MANY COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE ARMY HAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED ORGANIZATION, I.E., PCL, PORT/CARGO OPERATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONS, COULD READILY BE ASSUMED BY THE ARMY JUST AS EFFICIENTLY IN SUPPORT OF ALL OF I CTZ, AND THIS WOULD RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD COUNTRY-WIDE LOGISTICS CONTINUITY. AT THE SAME TIME,

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IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ARMY WOULD NOT REPLACE AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE THIRD MCB. I FULLY AGREE THAT THIS IS THE TYPE OF DISRUPTIVE CHANGE THAT MUST BE TOTALLY AVOIDED.

5. (C) THE NAVY HAS NO INTENTION TO ABROGATE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. WHAT I BELIEVE WE MUST DO IS EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF SUPPORT IN I CTZ AT THIS TIME RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR NO DISRUPTION OF TROOPS SUPPORT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TRYING TO PREPARE FOR A CLEANER Y-DAY EXECUTION.

6. (C) I WILL BE IN I CORPS ON 1 JULY AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU THEN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER.

7. WARM REGARDS

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TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE
FROM LTGEN NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING
WORKING HOURS)

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. JCS 06338 DTG 241934Z MAY69

B. CG III MAF DTG 051002Z JUN69

1. GEN ABRAMS WAS PRESENTED AN APPROVAL BRIEFING AT
060900H JUN 69 TO OBTAIN HIS DECISION ON:

A. DETAILED TROOP LISTS FOR ALTERNATIVES B AND D.

B. MACV ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED.

2. HE APPROVED THE DETAILED TROOP LISTS WHICH WILL BE
FORWARDED TO JCS IN RESPONSE TO REF A. HE ALSO APPROVED
MACV ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED AS THE PREFERRED MACV POSITION.
(REF B REFERS).3. PRIOR TO THE MACV BRIEFING WE INCLUDED THE HMM IN THE
TROOP LIST FOR THE REVISED INITIAL INCREMENT IN ALTERNATIVE

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A MODIFIED, WITH THE ADDITIONAL 280 PERSONNEL OF HMM
SDON THE AVN ELEMENTS NOW TOTAL 1387 AND THE ENTIRE INITIAL
INCREMENT TOTALS 8388 VICE TOTALS SHOWN PAR 4 REF B.
COMUSMACV WAS INFORMED BY THE BRIEFER THAT MARINE
TROOP LIST INCLUDED AVIATION UNITS, HOWEVER, HE
MADE NO COMMENT. MGEN TOWNSEND, THE J-3, AND MACV
ACTION OFFICERS ARE THOROUGHLY AWARE OF OUR DESIRES
AND OFFERED NO OBJECTION TO THE LAST MINUTE CHANGE
(ABOUT 5 MINUTES BEFORE GEN ABRAMS WALKED INTO THE
ROOM). AT MACV REQUEST WE ARE SUBMITTING DETAILED
DATA ON AIR PKGE OF INITIAL INCREMENT, AND A
REVISED TROOP LIST (GROUND/AIR) FOR THE SECOND INCRE-
MENT OF ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED. (WILL PASS TO YOU
THE SAME TIME WE SUBMIT TO MACV.)

4. ROSS EXPRESSED TO MGEN TOWNSEND MY CONCERN OVER
THE URGENT NEED FOR EARLY GUIDANCE ON PRESS AND TROOP
INFO PLANS. MGEN TOWNSEND STATES THEY, TOO, HAVE
SAME CONCERN BUT GEN ABRAMS IS UNDER STRICT
INSTRUCTIONS TO ISSUE NO GUIDANCE UNTIL IT IS RECEIVED
FROM WASHINGTON LEVEL. THE MACV PUB INFO OFFICER HAS

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 BEEN INFORMED AND WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BRING
 PAUL MORIARIY INTO THE PICTURE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR
 REQUEST TO ENLARGE OUR ACCESS LIST, TOWNSEND ALSO
 ASKED THAT WE HOLD OFF FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE
 PLANNERS UNTIL THEY SEE WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS
 AFTER SUNDAY.

5. BEV CASS ADVISES THAT HE HAS DETECTED NO
 EVIDENCE AT HIS LEVEL OF ANY ATTEMPT TO FREEZE US
 OUT OF OKINAWA. HE ALSO REPORTS THAT ANY PLANS
 FOR A POSSIBLE 3 BN INCREASE IN RVN MARINE CORPS
 ARE DORMANT AT THIS TIME. WHILE UP TO A FEW
 DAYS AGO IT APPEARED THAT AN INCREASE MIGHT BE
 FORTHCOMING. PRESIDENT THIEU JUST AUTHORIZED
 GEN VIEN A 100,000 INCREASE IN MANPOWER CEILING
 (FOR POPULAR FORCES ONLY). THIS IS NOW UNDER STUDY
 AT MACV.

6. WE NOW AWAIT SUNDAY WITH GREAT INTEREST.

WARM REGARDS

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CMC 042212Z/JUN69 (TS) NOTAL - *NA*
 B. CMC LTR SER 901992 OF 8FEB69 (S)
 C. CG FMFPAC LTR 3P/CGG SER 001614 OF 2APR69 (S)
 1. (S) THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A, THAT SECDEF
 CONSIDERS DAR MC-69-501 TO HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY
 CURRENT FORCE PLANNING EXERCISE, WAS APPRECIATED SINCE
 THIS REMOVES ONE FACTOR CURRENTLY COMPLICATING
 DETAILED PLANNING BY BOTH THIS HQ AND III MAF IN
 CONNECTION WITH PROGRAM-6 MANAGEMENT, ADDITIONAL
 FORCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE SUBJECT.

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 2. (TS) CONSIDERATION OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE
 AND IMPACT OF CURRENT FORCE PLANNING EXERCISE MAKES
 ADOPTION OF THE OPTION TO LIVE WITH CURRENT SEASIA
 CEILINGS THE MOST REASONABLE COURSE OF ACTION AT THIS TIME.
 3. (TS) CINCPAC AND MACV REQUIRE THAT DOD APPROVED
 PROGRAM-6 UNIT STRENGTHS BE USED IN CURRENT FORCE
 PLANNING. THIS HAS RESULTED IN CERTAIN
 USMC UNITS (I.E., 1ST AMTRAC BN, 3D TANK BN, 3D AT BN,
 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO AND 7TH COMM BN) BEING ASSIGNED
 REDEPLOYMENT STRENGTHS IN THE FORCE PLANNING TROOP
 LISTS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN THEIR CURRENT STRENGTH
 (E.G., 1ST AMTRAC BN, ACTUAL STRENGTH - 143, REDEPLOY-
 MENT STRENGTH - ~~692~~). TO OBTAIN THIS AND AVOID AN
 UNNECESSARY DRAW DOWN ON III MAF AUTHORIZED STRENGTH,
 SHOULD CURRENT FORCE PLANNING BE EXECUTED, REQUIRES
 MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT DOD PROGRAM-6 TROOP LIST
 FOR USMC UNITS IN SVN. REF B ADVISED OF HQMC INTENT
 TO PROVIDE DOD WITH A REVISED USMC TROOP LIST FOR SVN,
 WHICH WOULD BRING PROGRAM-6 AUTHORIZATIONS IN LINE

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PAGE THREE RUHHFMA1080 T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO WITH CURRENT MANNING. IN RESPONSE TO REF B, I RECOMMENDED, BY REF C, EARLIEST SUBMISSION TO DOD OF A REVISED USMC TROOP LIST FOR SVN TO FACILITATE WITHDRAWAL/ REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING. ADDITIONALLY, I STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE REVISED PROGRAM TROOP LIST TO REFLECT CURRENT I/O STRENGTHS, AS PRACTICABLE, AND PROVIDED DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCH A REVISED TROOP LIST.

4. (TS) FMFPAC CAN INTRODUCE TROOP LIST REVISIONS AT THE CINCPAC FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE ON 19 JUN, PER PAR 4 OF REF A. HOWEVER, PROPOSED REVISIONS WILL HAVE LITTLE STATUS, UNLESS REVISIONS ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH DOD AUTHORIZATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND HQMC EXPEDITE ACTION TO PROVIDE DOD, III MAF AND THIS HQ WITH A REVISED PROGRAM-6 TROOP LIST FOR USMC UNITS IN SVN.

5. (S) WITH REFERENCE TO PAR 5 OF REF A, IT WAS MY INTENTION TO RELOCATE ONLY THE LVT'S, THEIR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT; NOT THE FLAG NOR THE PERSONNEL. AGAIN REQUEST CMC CONCURRENCE ON THIS SO THAT WE MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING BEFORE

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
 LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY

1. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF HYLAND'S MSG
 TO BAUMBERGER REGARDING THE "ZUNWALT AFFAIR" AND IT
 IS QUOTED BELOW.

QUOTE:

PHASE DOWN OF NAVSUPACT DANANG (C)

A. CINCPACFLT 052037Z JUN 69 PASEP

1. (S) REF A IS MY SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, LTGEN NICKERSON,
 VADM ZUNWALT, INFO RADMS COMBS AND BONNER. MY MESSAGE WAS
 PRECIPITATED BY INFORMATION FROM LTGEN BUSE THAT BUD HAD BEEN
 INSTRUMENTAL IN INITIATING A MACV LOGISTIC STUDY AIMED AT
 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IMPACT ON USARV OF THE TURNOVER OF NSA DANANG
 COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE ARMY. THE FACT THAT THIS
 INFORMATION WAS RELAYED TO LTGEN NICKERSON ABOUT

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 THREE WEEKS LATE SERVED TO GENERATE A RATHER STRONG
 RESPONSE FROM BOTH NICKERSON AND BUSE. BUD HOLDS OTHER PERTINENT
 MESSAGES.

2. (S) MY EFFORTS TO CALM THE WATERS IN REF A ARE SOMEWHAT DILUTED
 BY THE WIDE DISTRIBUTION, BUT IT DOES CONVEY MY BASIC DESIRES.
 HOWEVER, I THINK THAT WE MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR DISCUSSION OF THIS
 WITH BUD, DURING WHICH YOU SHOULD GET THE FOLLOWING POINTS ACROSS:

A. THERE SHOULD BE NO PREMATURE TURNOVER OF NSA RESPONSIBILITIES
 TO THE ARMY.

B. NSA REDUCTION SHOULD BE KEYED TO MARINE REDUCTIONS SINCE NSA
 WAS INITIALLY INTRODUCED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

C. EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF COMPLETE TURNOVER,
 AFTER MARINE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED, IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. THIS
 WOULD PREVENT A SITUATION WHERE IN NAVY WOULD BE SUPPORTING ARMY
 AND ATR FORCE ASHORE JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE A SATISFACTORY ORGANIZATION
 IN PLACE. OF COURSE, WE MUST PLAN FOR SOME NAVY FORCES IN THE ROLL-UP
 PHASE BUT MAY BE ABLE TO LIMIT THESE TO THE ROLL-UP OF NAVY AND
 MARINE MATERIAL ONLY.

D. I SUPPORT THE SMACV IMPACT STUDY ON THE TURNOVER AS IT RELATES
 TO T-DAY PLANNING AND/OR OTHER PRE-T-DAY MARINE REDUCTIONS. THIS

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 STUDY COULD BE A VERY USEFUL EFFORT IF USED IN CONSONANCE WITH OUR
 OBJECTIVES, IN THAT IT COULD ASSIST US IN IMPLEMENTING AN ORDERLY
 TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY WHEN THE PROPER TIME COMES.
 E. WE MAY BE ABLE TO ISOLATE SOME NSA DANGING FUNCTIONS WHEREIN WE
 COULD START TURNOVER ACTIVITY AND/OR PREPARATION EARLY IN ORDER TO
 INSURE A MORE ORDERLY TURNOVER OF COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY AFTER T-DAY
 AND/OR AFTER MARINE WITHDRAWALS. THE IDEA HERE WOULD BE TO KEY THE
 NSA DANGING SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE SUPPORTED MARINE STRENGTH
 AND PERHAPS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT CAPABILITY
 ACCRUING TO USARV AS RESULT OF ARMY REDUCTIONS IN RVN TO RELIEVE NSA
 RESPONSIBILITY. FERTILE AREAS THAT READILY LEND THEMSELVES TO EARLY
 TRANSITION ARE OUR LARGE COMPLEMENT OF SECURITY FORCES AND CULT
 RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE OTHER HAND I DON'T SEE MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR
 ANY EARLY REDUCTION OF OUR NAVY PECULIAR FUNCTIONS SUCH AS MEDICAL,
 DENTAL, CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PORT AND HARBOR
 SERVICES.

3. (S) AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM ENDORSING PREPARATIONS FOR THE EVENTUAL
 TRANSITION BUT DESIRE TO AVOID ANY INDICATION OF DEPARTURE FROM OUR
 RESPONSIBILITY TO THE MARINES. ALSO I WANT TO REITERATE THE VERY
 PRESSING NEED TO KEEP A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE AND TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH

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 EACH OTHER AS WE PROCEED TO FINISH OUT OUR INVOLVEMENT.
 UNQUOTE.

2. (S) THIS INFORMATION MUST BE HELD VERY CLOSE, WITH
 NO INTIMATION WHATSOEVER THAT YOU ARE PRIVY TO IT. THE
 MESSAGE IS MUCH BETTER THAN REF A WHICH I FOUND
 PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING.

