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**SPECAT**

**EXCLUSIVE**

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29. BGEN DOOLEY'S MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD OF 3Jul69: (S) Subj: <sup>not above</sup> Telecon w/BGen WILSON. Memo covers matching of people & spaces; end strength 8,388
30. CG III MAF 050210Z JUL69 (TS) SENSITIVE/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO QUILTER FROM NICKERSON  
F-4B/F-4J DEPLOYMENT - VMFA-334/VMFA-115 (Responds to No. 27)
31. CG III MAF 051010Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-1*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
LATEST INPUT ON POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON REDEPLOYMENT
32. COMPHIBORSEVENFLT 111530Z JUL69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
~~ROSENBERG TO ALL~~  
PLANNING TO MOVE MORE MARINES OUT OF VN BEFORE END OF 69 -- USE OF  
RETURNING PHIBRONS -- 1 RLT POSSIBLY SEPT AND ANOTHER POSSIBLY DEC.

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33. CG III MAF 100630Z JUL69 (U)  
FOR THE EYES ONLY OF MGEN JONES  
REDEPLOYMENT OF COMPANY COMDRS -- READ YR HANDWRITTEN NOTE --  
BELIEVE YR ORIGINAL DECISION SOUND
34. USS SANCTUARY 110318Z JUL69 (U)  
FOR THE EYES ONLY OF LTGEN NICKERSON  
RE CG III MAF 100630Z -- SITUATION NOT REVERSIBLE -- AM  
RECONSIDERING MY THOUGHTS
35. CG III MAF 110540Z JUL69 (C) FOR *gp-4*  
FOR JONES FROM NICKERSON  
HONOR AND FAREWELL TO THE NINTH MARINES
36. CG THIRD MARDIV 121700Z JUL69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM JONES  
CRITERIA ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO RLT-9 -- WILL PROMULGATE  
ANOTHER POLICY MSG -- THE ORIG (290226Z) WAS DEFICIENT
37. C/S MACV 130848Z JUL69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
UNRESOLVED QUESTION IN REGARD TO FORCE PLANNING
38. CG FMFPAC 150227Z JUL69 (S) *gp-4* SENSITIVE SPECAT- MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON, INFO MGEN THRASH FROM LTGEN BUSE  
CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSAL CONTAINED CG III MAF 050210Z JUL69 (TS)
39. CMC 161043Z JUL69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE SPECAT-MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM VAN RYZIN  
REDEPLOYMENT CONSIDERSATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
40. CG FMFPAC 180107Z JUL69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR VAN RYZIN AND NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE 24-25JUL69 AT FMFPAC
41. SSO MACV 181400Z JUL69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
FORCE PLANNING
42. CG III MAF LTR 38/HMS OVER 3000 SER: 00085569 OF 18JUL69 *gp-1*  
TO MACV  
REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING
43. COMUSMACV 220818Z JUL69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
ABRAMS TO ZAIS INFO NICKERSON  
I'M COMING TO 9TH RLT CEREMONY 25 JUL
44. CG XXIV CORPS 230635Z JUL69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS INFO NICKERSON FROM ZAIS  
HERE'S YOUR ITINERARY FOR YR 25 JUL VISIT IN CONN W/9TH RLT CERF

45. CG III MAF 231406Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-1*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
QUOTES III MAF LTR 38/hms 3000 Ser 00085569 of 18Jul (#42 above)
46. CG FMFPAC 232345Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON  
CONFERENCE AT CAMP SMITH ON 28-29JUL: (Agenda Items)
47. ~~CG~~ III MAF 240550Z JUL69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ZAIS FROM NICKERSON  
ICW GEN ABRAMS VISIT TO NINTH MARINES (RLT) CEREMONY 25JUL
48. CG III MAF 240700Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-1*  
FOR THRASH FROM NICEKRSON  
CONF AT CAMP SMITH 28-29 JUL (PASSES PAC'S 232345Z JUL69)
49. CG III MAF 250830Z JUL69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
ATTENDEES AT 28-29 JUL CONF
50. CG III MAF 251212Z JUL69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-1*  
FOR THRASH FROM NICKERSON  
PASSES III MAF 250830Z JUL69
- A. ✓ CMC 260007Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON, THRASH AND HOFFMAN FROM VAN RYZIN  
FIRST LAAM BN (U) -- RETURN LAAM TO CONUS, MOST LIKELY 29 PALMS
- B. ✓ ADMIN FMFPAC 270835Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-1*  
FOR BUSE FROM FONTANA (While Gen BUSE Visiting III MAF)  
ARG/SLF's - Quotes a msg from MCCAIN