3. (S) THE ABOVE PROVIDES YOU WITH HYLAND'S POLICY AND
 PHILOSOPHY WHICH WILL SERVE YOU IN GOOD STEAD IN YOUR
 NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZUMWALT. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN
 NICKERSON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY

A. CINCPACFLT 052037Z JUN69

B. YOUR 062246Z JUN69

C. CAMNAVFORV 060928Z JUN69

1. REF A WHICH IS JOHNNY HYLAND'S QUOTE CLEAR THE AIR UNQUOTE
 MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED THIS A.M. I TOO WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED.
 AND BELIEVE THAT HE IS MISLED IF HE FEELS THAT A REDUCTION
 IN OUR OPERATING MARINE FORCE CAN BE MET, IN THIS CASE,
 WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE NAVAL SUPPORT BASE.
 I AM AFRAID THAT HE WAS ALSO NOT ONLY ADDRESSING REDUCTIONS
 IN NUMBERS BUT REDUCTIONS IN FUNCTIONS. FURTHER, AS YOU
 WELL KNOW, IT IS NOT THE PLAN TO REPLACE MARINES WITH ARMY
 AT THIS JUNCTURE. BUT, IF IT WERE, IT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY
 FOLLOW THAT A CORRESPONDINGLY LARGER SHARE OF THE LOGISTICS
 SUPPORT WOULD BE SHIFTED TO THE ARMY. SPEAKING SIMPLY, THE

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 NAVY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPPORT OF I CORPS;
 THE ARMY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORT OF THE
 OTHER THREE CORPS. IN MY MIND, IT WILL TAKE MORE
 THAN PULLING ONE MARINE DIVISION OUT TO CAUSE A TRANSFER
 SUCH AS THAT DISCUSSED. ONE FURTHER POINT ON REF A:
 JOHNNY BLEW THE COVER ON THE OPERATION WHEN HE REFERRED
 TO THE IMMINENT DEPARTURES OF THE MARINES. BONNER AND
 COMBS HAVE NOT BEEN CUT IN ON THIS AND ARE TRYING TO FIND
 OUT WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

2. REF B IS THE COPY OF HYLAND'S MESSAGE TO BAUMBERGER
 WHICH YOU TRANSMITTED TO ME. IT WAS A MUCH CLEARER
 DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC ISSUES. I THINK HE IS UNDULY
 ALARMED WHEN HE EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE NAVY MIGHT
 BE SUPPORTING ARMY AND AIR FORCE ASHORE BECAUSE THE NAVY
 HAS A SATISFACTORY ORGANIZATION IN PLACE. CURRENT T-DAY
 PLANNING CALLS FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AT
 THE APPROPRIATE POINT IN TIME. BE THAT AS IT MAY, I
 THINK WE ARE ALL IN HARMONY NOW.

3. REF C IS BUD ZUMWALT'S REPLY TO ME AND IS QUOTED:
 QUOTE: P 060928Z JUN 69

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKELSON FROM ZUMWALT

A. YOUR 040940Z JUN 69
 B. NY 030610Z JUN 69

1. (C) I REGRET YOUR CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REF A, AND THE OVERSIGHT (REPORTED BY ME IN BOTH REF B AND IN CONVERSATION WITH MGEN YOUNGDALE) WHICH CAUSED YOUR CONCERN. AS REPORTED TO MGEN YOUNGDALE, I HAD THOUGHT WE HAD INFORMED YOU AND I DIDN'T DISCOVER THE OVERSIGHT UNTIL DEBRIEFED ON THE FIRST WORKING LEVEL MEETING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST, I HAVE EXPRESSED YOUR POSITION TO GEN ABRAMS. ALONG THIS SAME LINE, SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE TO PROVIDE GEN ABRAMS REFS A AND B, AND THIS MSG SO THAT HE WILL HAVE THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE MATTER.
2. (C) AT THE OUTSET, LET ME MAKE TWO POINTS VERY EXPLICIT. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CONCEPT OF THE PROPOSED STUDY (WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE) FOR SHIFTING OF COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE SUPPORT CAPABILITY

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 IN I CTZ. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE TURNOVER IS ON IN WHICH THE SUPPORTED TROOPS IN I CTZ CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UNINTERRUPTED HIGH QUALITY SERVICE. IN ADDITION, I WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY PLAN TO COMUSMACV THAT DID NOT HAVE YOUR CONCURRENCE OR EMPHATIC STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR NON-CONCURRENCE.

3. (C) WITH THE MANY PLANS FOR THE WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND FACED WITH THE REALITY THAT THE SOONER WE ARE PREPARED FOR T-DAY THE BETTER, I BELIEVE WE MUST PRESS AHEAD WITH THE STAFFING AND RESEARCH TO PREPARE FOR ANY EVENTUALITY AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE OBSTACLES WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH A SMOOTH T-DAY EXECUTION, IF THE CONCLUSION REACHED IS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF COMMON SUPPORT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO T-DAY IN A PHASED AND ORDERLY FASHION.
4. (C) I DO FEEL THAT MANY COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE ARMY HAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED ORGANIZATION, I.E., POL, PORT/CARGOO OPERATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONS, COULD READILY BE ASSUMED BY THE ARMY JUST AS EFFICIENTLY IN SUPPORT OF ALL OF I CTZ, AND THIS WOULD RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD COUNTRY-WIDE LOGISTICS CONTINUITY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ARMY WOULD NOT REPLACE AN ORGANIZATION

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5. (C) THE NAVY HAS NO INTENTION TO ABROGATE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. WHAT I BELIEVE WE MUST DO IS EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF SUPPORT IN I CTZ AT THIS TIME RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR NO DISRUPTION OF TROOPS SUPPORT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TRYING TO PREPARE FOR A CLEANER T-DAY EXECUTION.

6. (C) I WILL BE IN I CORPS ON 1 JULY AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU THEN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER.

7. WARM REGARDS
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YOU WILL NOTE THAT HE IS NOW SHIFTING GEARS TO GET WITH T-DAY PLANNING. HIS PROPOSAL TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE STAFFING AND RESEARCH IS TIMELY BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SO HAD IT BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO CAUSING THE USARV STUDY TO BE INITIATED. I ALSO THINK THE NAVY WOULD BE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE IF THEY TRANSFERRED COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS SUCH AS POL, PORT/CARGO OPERATIONS, ECT, PREMATURELY.

4. I DON'T INTEND TO ANSWER HIS MESSAGE UNTIL A COMFORTABLE TIME HAS PASSED. I AGREE WITH COOPERATION SUCH AS HYLAND

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5. I HAVE TALKED TO VINCE COMBS AND HE IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION. HE BELIEVES AS WE THAT IT IS THE NAVY'S JOB AND HE IS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO SEE THAT THEY DO IT.

6. ONE FURTHER NOTE: AS YOU WELL KNOW, WE HAD A REAL PROBLEM GETTING THE NAVY INTO THE ACT HERE AND I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO GET OUT AT THE EARLIEST REGARDLESS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE MARINES. I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WATCH THIS VERY CLOSELY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKERSON AND RADM BONNER
 FROM ZUMWALT

1. (C) I AM ARRIVING WITH VADM BAUMBERGER.
2. (C) PLAN ATTEND WHEN VADM BAUMBERGER CALLS
 ON LGEN NICKERSON IN ORDER DISCUSS NSA DNG FUTURE
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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE
FROM LTGEN NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY DELIVER DURING
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1. ADM BAUMBERGER PAID A CALL ON ME TODAY AS A PART OF HIS VISIT TO WESTPAC. BUD ZUMWALT ACCOMPANIED HIM AT THE LAST MINUTE.
2. THE CONVERSATION WAS MOSTLY BETWEEN ZUMWALT AND ME. HE EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS PROBLEM WAS GENERATED. I EXPRESSED MY VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT AND YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THEM. ZUMWALT KEPT REITERATING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY THAT WE PLAN NOW FOR WITHDRAWAL. HE APPARENTLY IS CONCERNED THAT A SITUATION MIGHT EXIST WHEREIN 10TZ WOULD BE PREDOMINANTLY ARMY WITH THE NAVY SUPPORTING THEM AND THAT THIS COULD CONTINUE FOR YEARS.
3. WE POINTED OUT, AS IN MY INITIAL MESSAGE

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TO HIM, THAT WE AGREED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR
PLANNING TO BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING ORDERLY TRANSFER
OF COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY.
HOWEVER, WE ALSO SAID THAT THERE COULD NOT BE A
REDUCTION IN THE NAVY SUPPORT BASE CORRESPONDING TO
THE NUMBERS OF MARINES WITHDRAWN -- AND THAT FUNCTIONS
WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN.

4. THERE IS A CRUNCH PERIOD IN T-DAY PLANNING WITH WHICH THE NAVY AND ARMY MUST COME TO GRIPS. THIS IS ABOUT THE TIME III MAF LEAVES AND XXIV CORPS TAKES OVER. AT THIS TIME THE AMERICAL AND 101ST ARE STILL HERE BUT PHASING OUT AND THE MAAG IS PHASING IN. THE ARMY WOULD LIKE THE NAVY TO HANG ON A LITTLE LONGER (TO R PLUS 9 MAYBE); THE NAVY WOULD LIKE OUT EARLIER (BY R PLUS 6 OR MAYBE EVEN R PLUS 4). SO THEY DO HAVE A PROBLEM AND WE AGREE. MY FIRST MESSAGE TO BUD RECOGNIZED IT.
5. WE HAVE A DIFFICULT SITUATION IF WE WITHDRAW PARTIALLY. WE SUGGESTED THAT IN THIS SITUATION THAT AS LONG AS III MAF WAS HERE THAT THE NAVY SHOULD BE ALSO. IF III MAF LEAVES AND XXIV CORPS TAKES OVER, THEN IT WOULD

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 BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE ARMY TO TAKE OVER AND THE NAVY
 TO SLIDE OUT. THERE WOULD STILL BE THE CRUNCH PERIOD
 OF TRANSITION MENTIONED ABOVE. WE AGREE THAT THE NAVY
 AND ARMY SHOULD PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION. SUBSEQUENT TO
 OUR MEETING, BUD AGREED IN TALKING WITH GEORGE DOOLEY,
 THAT IN THE LATTER CASE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
 NAVY TO STAY AS LONG AS III MAF WAS HERE, AND HE STATED THAT THE
 NAVY WOULD NOT TRANSFER FUNCTIONS AT ANY TIME THAT WOULD
 IMPAIR COMBAT READINESS OF THE FORCE.

6. EARLY IN THE DISCUSSION I POINTED OUT THAT PACFLT
 HAD MADE A DISCLOSURE, CONCERNING POSSIBLE MARINE
 WITHDRAWALS, TO PERSONNEL WHO WEREN'T CLEARED. I ALSO
 MADE THE POINT THAT SECURITY WAS AN IMPEDIMENT TO
 PLANNING SUCH AS ZUMWALT ENVISAGED. WE JUST DON'T HAVE
 ENOUGH PEOPLE CLEARED. NOR ARE ARMY AND NAVY COUNTER-
 PARTS CLEARED. BAUMBERGER SAID QUOTE THEN YOU ARE NOT SO
 CONCERNED WITH THE SUPPORT THE NAVY WILL GIVE YOU
 AS YOU ARE WITH THE SECURITY ASPECTS? UNQUOTE. I TOLD
 HIM THAT I WOULD EXPECT THAT THE NAVY WOULD SUPPORT US
 AND THAT I WAS QUITE CONCERNED OVER SECURITY.

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 7. THE VISIT CLEARED THE AIR CONSIDERABLY. I'M SURE
 THERE IS A MESSAGE ON THE WAY TO JOHNNY HYLAND RIGHT NOW.

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 061030Z JUN 69

1. (TS) AS MENTIONED IN REF A. WE SUBMITTED A REVISED
TROOP LIST (GROUND/AIR) TO MACV FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT
OF ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED. THIS INCREMENT IS TO REDEPLOY
AFTER A PAUSE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. TROOP LIST
DIFFERS FROM PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED LISTS IN THAT THE RLT'S
ARE STANDARD, RATHER THAN HEAVILY REINFORCED WITH FORCE
TROOPS UNITS. THE FORCE TROOPS UNITS IN THE MAIN WILL
REDEPLOY AS COMPLETE UNITS.

2. (TS) YOU WILL NOTE THAT 3D RECON CO, FMF DOES NOT
APPEAR ON THE LIST. I PREFER TO RETAIN THIS UNIT IN
COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY.

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SOME INTERROGATOR-TRANSLATORS, INTERPRETERS AND COUNTER-
INTELLIGENCE TEAMS ARE ALSO BEING RETAINED IN COUNTRY TO
UTILIZE THEIR VIETNAM-ORIENTED SKILLS.

3. (TS) IN ORDER TO MEET THE DESIRED FORCE LEVELS FOR
REDEPLOYMENT, I HAVE ADDED ANOTHER 200 SPACES FROM FLC
ALONG WITH 60 FROM HEADQUARTERS, III MAF.