HEADQUARTERS  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

OPERATION CODE X- ORIGINATOR A- ACTION / COGNIZANCE C- COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION I- INFORMATION S- SIGNATURE			FROM CG FMFP&C		DATE 01 JUL 69	
			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 010125Z JUL 69		COPY# 1 OF 3 COPIES RECO	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT MAY NOT BE RETAINED OVER NIGHT EXCEPT AS NOTED IN FORCE ORDER P5311.4. <span style="float: right;">①</span>
3	DCG		2 July		[Signature]	
	DCG AIR					THE RECORD OF DISCLOSURE MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PERSONS SIGHTING THIS DOCUMENT.
2	C/S	I			[Signature]	
	DC/S					A HA-COPY # 3
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	I	7/1		[Signature]	<p><b>EXCLUSIVE</b></p> <p><b>FOR</b></p> <p><b>MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY</b></p>
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	LEGAL					
	PMO					
	S&C					

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TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
INFO RHMMAF/CG III MAF

TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN VAN RYZIN,  
INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS  
EYES ONLY SECTION 1 OF 4  
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY  
FORCE PLANNING (D)

- A. CMC 261921Z/JUN69 (NOTAL) (C)
  - 1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DIRECTION OF OUR PLANNING CONCERNING REDEPLOYMENT OF A SECOND INCREMENT OF MARINE FORCES FROM RVN AND SUBSEQUENT FMF POSTURE IN PACOM.
  - 2. (TS) PLANNING FOR A SECOND INCREMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT AND SUBSEQUENT FMF POSTURE HAS BEEN PREDICATED UPON CINCPAC/MACV FORCE PLANNING ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED AND MARINE CORPS T-DAY PLANNING.
    - A. FORCE PLANNING ALTERNATIVE A MODIFIED PROVIDED

PAGE TWO RHMMAF0003 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCGO FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN THE SECOND INCREMENT OF 18,435 MARINES, ESSENTIALLY THE REMAINDER OF THIRD MARDIV (REIN) AND SELECTED AVIATION UNITS/DETACHMENTS. THIS STRENGTH WAS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST, WHICH USED THE THEN CURRENT DOD AUTHORIZED UNITS STRENGTHS. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THIS TROOP LIST WAS PREPARED IN MAY BY III MAF AND HENCE HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY SUBSEQUENT PLANNING (E.G., THE 1ST SCHLT BTRY, FMF AND DET MATCU ARE NOW INCLUDED IN THE 1ST REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT OF 25,000).

GENERAL LIGHT

UNIT	STRENGTH
3D MARDIV	
SECOND INCREMENT	
FLT-3	
HO 3D MARREGT	
1/3	218
2/3	1,193
3/3	1,193
DET 12TH MARREGT	1,193
DET HO BTRY, 12TH MARREGT	21

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PAGE THREE RUMHMA0223 T O P S E C R E T S I E C A T E X C L U S I V E F O R M C E O

1/12	669
K BTRY (REIN) 4/12	112
DET 3D ENGR BN	240
DET 3D RECON BN	157
DET 3D MED BN	43
DET 3D MT BN	98
DET 3D SP BN	120
DET HQ3M	447
FLT-4	
HQ 4TH MARREGT	218
1/4	1,193
2/4	1,193
3/4	1,193
DET 12TH MARREGT	189
DET HQ BTRY, 12TH MARREGT	669
3/12	293
DET 4/12	241
DET 3D ENGR BN	157
DET 3D RECON BN	43
DET 3D MED BN	