4. (TS) IN THE AIR PACKAGE, 1ST MAW (REAR) IS REFLECTED
IN H&MS-1, MWFS-1 AND MWCS-1. H&MS-17 AND WERS-17
PROVIDE SUPPORT, WHILE H&MS-18, DET MATCU 68 AND MASS-2
PROVIDE FOR AIR CONTROL. VMFA 115 WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR
VMFA 542 WITH NO CHANGE IN TOTAL SPACES. HMM 262 WAS
PUT IN THE FIRST INCREMENT TO SUPPORT THE RLT, AND HML
367 WAS DELETED AS YOU DESIRED. IN ADDITION, VMO-6 WAS
INCREASED TO FULL SQUADRON TO PROVIDE VR AND AO
CAPABILITY TO THE DIVISION. IN ALL, 122 AIRCRAFT ARE
SLATED TO DEPLOY, (INCLUDING CURRENTLY ASSIGNED SLF HMM A/C)
BASED ON CURRENT ON HAND ASSETS. OUR INPUT TO MACV CONTAINED
THE STATEMENT THAT ASSETS TO REDEPLOY WOULD BE A FAIR SHARE
OF ON HAND ASSETS RATHER THAN AUTHORIZED.

5. (TS) TROOP LIST FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT FOLLOWS:

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13101	HQ 3D MAR REGT	215		218			264	
13110	1/3	1209		1193			1193	
13120	2/3	1172		1193			1193	
13130	3/3	1224		1193			1193	
	DET 12TH MAR							
13301	DET HQ BTRY 12TH MAR	21		21			21	
13310	1/12	696		669			670	
13343	H BTRY(REIN) 4/12	112		112			112	
13400	DET 3D ENGR BN	240		240			240	
13700	DET 3D RECON BN	258		157			213	
13020	DET 3D MED BN	62		43			57	
13650	DET 3D MT BN	96		98			98	
13550	DET 3D SP BN	120		120			120	
13001	DET HQBN RLT-4	818		447			518	
13151	HQ 4TH MAR REGT	222		218			264	

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13301	DET HQ BTRY, 12TH MAR	253		189			252	
13330	3/12	704		669			670	
13340	DET 4/12	243		293			294	
13400	DET 3D ENGR BN	213		241			255	
13700	DET 3D RECON BN	257		157			213	
13020	DET 3D MED BN	62		43			57	
13650	DET 3D MT BN	96		97			97	
13550	DET 3D SP BN	185		191			194	
13001	DIV HQ(-) HQ BN FORCE TROOPS	818		477			519	
21432	CO A 3D TANK BN	110		110			110	
21433	CO B 3D TANK BN	110		110			110	
21431	H&S CO(-) 3D TANK BN	264		198			183	
21431	DET H&S CO 3D TANK BN	146		73			73	
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28020	9TH MT BN	400	404	407
21380	11TH ENGR BN	1042	1094	1096
95986	15TH IYT	8	11	11
95987	17TH IYT	12	11	11
95953	9TH IT	11	6	6
95944	11TH IT	4	6	6
95957	15TH CIT	13	16	16
95977	1ST S SCT	11	9	14
13660	DET FLC (3D SER BN)	350	350	350
20128	DET HQ III MAF	60	60	60
	TOTAL	16328	15356	15628
	ISTMAW ELMS			
	IST MAW (REAR)			
01027	DET H&MS-1	220	220	220
00106	DET MWFS-1	98	98	98
00107	DET MWCS-1	99	99	99
00131	DET H&MS-17	276	276	276
00132	DET WERS-17	83	83	83

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01024	H&MS-36	451	266	333
01026	MABS-36	573	364	639
00982	MASS-2	217	190	190
01223	VMA-223	174	259	260
01361	HMH-361	188	309	263
01175	HMW-164 (SLF)	261	280	270
01265	HMW-265 (SLF)	235	280	270
01031	VMO-6 (REIN)	303	252	333
01168	DET MATCU 68	23	23	23
	TOTAL	3281	3079	3437
	TOTAL INCREMENT 2	19609	18435	19065
	TOTAL GROUND, INC I&2	22306	22357	21352
	TOTAL AIR, INC I&2	4371	4466	4814
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1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WITHDRAW ABOUT 25,000 PERSONNEL FROM RVN BY THE END OF AUGUST 1969.

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THE UNITS CONCERNED AND THE TIMING OF THE MOVES WILL BE PROVIDED ALL INVOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE,

2. IN THE MEANTIME, AVOID RUMORS, SPECULATION, AND CONJECTURE, AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AND WILL BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED ON AFVN AND THE STARS AND STRIPES

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 7389 EYES ONLY

1. ADDRESSEES (INCLUDING INFO) ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND A COMMANDERS MEETING AT MACV HEADQUARTERS STARTING 0900 HOURS, 12 JUNE 1969.
2. THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE GENERAL SCOPE OF MACV PLANS FOR THE REDUCTION OF US FORCES IN THE RVN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT MIDWAY ON 8 JUNE.
3. UNITS EXPECTED TO BE REDEPLOYED DURING PERIOD JUL -AUG 69 ARE:
 - A. RL 9, 3D MAR DIV; 1ST LAAM BN; VMFA 115; AND HMM 262. INC UDED ARE USN PERSONNEL WITH MAR UNITS.
 - B. 9TH INF DIV MINUS THE 3D BDE AS NOW CONSTITUTED, MINUS THE 6/31ST INF, AND MINUS THE 3/5TH CAV.
 - C. SELECTED USA COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS.
 - D. ELEMENTS OF TF 117 NOT SCHEDULED FOR TURNOVER TO RVNAF.
4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT USMC UNITS PLUS ASSOCIATED USN ELEMENTS WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO OKINAWA. THE DESTINATION OR DISPOSITION OF USA AND OTHER USN ELEMENTS; THE REDEPLOYMENT STRENGTHS OF UNITS, AND THE CRITERIA FOR REEMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL WILL BE FURNISHED LATER.
5. A DETAILED TROOP LIST AND FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. THIS WILL INCLUDE A MACV OPERATIONS PLAN.
6. COMUS HAS DIRECTED THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE IDENTITY OF THE UNITS TO BE REDUCED IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, TO BE DISCLOSED EXCEPT TO THOSE FE KEY MEMBERS OF COMMAND GROUPS AND STAFF REQUIRED TO INITIATE PLANNING.

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1 O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 7390 EYES ONLY
 SUB EC : TROOP DEPLOYMENTS (S)

1. COMUS IS PLEASED WITH THE EFFECTIVNESS OF CLOSE HOLD TO DATE
 ON REDUC ION PLANNING.

ALTHOUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MIDWAY ON 8 JUNE INDICATED THE
 POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING TROOP REDUCTIONS, COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED
 THAT PAST AND FUTURE PLANNING COVERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, AS
 WELL AS INCREMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE JULY-AUGUST PACKAGE, CONT
 TO BE HANDLED ON A SENSITIVE, CLOSE-HOLD, NEED TO KNOW BASIS.
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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN FONTANA. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY. FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) CMC HAS SUBMITTED TO DOD A REVISED AND UPDATED PROGRAM-6 TROOP LIST FOR USMC UNITS IN SVN (DAR-MC-69-503) WHICH BRINGS PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS IN LINE WITH CURRENT MANNING. COPIES OF THIS TROOP LIST WILL BE HAND DELIVERED BY A MEMBER OF CG FMFPAC'S PARTY NOW ENROUTE III MAF. CMC HAS REQUESTED THAT THE STRENGTHS DEPICTED IN THE QUOTE ~~DOD AUTHORIZED UNQUOTE COLUMN OF THIS TROOP LIST BE USED AS BASIS FOR REDEPLOYMENT PLANS TROOP LISTS.~~

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2. (TS) APPLYING THESE STRENGTHS TO FIRST INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST APPROVED BY MACV, WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL AT THE CINCPAC PLANNING CONFERENCE ON 12-14 JUNE, RESULTS IN A TOTAL REDEPLOYMENT STRENGTH FOR MARINE

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FORCES CONCERNED OF ONLY 7,094, AS INDICATED BELOW:

UNIT	STRENGTH
HQ, MAR REGT	254 218
INF BN	1166 1193
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DET ARTY MAR REGT	
DET HQ BTRY	21 21
D/S ARTY BN	662 669
DET G/S ARTY BN	112 112
DET ENGR BN	275 275
DET RECON BN	156
DET MED BN	42 142
DET MT BN	97 97
DET SP BN	155 155
AT BN (CADRE)	19
DET HQ BN, MARDIV	279
TANK CO (CADRE)	24 381
DET HANDS CO, TANK BN	73 73
DET DENTAL CO	1 1

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AMTRAC BN (CADRE)	135	690
ARMD AMPHIB CO (CADRE)	42	143
LAAM BN	661	722
VMFA	330	385
HMM	258	
TOTAL	7094	

3. (TS) IN ORDER TO USE THE CMC DIRECTED STRENGTHS AND MEET THE 8,388 COMMITMENT CONTAINED IN THE MACV TROOP LIST, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADD CERTAIN ELEMENTS TOTALING 1,294. BASED ON PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS MADE BY YOU TO MACV AND THE FOLLOW-ON TROOP LIST IN THE MACV ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED PROPOSAL, THE FOLLOWING ADD-ONS ARE PROPOSED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

UNIT	STRENGTH
DET 9TH MT BN - 34	134
DET 11TH ENGR BN - 34	364
DET FLC - 722	150
SEARCHLIGHT BTRY 93	116
3D BRIDGE CO - 34	183
DET MATCU -	23

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DET WERS - <i>was</i>	83
HQ BTRY FAG (CADRE) - 33	24
DET 7TH COMM BN (-) 34	200
ADD DET HQ BN, KARDIV - 33	17
TOTAL	1294

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4. (TS) DISCUSSION WITH CINCPAC REPS INDICATES THE STRENGTH CHANGES, AS PROPOSED BY CMC, WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT ADD-ONS TO THE MACV TROOP LIST WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THEY ARE CONCURRED IN BY COMUSMACV. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED ADD-ONS, AS CONTAINED IN PAR 3 ABOVE, AND SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION, NECESSARY OVERTURE BE MADE TO COMUSMACV TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR ADD-ONS SO THEY MAY BE INCORPORATED IN THE FIRST INCREMENT TROOP LIST DURING THE 12-14 JUNE CONFERENCE AT CINCPAC.

5. (TS) IN ORDER TO ALLOW MARINE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 12-14 JUNE CINCPAC CONFERENCE TO HAVE A COMMON PACKAGE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CONFERENCE, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE TELEPHONIC APPROVAL/CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED ADD-ONS EARLIEST. WARM REGARDS. GP-3

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T O P S E C R E T / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE / FOR MGEN FONTANA
FROM LTGEN NICKERSON / MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SUBJ: FORCE LEVEL PLANNING

REF: (A) CINCPACFLT 112214Z JUN 69

1. IN A PERSONAL TO ME AND THE COMPONENT
COMMANDERS, CARTER TOWNSEND, C/S MACV, STATED
THAT COMUS HAS DIRECTED THAT QUOTE PAST AND
FUTURE PLANNING COVERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES,
AS WELL AS INCREMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE
JULY-AUGUST PACKAGE, CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED
ON A SENSITIVE, CLOSE-HOLD, NEED TO KNOW
BASIS UNQUOTE.

2. REALIZE THAT CINCPACFLT IS NOT GOVERNED
BY RULES ISSUED BY COMUS. HOWEVER,
REFERENCE (A) ANNOUNCED MANY DETAILS
OF THE IMPENDING PLAN. THE MESSAGE WAS DISTRIBUTED

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THROUGH MY HEADQUARTERS AS A MATTER OF
ROUTINE. ALL COPIES HAVE NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN, BUT
MANY WHO DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HAVE SEEN AND I
MUST VOICE MY OBJECTION TO WHAT I CONSIDER A
VIOLATION OF SECURITY.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN FONTANA FROM LTGEN
 NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 120109Z JUN 69
 B. CG III MAF 221446Z MAY 69

1. IN REPLY TO THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REF A TO EXPAND
 THE MACV TROOP LIST IN ORDER TO MEET THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF
 8,388 DEPLOYING FROM III MAF THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE
 PROVIDED.

2. FROM THE OUTSET, AS REPORTED TO YOU IN REF B, THIS PLANNING
 EXERCISE HAS BEEN BASED ON DOD PROGRAM 6 AUTHORIZATION, AS
 DIRECTED BY MACV, SINCE THE ONLY APPROVED STRENGTH FIGURES
 COMMON TO ALL SERVICES WERE ON THE DOD APPROVED LIST. WE
 RECOGNIZED THAT WE WILL STAND TO LOSE 8,388 SPACES. HOWEVER,
 IN THE NEAR TERM, A SMALLER NUMBER OF UNITS WERE AFFECTED,
 CONSEQUENTLY THE MINIMUM LOSS OF COMBAT CAPABILITY IN-COUNTRY.