PAGE FOUR RUMHMA0223 T O P S E C R E T S I E C A T E X C L U S I V E F O R M C E O

DET 3D MT BN	97
DET 3D SP BN	191
DIV HQ (-)	477
FORCE TROOPS	
CO A 3D TANK BN	110
CO B 3D TANK BN	110
HANDS CO (-) 3D TANK BN	198
DET HANDS CO 3D TANK BN	73
DET 3D DEMT CO	2
3D BRIDGE CO FMF	178
TH COMM BN	744
1ST SQUAD BTRY, FMF	116
3TH MT BN	404
11TH ENGR BN	1,394
15TH ITT	11
17TH ITT	11
5TH IT	6
11TH IT	6
8TH CIT	16
1ST S SGT	9

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PAGE FIVE RUHHFMA0023 T O P S E C R E T SPEC CAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

1ST FLC (3D SER BN)	350
1ST HQ III MAF	60
TOTAL	15,356
1ST MAW ELMS	
1ST MAW (REAR)	
1ET H&MS-1	227
1ET MWFS-1	92
1ET MWCS-1	99
1ET H&MS-17	276
1ET WERS-17	83
1ET H&MS-18	80
H&MS-36	266
MBS-36	364
MSS-2	190
MA-223	259
MH-361	309
M-164 (ELF)	280
M-265 (ELF)	280
W-6 (REIN)	252
DE MAT CU 68	23

PAGE SIX RUHHFMA0023 T O P S E C R E T SPEC CAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

TOTAL	3,279
TOTAL INCREMENT 2	13,435

1. MACV IS CURRENTLY REFINING ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARATORY TO SUBMISSION TO CINCPAC BY 3 AUGUST OF: CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY SITUATION AND UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT, INCLUDING A REVISED TROOP LIST. NICK AND HIS STAFF ARE WORKING WITH MACV PREPARING REFINED TROOP LISTS FOR THE MARINE PORTION OF THE ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED BY MACV FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT. RECENTLY APPROVED DOD AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THESE LISTS. ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION, LISTED IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE AND SUPPORTED BY MACV PLANNERS, ARE:

(1) ALTERNATIVE 1:

USA	SVC SPT ELMS	3,810
	5TH SPEC FOR ELMS	400
USMC	3D MARDIV (-) (REIN)	18,424
	AND 1ST MAW (REAR)	
USN	USN W/USMC UNIT	1,067

*Recognizes that we will have a different list.*

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USAF	ELM	1,299
	TOTAL	25,000
(2) ALTERNATIVE 2:		
USA	3D BDE, 82D ABN	5,723
	5TH SPEC FOR ELMS	400
	SVC SPT ELMS	6,860
USMC	3D MARDIV (-) AND	9,916
	1ST MAW (REAR)	
USN	USN W/USMC UNITS	802
USAF	ELMS	1,299
	TOTAL	25,000
(3) ALTERNATIVE 3:		
USA	173 INF BDE	7,033
	5TH SPEC FOR ELMS	400
	SVC SPT ELMS	7,616

PAGE 2 RUMMAFA 0024 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

USMC	RLT-3	8,400
USN	USN W/USMC UNITS	252
USAF	ELMS	1,299
	TOTAL	25,000

3. (C.S) IN DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE FMF POSTURE FOR WEST PAC AND MID PAC, FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT OF A SECOND INCREMENT OF MARINES FROM RVN, THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS/PLANNING OBJECTIVES WERE MADE:

A. FORCES REDEPLOYING FROM RVN WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY AS INDICATED IN PAR 2.A. ABOVE.

B. MARINE CORPS STRENGTH IN WEST PAC WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO PRE-TONKIN STRENGTHS AS FOLLOWS:  
 OKINAWA - 23,052 AND JAPAN - 5,940. FURTHER, THESE CEILINGS WOULD APPLY TO ALL MARINES, INCLUDING ALC(S) (A FLOAT), BUT NOT APPLY TO USN PERSONNEL WITH USMC UNITS.