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3. AS A RESULT, SUBMISSION, BOTH TO YOU AND TO
 COMUSMACV HAVE CONTAINED THREE SETS OF FIGURES; ACTUAL
 UNIT STRENGTH, DOD PROGRAM SIX, AND CMC APPROVED
 PROGRAM SIX. WE BELIEVED IT WAS CLEARLY SHOWN WHAT
 RULES WE WERE FOLLOWING. IF WE ADD THE PERSONNEL
 SHOWN IN PAR 3 OF REF A AND STILL FOLLOW THE MACV
 GUIDANCE (JULY 68 DOD PROGRAM VI) WE WILL EXCEED
 THE REQUIRED NUMBERS BY 1,294; ASSUMING THE BASIS
 FOR COMPUTATION OF OUR PROGRAM SIX IS CHANGED, WE
 WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH 1,294 PEOPLE. OUR GUIDANCE
 FROM MACV DID NOT REQUIRE THAT PEOPLE AND SPACES
 MATCH. REF A INDICATES THAT PEOPLE AND SPACES MUST
 MATCH. THIS COSTS US THE 1,294 MORE PEOPLE. IF WE
 ARE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY 1,294 MORE SPACES, I WOULD
 DESIRE THAT THEY COME FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW:

4. WITH REGARD TO YOUR PROPOSED ADD-ONS, I BELIEVE
 WE CAN ACCEPT THE LOSS OF SOME OF THE SPACES AND
 UNITS SHOWN; HOWEVER, LOSS OF THE DET 7TH COMM AND
 THE 3D BRIDGE CO WOULD CREATE INORDINATE DIFFICULTIES.
 IN THE CASE OF 7TH COMM BN A HORIZONTAL PERSONNEL

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CUT WOULD BE REQUIRED, THUS A DEGRADATION OF ITS
CAPABILITY. AS YOU ARE AWARE BRIDGING IS A HIGH
PRIORITY NOW, THUS BELIEVE WE MUST KEEP THE COMPANY
HERE.

A. WITH AN ACCEPTABLE DEGREE OF REDUCED CAPA-
BILITY THE ADD-ON TROOP LIST, AS I SEE IT, COULD BE
FORMED AS FOLLOWS:

DET 9TH MTEN	134
DET 11TH ENGR BN	364
DET FLC	150
SLT BTRY	116
DET MATCU	23
DET WERS	106
HQ BTRY FAG (C)	24
DET HQ BN 3D MARDIV	17
TOTAL	934
PRO-RATA CUT IN OOCNE	360
TOTAL ADD-ON	1294

B. THE RATIONALE FOR USE OF OOCNE PERSONNEL VICE
7TH COMM BN (200) AND BRIDGE CO (133) IS AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) THE 7TH COMM BN SUPPORTS ALL COMMANDS
THROUGHOUT ICTZ WHILE THE 3D BRIDGE CO MAINTAINS ALL
OF THE BRIDGES IN NICTZ. THESE EFFORTS MUST CONTINUE.

(2) CRITERIA FOR COCNE REDUCTION IS AS
FOLLOWS: PRESENT CRITERIA IS 4.5 PERCENT ALLOWANCE OF III
MAF FORCE STRUCTURE (77,951) OR 3,500. BASED ON
REDUCED FORCE CAUSED BY DEPLOYMENT OF RLT-9, NEW OOCNE
ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE 3,140 VICE 3,500. THIS IS A
REDUCTION OF 360 OOCNE SPACES. ALL 360 ARE INCLUDED
HERE TO ACHIEVE YOUR DESIRES. I ENVISION AN ACTUAL
TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL BY SERVICE RECORDS TO RLT-9
OF THOSE PERSONNEL NOW IN THE OOCNE BLOCK. IF THIS
IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, PERHAPS A SUGGESTION FROM YOU AT
THE CURRENT CONFERENCE, TO LOWER THE REQUIREMENT IN
COMPENSATION FOR THESE CHANGES WOULD BE IN ORDER.

5. AS OF MSG TRANSMISSION TIME OUR REP NOW IN SGN
HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DECISION ON PROPOSED
CHANGES. WE'VE ASKED HIM TO CONTACT JACK MCLAUGHLIN
TO HELP CARRY THE BALL. MACV CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS
WILL BE PASSED TO YOU BY TELECON PRIOR TO CINCPAC

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CONFERENCE TIME.

6. IN SUMMARY, WE CAN LIVE WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES
AS MODIFIED HEREIN. IF THE OOCNE PROPOSAL IS NOT
ACCEPTABLE WE'RE LEFT NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DRAW DOWN
UNITS ESSENTIAL FOR SUPPORT OF RESIDUAL FORCES. IN
ANY EVENT, BELIEVE A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE LONG
AND SHORT RANGE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN
FORCE STRUCTURE ACCOUNTING IS DEFINITELY IN ORDER.

WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E TSPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN FONTANA FROM
LTGEN NICKERSON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 121646Z JUN 69

1. OUR REP IN SGN ADVISES THAT MACV APPROVES
ADD-ONS. THIS CONFIRMS INFO PASSED VIA TELECON
BY ROSS DWYER.2. BGEN WHELOCK MACV DEP J-3 IS FAMILIAR
WITH OUR RATIONALE. HE DEPARTS FOR CINCPAC
CONF THIS AM.

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 FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING (U)
 A. ADMIN FMFPAC 120109Z/JUN (TS)
 B. CG III MAF 121646Z/JUN (TS)
 1. (TS) YOUR NEW TROOP LIST REFLECTING CMC DIRECTED
 STRENGTHS (REF A) AND III MAF ADD-ONS (REF B) IS NOW
 WORKING DOCUMENT HERE, UNDERSTOOD AND APPROVED
 BY ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS.
 2. (TS) CINCPACFLT REP DESIRES MINIMIZE SHIPPING
 REQUIREMENTS AND ACCORDINGLY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST
 IN INCREMENTAL REDEPLOYMENT OF ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD
 EACH. BASED ON COMUSMACV REP GUIDANCE ON DATES,
 THIS WOULD MEAN ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF PACKAGE WOULD
 COMMENCE REDEPLOYMENT ON 15 JULY AND THE REMAINING
 TWO INCREMENTS OF ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD EACH WOULD
 REDEPLOY SO THAT LAST ELEMENTS GO OUT BY 31 AUGUST.

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 CINCPAC REQUIRES BY 1200 LOCAL 13 JUNE A BREAKDOWN OF
 UNITS AND MODE (AIR OR GROUND) FOR EACH REDEPLOYMENT
 INCREMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, "15-31 JULY INCREMENT WILL
 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING UNITS (BY AIR) (BY GROUND)." *surface?*
 FMFPAC WILL PROVIDE WEIGHT AND CUBE. THIS INFO TO BE
 INCLUDED IN CINCPAC'S MOVEMENT TABLE, NOT IMPORTANT
 TO US BUT ONE OF THEIR PET DOCUMENTS.

3. (TS) RELATED MATTER. APPARENTLY CINCPACFLT IS
 SKEPTICAL OF OUR CURRENT PHILOSOPHY REGARDING ARG/SLF
 UNTIL PROVED OTHERWISE. PUT ANOTHER WAY, HE IS
 LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO USE ARG SHIPPING TO
 SATISFY REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIFT REQUIREMENTS. I AM ATTEMPTING TO
 ASSURE ALL CONCERNED THAT THE TWO ARG/SLF'S ARE
 PLAYING CRITICAL ROLE NOW, ETC., AND THAT THIS ROLE/
 CAPABILITY WILL BE EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL DURING CRITICAL
 PERIOD OF STAND DOWN/REDEPLOYMENT.

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SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT: COMMAND/INTERNAL INFORMATION PROGRAM

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1. WITH THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF DESIGNATIONS OF MAJOR US ELEMENTS REDEPLOYING, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ADDRESSEES AND THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM TO ADEQUATELY INFORM PERSONNEL AND TO MINIMIZE RUMORS AND SPECULATION.
2. YOUR INFORMATION PROGRAMS, TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON ORDER OF THIS HEADQUARTERS, SHOULD PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY AND THE NEEDS OF THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED. DISSEMINATION SHOULD BE BY ALL AVAILABLE MEDIA.
3. MACV OFFICE OF INFORMATION WILL, UPON RELEASE OF UNIT DESIGNATIONS, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY INFORMATION TO AFVN STARS AND STRIPES, AND TO ADDRESSEES THROUGH COMMAND INFORMATION FACT SHEETS.

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4. THE FOLLOWING ARE GUIDELINES FOR EMPHASIS IN DEVELOPING YOUR PROGRAMS:

A. IT WAS AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF RVN THAT US FORCES CAME TO RVN'S ASSISTANCE AND BY PRESIDENT THIEU'S REQUEST THAT RVNAF REPLACE 25,000 US FORCES. WE HAVE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE RVNAF AND HAVE ASSISTED THEM IN MODERNIZING THEIR FORCES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN RVNAF MODERNIZATION.

BOTH INCREASED RVNAF STRENGTH AND PACIFICATION PROGRESS HAVE MADE REDEPLOYMENT POSSIBLE.

C. REDEPLOYMENT WILL NOT ENDANGER REMAINING US FORCES NOR DOES IT INDICATE ANY WEAKENING OF US RESOLVE TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENT AND SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO THE CONFLICT. THE VAST BULK OF US FORCES REMAIN TO ENSURE THAT END.

D. THE UNITS REDEPLOYING WERE SELECTED AFTER LENGTHY AND DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF OVERALL TACTICAL SITUATION, THE ABILITY OF THE RVNAF TO REPLACE THESE UNITS, AND ENEMY CAPABILITIES, AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS.

E. THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THE REDEPLOYING UNITS MAY DIFFER AMONG THE SERVICES BASED ON THE NEW M... OF THE REDEPLOYING UNITS AND THE AREA TO WHICH...

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~~THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT. IT IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE SERVICE. THE SERVICE WILL BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE AND WILL IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVE REASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL WITHIN COUNTRY.~~

PERSONNEL TROUBLENC E WILL BE MINIMIZED.

F. ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID FRICTION BETWEEN US FORCES AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. US FORCES WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSIST VN EMPLOYEES AND MINIMIZE IMPACT ON LOCAL CITIZENS.

G. IT IS THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES OF BOTH US FORCES AND RVN- AF WHICH HAVE MADE REPLACEMENT POSSIBLE.

5. THE PROTECTIVE MARKING, FOUO, IS AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED UPON OFFICIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IDENTIFYING THE MAJOR UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED.

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNITS INVOLVED IN RE-DEPLOYMENT

1. DOD NOW PLANS REPEAT PLANS FOR A SIMULTANEOUS PRESS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON-HONOLULU-SAIGON AT 2230 FRIDAY SAIGON TIME. RELEASE WILL LEAD OFF WITH "SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN R. LAIRD ANNOUNCED TODAY," AND WILL IDENTIFY MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AS "TWO BRIGADES OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND A MARINE CORPS REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION." ALSO, "THAT THE FIRST COMBAT UNIT TO BE REPLACED WILL BE A BATTALION OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS BATTALION, COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 900 MEN, WILL BE AIRLIFTED BEFORE MID-JULY TO THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FOR INACTIVATION." ANNOUNCEMENT WILL STATE THAT "GENERAL ABRAMS WILL ANNOUNCE THE DESIGNATION OF THE SPECIFIC UNITS TO BE REPLACED."

2. AS BACK UP TO THE SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE, THIS HEADQUARTERS PLANS TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO THE SAIGON PRESS CORPS SATURDAY, 14 JUNE, AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE

THE MAJOR COMBAT UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARE THE ARMY'S 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION, MINUS ITS 3D BRIGADE, AND THE 9TH REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION. ABOUT 11,700 SOLDIERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE 9TH DIVISION'S REDEPLOYMENT AND ABOUT 7,000 MARINES WITH THE 9TH RL.T.

OTHER ELEMENTS INCLUDE ABOUT 1,400 FROM THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, ABOUT 3,700 IN ARMY SUPPORT ELEMENTS, ABOUT 1,000 IN U.S. NAVY ELEMENTS, AND ABOUT 250 NAVY PERSONNEL WHO ARE SERVING WITH THE MARINES.

INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, THE PERSONNEL TO BE REDEPLOYED WITH THESE UNITS WILL BE THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL OR MOST OF THEIR TOUR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE AND SECURITY PERMITS.

3. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT IN PARA 2 SOONEST. THE SENTENCE ON PERSONNEL TO BE REDEPLOYED IS PHRASED AS IT IS TO PREEMPT ANY FALSE HOPES DEVELOPING AMONG THE TROOPS. AT THE SAME TIME, WORDING PERMITS FLEXIBILITY BY COMPONENTS. INDICATIONS AVAILABLE HERE ARE THAT MOST PERSONNEL EXPECT TO SERVE OUT THEIR TOURS.

4. ALSO, AFTER INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, REQUEST YOU SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC RELEASE THROUGH INFORMATION CHANNELS ON A CONTINUING BASIS. PROMPT DISSEMINATION OF RELEASABLE INFORMATION WILL HELP PREVENT RUMORS AND ADDITIONAL SPECULATION.

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REDEPLOYMENT

A. COMUSMACV MAC 7563 DTG 131122Z JUN69

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF PAR 2 REF A.

A. FIRST SENTENCE, CHANGE TO READ:...

3D BRIGADE AND MARINE REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM
NINE OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION.

B. SECOND SENTENCE, CHANGE TO READ:...

7,000 MARINES WITH REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM NINE.

C. FOURTH AND FIFTH SENTENCES; RECOMMEND

DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING. QUOTE
PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT POLICIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDER
STUDY BY THE SERVICES AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED
WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE AND SECURITY PERMITS. UNQUOTE.

2. FROM MARINE CORPS VIEWPOINT UNITS DEPLOYING
TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN WILL MOVE AS TACTICAL UNITS
AND ANY LATERAL PERSONNEL SHIFTS WILL BE MINIMAL.
IF MY PROPOSED CHANGE ON PERSONNEL POLICIES IS NOT
ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, REQUEST THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE
NOT COMMIT THE MARINE CORPS (DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY) TO IMPLICATION THAT RESHUFFLING WILL BE
ACCOMPLISHED TO ACCOMMODATE SHORT TIMERS, WITH
BUT A FEW EXCEPTIONS. NORMAL ROTATION WILL OCCUR
EITHER FROM OKINAWA OR JAPAN AS THE CASE MAY BE.
I WOULD DESIRE THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO BE AS
GENERAL IN NATURE AS POSSIBLE.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR COLONEL BARROW
FROM BGEN DWYER MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 130404Z JUN69

1. IAW REF A FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED. THE THEME WE ARE FOLLOWING IS THAT THE RLIT WILL BE COMBAT LOADED PREPARED FOR COMBAT OPERATION IN SOME DESIGNATED OBJECTIVE AREA. THE PERSONNEL FIGURES ARE CURRENT ON BOARD STRENGTHS. SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENT MAY BE NECESSARY TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF SHIPS AVAILABLE. THIS I WOULD LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGEMENT KEEPING IN MIND THE NECESSITY FOR TACTICAL INTEGRITY IN THE RLIT/BLT ORGANIZATION.

2. 1ST INCREMENT - 15 JULY - 1 AUGUST.

	SURFACE	AIR	MAJOR EQUIP
A. BLT 1/9			
1STBN, 9TH MAR	1141	25	
D BTRY 2BN 12THMAR	139		

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W BTRY, 2/12MAR	84		
DET HQ BTRY, 12MAR	7		
ENGR PLT, ENGR CO	95		
RECON PLT, RECON CO	52		
DET 3D MEDBN	14		
MT PLT, MICO	32		
SP PLT, SP CO	50		
B. DET HQBN, 3D MARDIV	69	30	
C. 3D AT BN (C)	19		45 ONTOS
D. DET MATCU		23	
E. DET WERS	106		
F. DET 9TH MTBN	134		
G. 1ST ANTRAC (C)	135		113 LVTP-5 S
TOTAL	(2077)	(78)	2155
3. SECOND INCREMENT - 1 AUG - 15AUG.			
A. RLIT - 9 HQS			
HQ CO 9TH MAR	211	43	
DET 12TH MAR	7		
M BTRY, 4/12MAR	112		
DET HQBN 3D MAR	60	30	

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	HQ BTRY FAG (C)	24		
	DET DENT CO	1		
B.	BLT 2/9			
	2D BN, 9TH MAR	1141	25	
	E BTRY, 2/12MAR	200		
	DET HQ BTRY, 12THMAR	7		
	ENGR PLT, ENGR CO	90		
	RECON PLT, RECON CO	52		
	DET 3D MED BN	14		
	MT PLT, MT CO	24		
	SP PLT, SP CO	50		
C.	DET H&S CO, 3D TKBN	73		
	CO C, 3D TKBN (C)	24		17 TKS
D.	DET 11TH ENGRBN	364		
	TOTAL	(2454)	(98)	2552
4.	3D INCREMENT - 15 AUG - 30 AUG.			
A.	BLT 3/9			
	3D BN, 9TH MAR	1141	25	
	F BTRY, 2/12 MAR	239		
	ENGR PLT, ENGR CO	90		

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	RECON PLT, RECON CO	52		
	DET 3D MED BN	14		
	SP CO (-)	55		
	MT PLT, MT CO	41		
B.	DET HQBN, 3D MARDIV	77	30	
C.	1ST ARMD AMPHIB (-)(C)	42		12 LVTH
D.	DET FOR LOG COMD	150		
E.	SEARCHLIGHT BTRY	116		
F.	HMM 262	242	16	14 CH 46
G.	VMFA 115		330	15 F4B
H.	1ST LAAM BN	636	25	
	TOTAL	(2895)	(426)	3321
	GRAND TOTAL	8028	&& - REQ SHIP/AIR SPACE	

\$ CURRENT PLANS ARE TO SHIP LVTS DURING PERIOD 15 JUN-10 JULY. && ADD 360 OOCNE PERSONNEL FOR TOTAL DEPLOYED OF 8388

5. IN REGARD TO USE OF ARG SHIPPING FOR THIS MOVE YOU ARE QUITE CORRECT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY IN-COUNTRY FOR A RAPID AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO COUNTER THE MANY OPTIONS OPEN TO THE ENEMY. THE ARG/SLF COMBINATION PROVIDES THIS CAPABILITY. NOTWITHSTANDING, WE ARE WILLING TO

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GIVE A LITTLE IN THIS REGARD AS OUTLINED BELOW IF BOTTOMS ARE
SO CRITICAL WE CANNOT MEET OUR DEADLINES.

A. ARG ALPHA IS SCHEDULED TO OFFLOAD BLT 1/26 ON 29 JULY
AND SAIL FOR AN UPKEEP PERIOD AT SUBIC DURING 1-11 AUGUST.
BLT 1/26 VERY LIKELY WILL BE COMMITTED DURING THIS SPECOP
PERIOD. THEREFORE, CG III MAF WOULD NOT OBJECT TO STRONGLY TO UNLOADING
BLT 1/26 A FEW DAYS EARLY IN ORDER THAT ALPHA COULD TAKE A LOAD
TO OKI AND THEN RETURN TO SUBIC FOR SCHEDULED UPKEEP AND THEN
BACK ON STATION BY 13 AUG.

B. AS YOU NOTE IN PARA 4 ABOVE HMM 262 PLACED IN
THE LAST INCREMENT. THIS IS FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON
TO HOLD THE SQUADRON IN-COUNTRY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. ARG
BRAVO IS NOW SCHEDULED TO OFFLOAD BLT 2/26 AND HMM 164 ON 13
AUG THEN ENROUTE TO HONG KONG. HERE AGAIN I CAN SEE WHERE
THE OFFLOAD COULD TAKE PLACE A FEW DAYS EARLY; LOADING HMM 262
FOR MOVEMENT TO OKI. WITH AN INCREASED SOA THE LPH COULD THEN
REJOIN THE GROUP AS NOW SCHEDULED.

6. IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND BY ALCON THAT NO ONE CAN PREDICT
WHAT THE ACTUAL SITUATION WILL BE AT THE TIME OF REDEPLOYMENTS
THEREFORE THE USE OF ARGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE OUR ACE

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IN THE HOLE AND BEING CONSIDERED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND NOT
COMMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING NOW UNDER WAY AT
THE CONFERENCE.

7. IN CONCLUSION, WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT SHORT DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSION PRECLUDED COORDINATION WITH 3DMARDIV. THERE MAY WELL
BE SOME LAST MINUTE CHANGES AFTER DETAILED PLANNING IS
COMMENCED. HOWEVER BELIEVE FIGURES CONTAINED HEREIN ARE CLOSE
ENOUGH FOR NAVY PURPOSES AT THIS TIME.

8. CG III MAF CONCURS WITH THE ABOVE.

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T O P S E C R E T . SPECAT EXCLUSIVE SENSITIVE FOR BGEN DWYER FROM
 COL BARROW. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF ADM HYLAND'S 130253Z (TS)
 TO GEN BUSE AND ADM BRINGLE.

QUOTE:

MOVEMENT OF MARINES TO OKINAWA (C)

1. (TS) AS YOU KNOW CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION AT CINCPAC IS
 WORKING UP DETAILS CONCERNED WITH MOVEMENT OF FIRST INCREMENT OF
 WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM VIETNAM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A MARINE
 REGIMENT WILL BE MOVED FROM I-CTZ TO OKINAWA AS PART OF THE INITIAL
 WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES. AT THE MOMENT THIS EXPECTED MOVEMENT
 IS BEING VERY CLOSELY HELD.

2. (TS) WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUALLY MAKING THE MOVE IT IS DESIRED
 IT BE DONE WITH AMPHIBIOUS AND OTHER AVAILABLE SHIPPING DEPLOYED
 TO SEVENTH FLEET. CONSIDERING CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH FUNDING AND
 OPERATING TEMPO WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MOVE SPECIAL AMPHIBIOUS LIFT

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FROM CONUS FOR THIS PURPOSE. UTILIZATION OF THE TWO ARG/SLF
 SHOULD BE PLANNED WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND.

UNQUOTE.

2. (TS) THE SUREST WAY TO NIP THIS PROPOSAL IS TO MAKE
 THE REQUIREMENT FOR ARG/SLF DURING CRITICAL
 PERIOD OF REDEPLOYMENT A CINCPAC REQUIREMENT.

ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMEND MSG ASAP TO COMUSMACV
 SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENT AND JUSTIFICATION. FURTHER
 RECOMMEND PHONE CALL TO GEN MCLAUGHLIN TO PERSUADE
 COMUSMACV TO FORWARD THE REQUIREMENT AND JUSTIFICATION
 TO CINCPAC ASAP.

2. (C) MEANWHILE I WILL CONTINUE SIMILAR EFFORTS HERE
 TO INCLUDE PERSUASION OF BGEN WHELOCK (MACV) WHEN
 HE ARRIVES TODAY.

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SUBJECT: TROOP REDEPLOYMENT

THE FOLLOWING WAS RELEASED TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON,
 HONOLULU AND SAIGON SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 132230H JUN 69;
 QUOTE: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN R. LAIRD ANNOUNCED TODAY
 THAT HE HAS APPROVED THE INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADMIRAL
 JOHN S. MCCAIN, JR., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PACIFIC, AND
 GENERAL CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS, COMUSMACV, FOR THE FIRST
 REPLACEMENT OF U.S. TROOPS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BY
 SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES.

THIS ACTION FOLLOWS PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION AT MIDWAY TO
 REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 25,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE
 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

AMONG THE UNITS DEPARTING BY THE END OF AUGUST WILL BE TWO
 BRIGADES OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND A MARINE CORPS REGIMENTAL
 LANDING TEAM OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION.

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THE PROJECT VIETNAMIZATION TASK FORCE AT ADMIRAL MCCAIN'S
 HEADQUARTERS AT CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII, REPORTS THAT THE FIRST
 COMBAT UNIT TO BE REPLACED WILL BE A BATTALION OF THE 9TH INFANTRY
 DIVISION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS BATTALION, COMPOSED OF
 APPROXIMATELY 900 MEN, WILL BE AIRLIFTED BEFORE MID-JULY TO THE
 CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FOR INACTIVATION.

GENERAL ABRAMS WILL ANNOUNCE THE DESIGNATION OF THE SPECIFIC
 UNITS TO BE INVOLVED.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF REPLACEMENT AND INACTIVATION ACTIONS WILL
 BE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE PROJECT VIETNAMIZATION TASK FORCE
 CONCLUDES ITS MEETINGS. UNQUOTE

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T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM MAJGEN FONTANA.
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 (AMC 001 REPEAT AMC 001)
 DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS ONLY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HYLAND'S 130253Z (TS) TO YOU AND BRINGLE.
 "MOVEMENT OF MARINES TO OKINAWA (C)

1. (TS) AS YOU KNOW CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION AT CINCPAC IS WORKING UP DETAILS CONCERNED WITH MOVEMENT OF FIRST INCREMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM VIETNAM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A MARINE REGIMENT WILL BE MOVED FROM 1-CTX TO OKINAWA AS PART OF THE INITIAL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES. AT THE MOMENT THIS EXPECTED MOVEMENT IS BEING VERY CLOSELY HELD.

2. (TS) WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUALLY MAKING THE MOVE IT IS DESIRED IT BE DONE WITH AMPHIBIOUS AND OTHER AVAILABLE SHIPPING DEPLOYED TO 7TH FLEET. CONSIDERING CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH FUNDING AND OPERATING TEMPO WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MOVE SPECIAL AMPHIBIOUS LIFT FROM CONUS FOR THIS PURPOSE. UTILIZATION OF THE TWO ARG/SLF SHOULD BE PLANNED WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND."

2. WARM REGARDS.

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TO RHMAAVA/DCG USARV LONG BINH
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RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV SAIGON
ZEN/OICC RVN SAIGON
RHMAFA/CG III MAF DANANG

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S E C R E T 35182 (DC)

SUBJ: MACV CONSTRUCTION AD HOC COMMITTEE (U)
REF: COMUSMACV OPLAN 182-69, DATED 11 JUN 69
1. (U) PURSUANT TO ANNEX L OF REFERENCE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE IS
HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL
ADDRESSEES AND KEY ELEMENTS OF THE MACV STAFF.
2. (S) THE MISSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS TO IMMEDIATELY
CAUSE A REVIEW OF ALL AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
AFFECTED BY THE FORTHCOMING REDEPLOYMENT WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN
STARTED OR COMPLETED. THIS COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS
TO COMUSMACV CONCERNING THOSE PROJECTS WHICH SHOULD BE REDUCED
IN SCOPE OR TERMINATED.