C. THAT, BASED ON THE CEILING CONSTRAINTS CITED ABOVE, ONE RLT WILL REDEPLOY TO HAWAII/CONUS, WITH THE RLT (-) REDEPLOYING TO HAWAII TO RECONSTITUTE THE BRIGADE AT KANE OHE BAY AND THE REDESIGNATED BLT (PROBABLY COMPRISED

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PAGE 3 RUMHMA 0024 T O P S E C R E T, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
OF SHORT TIMERS) REDEPLOYING TO CONUS. THIS AVOIDS PROBLEMS  
ATTENDANT TO RELOCATION OF 1/27 TO CONUS (INCLUDING  
RELOCATION OF DEPENDENTS).

D. THAT UPON REDEPLOYMENT OF A MARDIV (-) AND MAW  
(REAR) TO OKINAWA/JAPAN, 9TH MAB WILL BE DEACTIVATED  
AND I MEFF FORMED. SUBSEQUENTLY, I MEFF WOULD PROVIDE  
REQUIRED SLF(S), WHICH UNTIL THEN WILL BE PROVIDED BY  
RT-26. NEWLY CONSTITUTED SLF'S, UNDER CURRENT  
GUIDANCE, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REENTER SVN AFTER  
CEILING IS REVISED DOWNWARD. FURTHER, THAT ENTIRE  
RT-26, AT THIS TIME, WOULD BE CHOPPED TO THE MARDIV  
REMAINING IN RVN, INCLUDING THE FLAGS OF UNITS CURRENTLY  
IN SUB UNIT NR2, HQ CO, RT-26 ON OKINAWA. AS APPROPRIATE,  
9TH MAB RESOURCES ON OKINAWA WOULD BE USED TO OFFSET  
DEFICIENCIES IN REDEPLOYING FORCES.

E. THAT UPON REDEPLOYMENT OF A MARDIV (-) AND MAW  
(REAR) UNIT S/DETACHMENTS TO OKINAWA, THE CURRENT  
TRANSIENT CENTER FACILITY WOULD BE PHASED OUT AND  
RELOCATED TO CONUS.

4. (TS) DEVELOPMENT OF A TENTATIVE TROOP LIST (USMC ONLY)

PAGE 4 RUMHMA 0024 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN, FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT OF A  
SECOND INCREMENT OF MARINES FROM RVN, AS INITIALLY  
PROPOSED, WAS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT MARINE CORPS  
T-DAY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE FMF COMBINED WITH BASE  
SUPPORT AND DOD/SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OKINAWA AND  
JAPAN WERE SIGNIFICANTLY IN EXCESS OF THE ASSUMED  
CEILINGS, AS INDICATED BELOW:

A. OKINAWA REQUIREMENTS:

FMF (T-DAY AUTH)	-	25,116
BASE SPT	-	1,134
DOD/SPECIAL	-	116
TOTAL	-	25,366
CEILING	-	23,052
EXCESS	-	3,314

B. JAPAN REQUIREMENTS:

FMF (T-DAY AUTH)	-	5,276
BASE SPT	-	541
DOD/SPECIAL	-	674
TOTAL	-	6,491
CEILING	-	5,940

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5. (TS) VARIOUS OPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED TO OVERCOME THE BASING DEFICIENCIES CREATED BY THE CEILINGS, AS CITED IN PAR 4 ABOVE. THESE VARIED FROM AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION IN THE STRENGTHS AUTHORIZED BY THE MARINE CORPS T-DAY PLAN THROUGH DELETION OF UNITS FROM THE STRUCTURE AUTHORIZED BY THE MARINE CORPS T-DAY PLAN AND A COMBINATION THEREOF. ONE VARIATION THAT APPEARED INITIALLY ATTRACTIVE INVOLVED MOVING MAW (REAR) HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS TO JAPAN. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DISCOUNTED SINCE IT WOULD PRECLUDE ATTAINMENT OF OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF TWO FIXED WING MAGS IN JAPAN WITHIN THE CEILING. MY TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR MARINE CORPS POSTURE (USMC ONLY) ON OKINAWA, JAPAN AND FOR THE BRIGADE IN HAWAII, FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT OF THE SECOND INCREMENT AS INITIALLY PROPOSED BY CINCPAC/MA CV, IS SHOWN BELOW:

A. OKINAWA:

UNITS MEF HQ	STRENGTH 126	REMARKS
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ALT I ALT II

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UNITS	STRENGTH	REMARKS		
DATA PROC FLT	24			
TOTAL MEF HQ	150			
MAR DIV (-)		NOTE 1/		
HO BN (-)	1,862		1468	1249
INF REGT	3,496	3752	3752	3752
INF REGT (-)	2,282		3752	3752
ARTY REGT (-)	1,723		2765	1976
AT BN (-)	19	NOTE 2/	19	19
ENGR BN (-)	542		757	598
MED BN (-)	119		152	161
MT BN (-)	156		276	253
RECON BN (-)	364		572	573
UNITS				
SP BN (-)	342		456	307
SVC BN (-)	592		500	150
TOTAL MARDIV (-)	10,697		14,586	12,730
FORCE TROOPS		NOTE 1/	5752	
(FORCE TROOPS BASING ON OKINAWA DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 1ST SEARCHLIGHT BTRY SINCE THIS TEMPORARY UNIT WILL BE RETURNED TO CONUS FOR DEACTIVATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT T-DAY PLANNING. ONE PLATOON, ARMD AMPHIB CO., ET			18,337	
			116	

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NOTE- PAC IS TAKING ONE RLT OUT FOR HAWAII

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 INFO RHMMAFA/CG I I MAF  
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 AND ONE PLATOON, BRIDGE CO., ARE INCLUDED IN THE  
 OKINAWA BASING, WITH THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS (I.E.  
 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO (-) AND 3D BRIDGE CO (-) BEING  
 RETURNED TO COMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH T-DAY PLANNING).

UNITS	STRENGTH	REMARKS	ALT I	ALT II
FLT, BRIDGE CO	41		123	123
TANK BN (-)	733		559	369
AMTRAC BN (-)	695		135	135
COMM BN (-)	464		383	383
ENGR BN (-)	865		1089	942
CI TM	16		16	0
SSC TM	6		10	10
DENTAL CO (-)	4		4	3
MT BN	366		396	311
FSR (-)	3,241		0	0
HQ BTRY FAC	24	NOTE 3/	24	24

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FLT, ARMD AMPHIB CO	42		42	42
IT TM	11		11	11
IT TM	11		11	0
INTERP TM	6		6	6
INTERP TM	6		6	0
TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	6,531			
3LF (AFLOAT)		NOTE 1/		
3LF HQ	80	NOTE 4/		
ELT			2,715	2,359 FX
INF BN	1,070			14,730 GRD
D/S ARTY BTRY	133			15,089
10MM MORT BTRY	88			
ENGR FLT	43			
RECON FLT	24			
SP FLT	30			
MT FLT	41			
DET MED BN	9			
DET SVC BN	52			
AVIATION				
HMM (21 - CH-46)	258			

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DET VMO (5 - UH1)	32
FORCE TROOPS	
FLT, TK BN	22
FLT, AMTRAC BN	35
DET FSR	41
TOTAL SLF	1,958

MAW (REAR) (-)

(THE 1ST LAAM BN IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE OKINAWA BASING SINCE IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THIS UNIT BE RETURNED TO CONUS TO EASE BASE LOADING ON OKINAWA.)