PAGE 2 RHMSMVA2897 S E C R E T

3. (U) IT IS REQUESTED THAT NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF AD HOC
COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE FURNISHED NOT LATER THAN 151700 JUN 69 TO
MACDC-BD, TELEPHONE MACV 4829 OR 4869 (CDR J. H. SEITES).
4. (S) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONVENED IN THE
MACDC CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 2E25, MACV HEADQUARTERS, ON 161400 JUN
69. COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE PREPARED TO INDICATE APPROPRIATE
PROJECT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH SHOULD BE REDUCED IN
SCOPE OR TERMINATED. COORDINATION WILL BE MADE WITH COMPONENTS
PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS TO BE REDUCED OR TERMINATED. GP-3

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM MGEN
 FONTANA MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (AMC002) RPT (AMC002)

A. COMSEVENTHFLEET 141116Z/JUN69

1. IN REF A (PASEP TO CG III MAF) COMSEVENTHFLT
 INDICATES HE CAN ACCOMPLISH REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT-
 ALLY. FROM QUICK EVALUATION HERE, WE BELIEVE
 THIS IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT DISTURBING ARG'S. THIS
 CONCLUSION IS BASED ON A TIME PHASING OF BLT (2000 PLUS)
 INCREMENTS UTILIZING CHARLIE GROUP SHIPPING
 AUGMENTED BY TF 76.8. CHARLIE GROUP CONTAINS
 2 LKA; 4 LSD; AND 1 LST; TF 76.8 CONTAINS
 18 LST'S;

2. OF CONCERN TO US HERE IS THAT WHILE THE NUMBER
 OF SHIPS IS ADEQUATE, THE TYPE OF SHIPS AVAILABLE
 WILL NOT PROVIDE FOR IDEAL COMBAT LOADING IN ALL CASES.
 THIS WILL DEGRADE THE CAPABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA2542 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 LANDINGS WITH COMBAT/COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT. THERE-
 FORE, A DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON ACCEPTING
 THE 7TH FLEET PROPOSAL AND AN EMBARKATION PLAN THAT
 DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR IDEAL COMBAT LOADINGS. BASED
 ON HYLAND'S STRONG POSITION TO UTILIZE ONLY WESTPAC
 SHIPPING, IF WE CAN ACCEPT THE 7TH FLEET PROPOSAL I
 BELIEVE WE CAN AVOID A SHOWDOWN AND MAINTAIN HARMONY
 WITH THE NAVY-MARINE TEAM.

3. LOU AND BOB BARROW HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION
 AND RECOMMEND YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH NICK
 SO THAT UPON YOUR RETURN A DECISION CAN BE MADE ON
 THE 7TH FLEET PROPOSAL. WARM REGARDS.

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O 150726Z JUN 69

FM CG FMFPAC

TO RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUHGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT

ZEN/CG III MAF

RUHFMA/ADMIN FMFPAC

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S E C R E T / NOFORN / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM HYLAND INFO
VADM BRINGLE, LTGEN NICKERSON AND MGEN FONTANA
FROM LTGEN BUSE

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 141116Z JUN 69

I. THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A TO ACCOMPLISH
THE EMBARKATION AND MOVEMENT OF RLT-9 BY UTILIZING
ONLY THE ASSAULT SHIPS OF CHARLIE GROUP, PLUS THE
LISTS OF TF 76.8, AND WITHOUT DISTURBING THE ARG ALPHA
AND BRAVO ASSAULT SHIPS, HAS BEEN REVIEWED HERE AT
II. MAF WITH NICK AND HIS STAFF. I CONCUR THAT THIS
IS FEASIBLE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME ENVISIONED. HOWEVER,
THE TYPES AND NUMBERS OF SHIPS INVOLVED WILL PRECLUDE
COMBAT LOADING, AS THE NECESSARY LANDING CRAFT,

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA 2102 S E C R E T NOFORN EXCLUSIVE FOR
AMPHIB TRACTOR SPACES, AND HELICOPTER PLATFORMS
WOULD NOT BE SIMULTANEOUSLY AVAILABLE. ALSO, THE
ESSENTIALLY SHUTTLE-TYPE OPERATION WOULD PRECLUDE THE
NECESSARY ORGANIZATION FOR ASSAULT. THUS, THE MOVEMENT
SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT MOVE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FLEET MARINE OFFICER ON
COMSEVENTHFLT'S STAFF IS BEING DETACHED SHORTLY WITHOUT
ON-BOARD RELIEF, I PROPOSE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM
COMSEVENTHFLT, CG III MAF, AND MY HQ MEET IN YOKOSUKA
IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO IRON OUT THE DETAILS AND DEVELOP
THE FLEET AND LANDING FORCE ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION.
NICK AGREES THAT THE ABOVE PROPOSAL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
AT THIS TIME.

3. I WILL BE BACK IN PEARL ON AFTERNOON 17 JUNE
SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CINCPACFLT PLANS TO TASK COMSEVENTHFLT TO MOVE RLT-9 ELEMENTS IN SEVENTHFLT AMPHIBIOUS AND OTHER AVAILABLE FLEET SHIPPING. ALTHOUGHT THE DETAILS ARE NOT YET FIRM, FLEET LEVEL PLANNERS INDICATE IT APPEARS FEASIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE EMBARKATION AND MOVEMENT WITHOUT DISTURBING THE ARG ALPHA AND BRAVO ASSAULT SHIPS. THIS OF COURSE WOULD BE MY PREFERENCE SINCE THE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF THE ARG/SLF'S PROVIDE ME THE DESIRED FLEXIBILITY OF RESPONSE DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PHASE AND SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL.
2. SHOULD DETAILED PLANNING SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATE A REQUIREMENT TO DRAW DOWN ON ARG SHIPPING, I CAN ACCOMMODATE IF NECESSARY, PHASING ASHORE ONE SLF TO FREE SHIPPING FOR THE PERIOD OF THE MOVEMENT. AS A MINIMUM, HOWEVER, DESIRE TO KEEP ONE ARG/SLF ON STATION OFF THE COAST AT ALL TIMES DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT AND SUBSEQUENT PERIOD.
3. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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S E C R E T
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN BUSE AND VADM BRINGLE INFO LGEN
 NICKERSON AND MGEN FONTANA FROM MYLAND
 MARINE REDEPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 150726Z JUN 69

1. (S) AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT FORTHCOMING MARINE REDEPLOYMENT
 CAN APPARENTLY BE EFFECTED WITHOUT REQUIREMENT FOR ARG ASSAULT
 SHIPS. CONFERENCE SUGGESTED PARA 2 OF REFERENCE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD
 IDEA AND IS ENCOURAGED. REQUEST COMSEVENTHFLT ESTABLISH AN EARLY
 CONVENIENT DATE.

2. (S) WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO COMBAT LOAD DURING THE MOVEMENT IS
 ALSO ENCOURAGED AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY
 DIFFICULTY HOWEVER WITH MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE MOVE AS NECESSARY
 CONSIDERING THE SHIPPING AVAILABLE AND THE TIMING REQUIRED. T

PAGE TWO RUYHSYB5608 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 CONSIDER IT WILL BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE IF THE REDEPLOYMENT IS
 COMPLETED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS FEASIBLE ONCE IT IS OFFICIALLY
 ORDERED. BEST REGARDS.

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S E C R E T / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM HYLAND AND LTGEN BUSE
 INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
 MARINE REDEPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 150726Z JUN 69

B. CINCPACFLT 151958Z JUN 69

1. MY THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT PARALLEL YOURS, REFS A AND B.

A SHUTTLE OPERATION, ALTHOUGH ECONOMICAL IN SHIPS, WOULD BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE MOVE. THE REDEPLOYMENT CAN BE EFFECTED EXPEDITIOUSLY HOWEVER, BY SUCCESSIVE LIFTS OF BLT (PLUS) SIZE UNITS IN GROUP SAILS OF 1 LPA, 1 LKA AND LSD/LST (1156) ASSETS TO PORTRAY SEMBLANCE OF COMBAT LIFT.

2. PROPOSE THAT OUR VARIOUS REFS GET TOGETHER AT YOKOSUKA 231000L JUN 69 TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF MARINE REDEPLOYMENT. CTF 76 AND CTF 79 REFS WILL BE INVITED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

3. WARM REGARDS

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM BRINGLE INFO LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN
 NICKERSON FROM HYLAND
 MARINE DEPLOYMENT (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 151931Z JUN 69

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 160042Z JUN 69

1. (S) REALIZING THAT THE TIME FUZE FOR THE GET TOGETHER ON SUBJECT
 MATTER WOULD BE SHORT I HAD HOPED THE CONFERENCE COULD DOVETAIL
 WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXPRESSED IN PAR 2 REF A. HAVE NO OBJECTIONS
 TO THE DATE PROPOSED REF B FOR FINALIZING PLANS. PLAN AS REQUESTED
 REF A STILL NECESSARY.

2. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND VADM BRINGLE

INFO ADM NYLAND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

A. CONSEVENTHFLT 160042Z JUN 69

1. (S) CONFERENCE PROPOSED REF A CONVENIENT FROM III

MAF STANDPOINT.

2. (U) FOR CONSEVENTHFLT. NAMES/RANKS III MAF REPS

WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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ZNY SSSSS
 P 180336Z JUN 69
 FM CG III MAF
 TO COMNAVFORV
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN
 NICKERSON

A. MY 040940Z JUN69
 B. YR 060928Z JUN69
 C. YR 030610Z JUN69

1. BY REF A I STATED NONCONCURRENCE WITH ANY
 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CALL FOR PREMATURE TRANSFER
 OF COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY TO
 THE ARMY. HOWEVER, I DID RECOGNIZE THE
 DESIRABILITY OF A STUDY EFFORT TO DEVELOP A
 DETAILED PLAN FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER OF COMMON
 SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY TO THE ARMY.
 2. AS A FALLOUT FROM YOUR VISIT TO I CORPS ON
 8 JUNE, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NAVY
 WOULD STAY AS LONG AS III MAF WAS HERE AND THAT
 FUNCTIONS WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED THAT WOULD
 IMPAIR COMBAT READINESS OF THE FORCE.
 3. BY REF A I ALSO STATED THAT I ASSUMED
 YOU WILL INFORM GEN ABRAMS OF MY FEELINGS IN
 THIS MATTER. BY REF B YOU STATED THAT YOU
 HAVE EXPRESSED MY POSITION TO GEN ABRAMS
 AND SUBJECT TO MY CONCURRENCE PROPOSE TO
 PROVIDE REFS A, B, AND C TO HIM SO THAT
 HE WILL HAVE THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE MATTER.
 I DO NOT OBJECT ALTHOUGH I DO BELIEVE THE
 MESSAGES ARE PRIMARILY A NAVY-MARINE CORPS
 IN-HOUSE DISCUSSION.

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 FM COMSEVENTHFLT
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 RHMAFA/CG III MAF
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FOR ADMIRAL HYLAND INFO LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGIE
 MARINE REDEPLOYMENT (U)

- A. COMSEVENTHFLT 171114Z JUNE 69
- B. COMSEVENTHFLT 172310Z JUNE 69
- C. CINCPACFLT 162158Z JUNE 69

1. I HAVE RECENTLY FORWARDED THE SEVENTHFLT PLAN TO LIFT DESIGNATED
 MARINE FORCES FROM RVN TO OKI/JAPAN. THE PLAN, REF A AND B, PROVIDES
 A DESCRIPTION OF THE REQUIRED SEVENTHFLT AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ASSETS TO
 BE UTILIZED, INCLUDING SHIP TYPES, SAILINGS, POINTS OF EMBARKATION/
 DEBARKATION IN ADDITION TO OTHER FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY PLANNERS
 AT THE 19-20 JUNE CONFERENCES AT CAMP SMITH. APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN
 WILL ENABLE ME TO ECONOMICALLY UTILIZE MY FORCES AND STILL MAINTAIN
 BASIC OPERATIONAL READINESS INCLUDING RESPONSIVENESS FOR CONTINGENCY

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OPERATIONS AND COVERING SUPPORT FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT.

- 2. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON OUR COMBAT POSTURE WILL BE THE NON
 AVAILABILITY OF ARG BRAVO DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST
 WHEN THE THIRD INCREMENT IS BEING LIFTED TO CAMP HANSON AND IWAKUNI.
 A MINOR SKED CHANGE WILL ENABLE ARG/SLF ALFA TO REMAIN ON THE LINE
 READY TO RESPOND TO RVN REQMTS. THERE ARE NO INSURMOUNTABLE SHIPPING
 PROBLEMS AND THE LONGER RANGE SCHEDULING IMPLICATIONS ARE UNDER STUDY.
- 3. THE SHORT TIME FUZE AND FLAGSHIP LOCATION COMPLICATED THE
 SCHEDULING OF A WESTPAC CONFERENCE TO DOVE TAIL WITH THE MEETING AT
 CAMP SMITH. I CONCUR WITH REF C IN THAT OUR 23 JUNE CONFERENCE WILL
 BE FOR FINALIZING PLANS IN ADDITION TO GIVING OUR FMFPAC/III MAF
 PLANNERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF THE MOVEMENT WITH
 OUR SEVENTHFLT REPS.

4. BEST REGARDS.

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O 191246Z JUN 69

FM CG III MAF

TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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SECRET / NOFORN / FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DOOLEY
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. FOL MSG RELEASED TO MACV TONIGHT AND
IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE

O 191242Z JUN 69 ZFF-1

FM CG III MAF DNG RVN

TO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV

INFO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHB RVN

RUMHUPA/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH RVN

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG RVN

RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAU DNG RVN

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. MACV OPLAN 182-69

1. (S) DETAILED PLANNING PURSUANT TO REF A HAS REVEALED
THAT A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO TROOP LISTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
SHOULD BE MADE.

2. (S/NF) ACCORDINGLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO SUBSTITUTE
THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST:

UIC	UNIT	FRN	CMC PROG
			6
13201	RLT 9 HQ 9TH MAR	99K003J	254

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13210	1/9	99K003K	1166
13220	2/9	99K003L	1166
13230	3/9	99K003M	1166
	DET 12TH MAR		
13301	DET HQ BTRY	99K003N	21
13320	2/12	99K003Q	662
13345	M BTRY 4/12	99K003S	112
13400	DET 3D ENGR BN	99K003U	275
13700	DET 3D RECON BN (C)	99K003V	156
13020	DET 3D MED BN	99K003W	42
13650	DET 3D HY BN	99K003X	97
13550	DET 3D SP BN	99K003Y	155
13001	DET DIV HQ BN	99K003A	296
13750	3D AT BN (C)	99K003T	19
	FORCE TROOPS		
21434	CO C MED TANK, 3D TANK BN (C)	99K017D	24
21431	DET HQS CO 3D TANK BN	99K017A	73
20063	DET 3D DENTAL CO	99K030	1
21800	1ST AMTRAC (C)	99K018	135

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21497	1ST ARMED AMPHIB CO (C)	99K027	42
28020	DET 9TH MT BN	99K009	134
21380	DET 11TH ENGR BN	99K012	364
13660	DET FLC	99K033	150
21503	SEARCH LIGHT BATTERY	99K032	116
21256	HQ BTRY FAG (C)	99K026	24
13000	TO BE ADDED NR		27
13000	PRORATA CUT OOCNE NR	99K102	333
	TOTAL GROUND		7010

	1ST MAU (REAR) ELMS		
00132	WERS (DELETED) NR	99K055	0
21960	1ST LAAM BN	99K053	661
01115	VMFA 115 (F4B) NR	99K071	330
01115	DET HEMS-13 NR	99K059	58
01165	HQM 165 NR	99K085	258
01165	DET HEMS-16 NR	99K076	21
001095	DET MATCU	99K105	23
00101	OOCNE NR	99K102	27
	TOTAL 1ST MAU ELMS		1378
	TOTAL GROUND/AIR		8388

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NOTE: (C) CADRED UNITS

NR INDICATES CHANGES TO PREVIOUS TROOP LIST.

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2. LIAISON PLANNERS AT MACV WORKING LEVEL

INDICATE MACV WILL SUPPORT.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
 I CTZ COMMON SUPPORT (U)

A. CG III MAF 180356Z JUN 69

1. (C) IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE PROPOSAL TO STUDY WHEN
 AND HOW TO TURN COMMON LOGISTIC SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN I CTZ
 OVER TO THE ARMY, AND IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS, IT IS PROPOSED
 THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINED PARA 2 BE RELEASED FROM THIS HDQRS.
 APPRECIATE YOUR VIEW ON THIS MATTER BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

2. (C) PROPOSED MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS:

TO CG III MAF

CG USARV

COMNAVSUPPACT DNG

INFO CINCPACFLT

COMSERVPAC

COMUSMACV

CG FORCE LOG COMD

COMNAVFORV REP DNG

CG FIRST LOG COMD

CG USASUPCOM DNG

COMNAVSUPPACT SGN

C O N F I D E N T I A L

I CTZ COMMON SUPPORT (U)

A. COMUSMACV CITE 30948 DTG 231616Z MAY 69 NOTAL

1. (C) NAVFORV REPS AT THE MEETING REQ BY REF A AND HELD 2 JUN,
 PROVIDED MACV/USARV REPS WITH AN OVERVIEW OF NSA DANANG RESPONSIBILITIES
 AND CAPABILITIES IN PROVIDING COMMON LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO FREE
 WORLD FORCES IN I CTZ. DISCUSSIONS AT THE MEETING PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR
 FURTHER STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND TIMING OF THE NAVFORV PROPOSAL
 THAT USARV/USASUPCOM DNG ASSUME THE NAVFORV/NSA DNG ROLE IN I CTZ.

2. (C) THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO APPROACH THE NAVFORV PROPOSAL IS
 THROUGH DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN III MAF, NAVFORV, AND USARV
 REPRESENTATIVES. A PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIST OF SUB-
 COMMITTEES BROKEN DOWN BY FUNCTIONAL AREAS WITH REPRESENTATIVES
 PROVIDED BY ALCON. THE PROPOSED FUNCTIONAL AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MEDICAL

B. R AND U

C. TRANSPORTATION AND PORT OPERATIONS

D. POL

E. SUPPLY

F. SECURITY

G. COMMUNICATIONS

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3. (C) THE COMMITTEES WITHIN EACH FUNCTIONAL AREA WOULD STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A TURNOVER IN COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A VIEW TOWARDS DEVELOPING A STUDY/PLAN ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING:
- A. ASSESS IMPACT ON USARV RESOURCES.
 - B. ASSESS IMPACT ON I CTZ FORCES.
 - C. ASSESS IMPACT ON CG III MAF AT SEVERAL POINTS OF TIME.
 - D. ASSUMING DIRECTION TO PROCEED WITH THE TURNOVER:
 - (1) PROVIDE A GENERAL SCHEME FOR HOW TURNOVER WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.
 - (2) ESTIMATE THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH TURNOVER COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.
 - (3) IDENTIFY AND OFFER SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS INVOLVED.
4. (C) THE STUDIES CONTAINED IN THIS STUDY/PLAN NEED NOT BE DETAILED, BUT SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO FORM THE BASIS FOR A JOINT III MAF/NAVFORV/USARV PRESENTATION TO MACV LATE IN AUGUST. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE PLANS BE FORWARDED TO COMNAVFORV FOR CONSOLIDATION NLT 10 AUGUST. CG III MAF CONCURS WITH THIS APPROACH.
5. (C) COMNAVFORV WILL:
- A. ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH ALCON AND CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
 - B. PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS.
6. (C) FOR CG USARV AND CG III MAF.
REQ CONCURRENCE THIS APPROACH AND DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MEET AS PROMULGATED BY COMNAVFORV.
7. (U) COMNAVFORV SENIOR COMMITTEE MEMBER IS CAPT GEORGE RYON, I.C., USN, TIGER 3828/3081.
3. (U) END OF PROPOSED MESSAGE.
4. (C) IN VIEW OF LAST SENTENCE REF A, WITH WHICH I CONCUR, I WILL NOT PROVIDE MSGS TO GENERAL ABRAMS.
5. (U) WARM REGARDS
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T O P S E C R E T S E N S I T I V E. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 121458Z/JUN69 (C)

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2. (S) UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE RATIONALE STEM-
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 REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT, AS DISCUSSED BY LOU WILSON
 AND GEORGE DOOLEY YESTERDAY. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS
 POSSIBILITY CAREFULLY HERE AND FROM OUR ANALYSIS, I CAN
 ONLY CONCLUDE THAT SUCH A MOVE IS NOT FEASIBLE AT
 THIS TIME; THE REASON BEING THAT ONLY SUFFICIENT
 SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (SSE) IS AVAILABLE TO EQUIP A
 SINGLE F4-J/AWG-10 SITE. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE
 UNABLE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SSE AVAILABLE FROM MIDPAC OR
 EASTPAC SOURCES, AS THE EQUIPMENT IS SIMPLY NOT
 AVAILABLE. CONSEQUENTLY, SINCE ONLY ONE FIXED WING SQUADRON
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 SUCH A MOVE WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN A NON-EFFECTIVE
 F4-J AIR-TO-AIR CAPABILITY EXISTING IN BOTH LOCATIONS.
 3. (TS) MOREOVER, MAG-15 IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING STRIP
 ALERT AT MISAWA FOR THE EC-121 FLIGHTS AND WE CANNOT
 AFFORD ANY POSSIBILITY OF LESS THAN OPTIMUM CONDITIONS
 BASED UPON TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT READINESS. SUB-

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 SEQUENT TO THE COMPLETION OF RUNWAY REPAIRS AT
 IWAKUNI (ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER), WE INTEND TO REEVALUATE THE
 SITUATION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS COLLOCATING BOTH
 VMFA-334 AND VMFA-232 AT IWAKUNI AT THAT TIME. SUCH
 COLLOCATION WOULD CONFORM WITH CMC POLICY ENUNCIATED
 IN REF A AND WOULD POSE NO NEW PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
 WITH AVAILABILITY OF SSE. SINGLE SITING AT IWAKUNI WOULD
 REQUIRE, THOUGH, THAT VMFA-122 AND VMFA-115 BE MOVED
 TO RVN AS REPLACEMENT SQUADRONS, SINCE ONLY ONE
 ADDITIONAL FIXED WING SQUADRON, A VMA, IS SCHEDULED
 TO BE REDEPLOYED WITH FOLLOW-ON INCREMENTS OF THE
 PRESENTLY PROGRAMMED TOTAL REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE.
 HOWEVER, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYING
 VMFA-334 AND VMFA-232 IN THE 2D REDEPLOYMENT
 INCREMENT (WHENEVER THAT OCCURS) RATHER THAN THE VMA
 SQUADRON PLANNED IN REF B.

4. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU
 MIGHT SEE FIT TO PROVIDE CONCERNING THE COURSES
 DISCUSSED ABOVE. WARM REGARDS.

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TO RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW

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P 270311Z JUN 69

FM ADMIN FMFPAC

TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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 ALERT AT MISAWA FOR THE EC-121 FLIGHTS AND WE CANNOT
 AFFORD ANY POSSIBILITY OF LESS THAN OPTIMUM CONDITIONS
 BASED UPON TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT READINESS. SUB-

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 SEQUENT TO THE COMPLETION OF RUNWAY REPAIRS AT
 IWAKUNI (ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER), WE INTEND TO REEVALUATE THE
 SITUATION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS COLLOCATING BOTH
 VMFA-334 AND VMFA-232 AT IWAKUNI AT THAT TIME. SUCH
 COLLOCATION WOULD CONFORM WITH CMC POLICY ENUNCIATED
 IN REF. A AND WOULD POSE NO NEW PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
 WITH AVAILABILITY OF SSE. SINGLE SITING AT IWAKUNI WOULD
 REQUIRE, THOUGH, THAT VMFA-122 AND VMFA-115 BE MOVED
 TO RVN AS REPLACEMENT SQUADRONS. SINCE ONLY ONE
 ADDITIONAL FIXED WING SQUADRON, A VMA, IS SCHEDULED
 TO BE REDEPLOYED WITH FOLLOW-ON INCREMENTS OF THE
 PRESENTLY PROGRAMMED TOTAL REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE.
 HOWEVER, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYING
 VMFA-334 AND VMFA-232 IN THE 2D REDEPLOYMENT
 INCREMENT (WHENEVER THAT OCCURS) RATHER THAN THE VMA
 SQUADRON PLANNED IN REF. B.
 4. (U) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU
 MIGHT SEE FIT TO PROVIDE CONCERNING THE COURSES
 DISCUSSED ABOVE. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LTGEN ZAIS AND MGEN JONES FROM LTGEN NICKERSON INFO
MAJGEN QUILTER
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. COMBINED CAMPAIGN PLAN 1969

1. (U) THIS MSG, TO BE CLOSELY HELD, IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE LATEST
PLANNING TAKING PLACE ON FORCE REDUCTION. TWO OF MY PLANNERS VISITED HQ
MACV AND WERE TASKED TO PROVIDE A FIRM TROOP LIST, BY 30 JUNE, FOR
EACH OF THREE ALTERNATIVES TO A PLAN TO CUT ANOTHER 25,000 FROM MACV IN-
COUNTRY CEILING STARTING ABOUT SEPTEMBER, BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT TO BE
MADE IN EARLY AUGUST. I SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT SO FAR THIS IS ONLY
STAFF PLANNING, BUT THE PROBABILITY OF HAVING TO EXECUTE SUCH A PLAN
REMAINS HIGH.

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2. (TS/LD) THE ALTERNATIVES ARE LISTED BELOW. PHASE I
(INCREMENT 1) WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE COMPLETION
OF REDEPLOYMENTS UNDER MACV OPLAN 182-69.

PHASE 1 (INCREMENT 1)		ALTERNATIVE I		PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)	
USA 9TH INF DIV (-)	11,749	SVC SPT ELMS	3,810	3RD MARDIV	
SVC SPT ELMS	3,651	5TH SF ELMS	400	1ST MAW (REAR)	18,424
USMC RL1-9				W/3D MARDIV	1,067
ELMS 1ST MAW	8,388			ELMS	1,299
USN TF 117	979			TOTALS	25,000
W/USMC	252				
USAF					
TOTALS	25,010				

ALTERNATIVE II		PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)	
USA		3D BDE, 82D ABN	5,723
		W/SVC SPT ELN	

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	5TH SF ELMS	400
	SVC SPT ELMS	6,860
USMC	3D MARDIV (-)	
	1ST MAW (REAR)	9,916
USN	W/3D MARDIV	802
USAF	ELMS	1,299
TOTALS		25,000

ALTERNATIVE III

	PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)	
USA	173D INF BDE	7,033
	5TH SF ELMS	400
	SVC SPT ELMS	7,616
USMC	RLT 3D MARDIV	8,400
USN	W/3D MARDIV	252
USAF	ELMS	1,299
TOTALS		25,000

NOTE: USMC FORCE ARTILLERY REMAINS UNDER ALL THREE ALTERNATIVES.
 3. (TS/LD) MACV PLANNERS WILL RECOMMEND ALTERNATIVE I, PHASE 2 AS THE PREFERRED MACV POSITION; ALTERNATIVE II, PHASE 2 AS A

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 FALLBACK POSITION, AND ALTERNATIVE III, PHASE 2 AS A LAST RESORT.

4. (TS/LD) IN ORDER TO HAVE THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE UPON WHICH TO CONSTRUCT HIS TROOP LISTS FOR RESIDUAL FORCES, CG, 3D MARDIV WILL HAVE TO KNOW WHAT MISSION IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO THOSE FORCES, HOW THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED, AND BASICALLY WHAT COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE IN EFFECT UNDER EACH ALTERNATIVE. OBVIOUSLY, UNDER ALTERNATIVE I PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT, THE REMAINDER OF THE DIVISION WILL REDEPLOY. THE REQUIREMENT FOR GUIDANCE IS THEREFORE CONFINED TO ALTERNATIVE II, PHASE TWO, AND ALTERNATIVE III PHASE TWO.

5. (TS/LD) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, CONSIDER THAT YOUR AREA AND MISSION CONTAINED IN REF A WILL REMAIN THE SAME; ONLY THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITY WILL BE REDUCED TO FIT THE CAPABILITY OF REMAINING FORCES.

6. (TS/LD) YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA UNDER MACV ALTERNATIVE II PHASE 2:

- A. THE 1ST BDE, 101ST ABN DIV WILL RETURN TO XXIV CORPS.
- B. THE RESIDUAL USMC RLT WILL BE CAPABLE OF SELF ADMINISTRATION AND SUSTAINED COMBAT.
- C. LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR USMC PECULIAR ITEMS WILL CONTINUE

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TO BE PROVIDED BY FLC.

D. USMC FORCE ARTILLERY UNITS AND 1ST MAW WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT ON ABOUT THE SAME BASIS AS PRESENTLY PROVIDED.

E. ALTHOUGH REINFORCEMENT MAY BE PROVIDED FROM WITHIN OR FROM OUTSIDE TCIZ ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, PLANS SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT REPLACEMENT FORCES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COMPENSATE FOR REDEPLOYING UNITS.

F. FORCE RECONNAISSANCE UNITS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TASK ORGANIZATION OF REDEPLOYING UNITS.

7. (TS/LD) UNDER MACV ALTERNATIVE III PHASE 2: THE CRITERIA LISTED ABOVE IN SUB-PARA 6A THRU 6F REMAIN THE SAME; HOWEVER, WITH THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (FORWARD) AND WING ELEMENTS REMAINING, THE RLT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE SMALLER.

8. (TS/LD) I WILL NEED TROOP LISTS FOR EACH OF THE ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 ABOVE.

9. (TS/LD) SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC ASPECTS OF SUSTAINING A SEPARATE USMC RLT, AT SOME FUTURE DATE IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE IT CONTIGUOUS TO OTHER USMC UNITS, OR EVEN POSITION IT OPCON TO 1ST MARDIV; IN

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SUCH CASE, COMPENSATING BOUNDARY/RESPONSIBILITY CHANGES WOULD BE DIRECTED. FOR THIS REASON I WOULD LIKE A TROOP LIST WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

12. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF THE VERY SHORT FUZE ON THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE MACV WITH FIRM TROOP LISTS, I WILL NEED YOUR INPUT BY 1230 SUNDAY 29 JUNE 1969.

11. (TS/LD) MY DEPUTY G-3 AND TWO PLANNERS WILL VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS TOMORROW, 28 JUNE AT 0803 TO BRIEF YOU AND/OR PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU DESIRE IN ARRIVING AT FIRM TROOPLISTS TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT. WARM REGARDS.

12. (TS/LD) FOR MGEN QUILTER. ADVANCED PLANNING CONDUCTED THIS DATE WITH YOUR REPS. NECESSARY THAT YOUR PORTION OF OVERALL TROOP LIST BE REFINED AFTER COMPLETION OF TROOPLISTS REQUESTED ABOVE.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (U) THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE LATEST PLANNING
TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE MACV SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP ON
FORCE REDUCTION. TWO OF MY PLANNERS VISITED HQ MACV
TODAY (JUN 27) AND WERE TASKED TO PROVIDE A FIRM TROOP
LIST BY 30 JUNE, FOR EACH OF THREE ALTERNATIVES TO A
PLAN TO CUT ANOTHER 25,000 FROM MACV IN-COUNTRY CEILING
STARTING ABOUT SEPTEMBER, BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT MADE IN
EARLY AUGUST. I SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT SO FAR THIS IS
ONLY STAFF PLANNING, BUT THE PROBABILITY OF HAVING TO
EXECUTE SUCH A PLAN REMAINS HIGH.

2. IN ADDITION, PLAN C IS BEING UPDATED, WHICH AS YOU
KNOW IS A 100,000 PACKAGE. THE FIRST TWO INCREMENTS ARE
THE SAME AS IN PLAN A (MODIFIED) AND A THIRD INCREMENT

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INVOLVES 876 SPACES, COMPOSED OF FLC, A SLICE OF III MAF
STAFF, AND A SLICE OF MACV STAFF.

3. (TS/LD) THE ALTERNATIVES ARE LISTED BELOW. PHASE 1
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OF REDEPLOYMENTS UNDER MACV OPLAN 182-69
ALTERNATIVE 1

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USMC	RLT-9 ELMS 1ST MAW 2,388	3D MARDIV 1ST MAW(REAR) 18,424 ELMS	
USN	TF 117 W/USMC 252	W/3DMARDIV 1,067 ELMS	376 5,000
USAF		ELMS 1,299	ELMS 5,400
TOTALS	25,010	23,603	50,000

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ALTERNATIVE II
USA

	3D BDE, 82DABN W/SVC SPT ELM	5,723	4TH INF DIV (-3D BDE)	13,594
	5TH SF ELMS	400	3D BDE, 25TH INF DIV (REDESIGNATED) W/SVC SPT ELMS	28,400
USMC	SVC SPT ELMS 3D MARDIV(-)	6,860		
USN	1ST MAW (REAR)	9,916	ELMS	876
USAF	W/3D MARDIV ELMS	302 1,299	ELMS ELMS	4,214 2,916
	TOTALS	25,000		25,000

ALTERNATIVE III

	PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)	PHASE 3 (INCREMENT 3)
USA	173D INF BDE	4TH INF DIV
	7,033	17,796

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	5TH SF ELMS	400	SVC SPT ELMS	24,198
USMC	SVC SPT ELMS	7,616		
USN	RLT 3D MARDIV	8,400	ELMS	876
USAF	W/3D MARDIV ELMS	252 1,299	ELMS ELMS	4,214 2,916
	TOTALS	25,000		50,000

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 5. (TS/LD) ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL, MACV PLANNERS BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT OF THE SECOND INCREMENT IN SEPT-OCT, THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER ASSESSMENT IN EARLY OCTOBER ON THE REMAINING 50,000 OF PLAN C, WITH BUDGETARY PRESSURES PROVIDING THE MAIN IMPETUS FOR WITHDRAWING 100,000 TROOPS.
 6. (U) I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS PLANNING PROGRESSES. WARM REGARDS.

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 FOR: GEN BROWN, LTGS MILDREN, NICKERSON, CORCORAN, EWELL, VAOM, ZUMWALT
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SUBJ: PLANNING GUIDANCE, TURNOVER OF US INSTALLATIONS (U)
 1. (U) OPLAN, 182-69, PROVIDES DETAILED GUIDANCE FOR THE REDE-
 PLOYMENT OF SELECTED US FORCES FROM RVN. CG, DMAC HAS BEEN
 ISSUED ADDITIONAL SEPARATE PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT
 OF US FORCES FROM DONG TAM. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR
 THE VACATION OR TURNOVER OF US INSTALLATIONS EITHER IN CONNECTION
 WITH OPLAN 182-69 OR OTHER REDEPLOYMENT PLANS WHEN IMPLEMENTED.

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2. (S) COUNTRY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS DICTATE THAT THE DECREASE IN
 US COMBAT CAPABILITY, GENERATED BY THE REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES,
 MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR BY UTILIZING TO THE MAXIMUM THOSE ASSETS.
 PRIMARILY ARVN, CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE CORPS
 AREAS. READJUSTMENTS OF FORCES AMONG CTZ WILL BE COORDINATED AT THE
 MACV-JGS LEVEL.

3. (S) THE BASIC POLICY IS TO ELIMINATE US TENANCY AT THE EARLIEST
 PRACTICABLE DATE FROM BASES TO BE TURNED OVER TO RVNAF. ATTAINMENT
 OF THIS OBJECTIVE IS ESSENTIAL IF US PERSONNEL SPACES ARE TO BE
 EMPLOYED MOST EFFICIENTLY. RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY
 TO MEET OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE
 ESTABLISHED.

A. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF US TROOPS AND UNITS WILL BE REMOVED
 FROM THE BASE AT THE OUTSET.

B. ADDITIONAL US UNITS WILL NOT BE MOVED INTO THE BASE UNLESS
 IT IS ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY TO MEET OPERATIONL REQUIREMENTS.

C. UNITS CURRENTLY AT THE BASE WHICH ARE NOT BEING REDEPLOYED.
 WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER EXISTING INSTALLATIONS PROVIDED OPERATIONAL
 REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET, EVEN IF SUCH MOVE IS LESS DESIRABLE FROM
 THE OPERATIONAL VIEWPOINT, BUT DOES NOT IMPAR BASE MISSION.

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D. TENANT UNITS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE RESPONSIBLE COMPONENT COMMAND WILL BE ADVISED BY THE COMPONENT COMMAND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PHASING OUT OF THE INSTALLATION AND REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE STATIONING PLAN. NON-CONCURRENCES WILL BE REFERRED TO HQ USMACV FOR RESOLUTION.

4. (S) TO INSURE THE BEST UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES BY RVNAF, ADDRESSEES ARE TO RECOMMEND TO RVNAF AUTHORITIES THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FOR ASSIGNING RVNAF UNITS TO VACATED INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION APPROVED RVNAF STATIONING PLANS:

- A. RVNAF UNITS ASSUMING THE COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS OF THE REDEPLOYED US UNITS.
- B. RVNAF UNITS PROVIDING SERVICE SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL AREA.
- C. RVNAF UNITS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THEIR PRESENT LOCATION TO PERFORM THEIR MISSION.
- D. RVNAF UNITS TO BE ACTIVATED AND EARMARKED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THAT AREA.
- E. RVNAF UNITS THAT COULD BE RELOCATED TO THE VACATED INSTALLATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AVAILABLE FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE DEPENDENT HOUSING.
- F. LOGISTICS. GENERAL GUIDANCE IN ANNEX F (LOGISTICS) AND

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ANNEX L (ENGINEER), COMUSMACV OPLAN 182-69 APPLIES. ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) WHERE ENTIRE INSTALLATIONS ARE VACATED BY US FORCES AND TURNED OVER TO RVNAF, DETERMINATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO BE REMOVED WILL BE BASED ON US NEEDS ELSEWHERE AND ON RVNAF CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ASSETS LEFT IN PLACE.
- (2) WHERE PORTIONS OF INSTALLATIONS ARE TURNED OVER TO RVNAF, SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS CONCERNING US-RVNAF COLLOCATION ON EACH INSTALLATION WILL BE NEGOTIATED BY THE US AREA COORDINATOR. THE US AREA COORDINATOR WILL DEVELOP GUIDANCE TO INSURE CONSOLIDATION OF RVNAF AREAS WITHIN EACH INSTALLATION, SECURITY OF THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF US STANDARDS OF SANITATION AND SAFETY WITHIN US AREAS. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, RVNAF WILL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE FACILITIES THEY OCCUPY.
- (3) CLASS 2 PLANT PROPERTY (BUILDINGS AND INSTALLED PROPERTY) GENERALLY WILL BE LEFT IN PLACE UNLESS REMOVAL IS JUSTIFIED BY THE CONSIDERATION IN PARAGRAPH 3F(1) ABOVE.
- (4) LARGE GENERATORS AND HIGH VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT WILL BE REMOVED, AND SUBSTITUTION MADE WITH A LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEM OF SMALLER CAPACITY.

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(5) AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, OTHER THAN THAT ESSENTIAL TO CRITICAL FACILITIES, SUCH AS HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOMS AND SIGNAL FACILITIES, WILL BE REMOVED.

(6) MESS EQUIPMENT, TO INCLUDE REFRIGERATION, WILL BE REMOVED FROM NON US-UTILIZED MESS FACILITIES.

(7) WATER PURIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS SUPPLYING US PERSONNEL WILL BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH US SANITARY STANDARDS. WHERE NO US UNITS ARE PRESENT, WATER SYSTEM MAY BE RETAINED; HOWEVER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS WILL BE REMOVED.

(8) COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY US FORCES UNTIL TURNED OVER TO RVNAF.

(9) TRAILERS AND PORTABLE BUILDINGS WILL BE REMOVED WHERE NOT REQUIRED BY US FORCES.

(10) PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS WILL BE STUDIED FOR POSSIBLE REMOVAL. DETERIORATION AND MODIFICATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, AND THE COST AND DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN DISASSEMBLY, SHIPPING AND REASSEMBLY OF THE BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

5. (U) A CONTINUING REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED. SEE PARAGRAPH 3B(2), ANNEX L OF COMUSMACV OPLAN 182-69.

6. (U) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL

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ASPECTS OF FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS MAY JUSTIFY EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO PRESENT GUIDANCE. GP-4

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