MAW HQ ( PLUS FOR DENTAL (-))	220
MWHG	

661  
353

H&S	80
MWCS	99
MWFS	98
MACG (-)	
H&S	80
MASS	176
MACS	234
MAG (VH)	

60  
209  
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H&S	345
MABS	405
HMH (-) (12 - CH-53)	344
HMM (21 - CH-46)	258
HMM (21 - CH-46)	258
VMO (-) (12 - OV10, 3 - UH1)	197
MATCU	68
SSC TM	6
CI TM (-)	13

488  
494  
230  
258  
258 \* FROM SLF  
256  
33

TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-) 2,881

2,629

BASE SPT

MOB BUTLER	612
H&S FUEMA	107
TOTAL BASE SPT	719

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NOTE 5/

DOD/SPECIAL

D CO, MAR SPT BN	62
NAF NAHA	53
USNAV INVEST SERV	1

TOTAL DOD/SPECIAL	116
TOTAL OKINAWA	23,052

20,029

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B. JAPAN

DET MAW

MWSG

H&MS 276

WERS 83

MAG (VF/VA)

H&MS 381

MABS 351

VMFA (F4B) 384

VMFA (F4B) 384

VMA 261

MATCU 68

VMGR 419

MACS 234

DET FOR DENTAL 2

DET CI TM 3

TOTAL DET MAW 2,846

BASE SPT

H&MS IWAKUNI 517

FUJI DET, MCB BUTLER 17

ALT I

69

0

58

330

305

23

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TOTAL BASE SPT 534

DOD/SPECIAL

DEF ATTACHE 1

DCA FE REGION 11

E CO, MAR SPT BN 137

HQ, US FOR JAPAN 3

COMFAIR WEST PAC 13

NSD YOKOSUKA 4

FLTACT YOKOSUKA 233

FLTACT SASEBO 93

MB AT SUGI 142

COMNAVFOR JAPAN 1

NAVMC JLD ACT 1

NAVNODEP SASEBO 3

USNINVEST OFFICE 2

AM EMB TOKYO 10

FSAO YOKOSUKA 13

WEST PAC CLNSEC 17

TOTAL DOD/SPECIAL 674

TOTAL JAPAN 4,034

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FM CG FMFPAC  
TO RUEBHQA/QIC  
INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCEO SECT 4 OF 4

C. HAWAII  
BRIGADE (KANEHOE BAY)  
H&S CO, MARBRIG  
RLT  
INF REGT  
D/S ARTY BN  
DET SVC BN  
CO, AT BN  
CO (-), RECON BN  
CO, MED BN  
CO, ENGR BN  
CO, MT BN  
CO, SP BN

167  
5,496  
623  
234  
20  
81  
17  
131  
75  
64  
4,741

MISSING ASSUMING  
4 MAR 161\* If Div Hq Rem

3752  
662  
205  
0  
95  
25  
177  
79  
102

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TOTAL RLT  
FORCE TROOPS

DET 4/12 112  
DET Hq RTAY 12th 15  
5386

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DET DENTAL CO 2  
IT TM 11  
INTERP TM 6  
COM SPT CO 235  
DET FSR 352  
ENGR CO 165  
FOR RECON CO (-) 130  
AMTRAC CO 219

1  
11  
6  
0  
175  
147  
0

TOTAL FORCE TROOPS 1,120  
MAG (VF/VA) (REIN)  
H&S 381  
MABS 351  
VMFA (F4J) 384  
VMFA (F4J) 384  
DET MH (6 - CH-53) 85  
DET VMO (6 - OV10 A-10 4 - UH1) 110  
MACS (NTDS) 234  
MATCU 68

TANKS (140)  
9th MT 85  
CIT 16  
Force Arty 377  
958

TOTAL MAG 1,997  
TOTAL BRIGADE 8,025

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D. NOTES:

1/ WHILE 2-SLF'S ARE PLANNED TO BE MAINTAINED  
AFLCAT, THIS TROOP LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED SHOWING ONLY  
ONE SLF AFLOAT, TO FACILITATE COMPARISON WITH MARINE  
CORPS T-DAY PLAN TROOP LIST. FORCES SHOWN UNDER SLF  
HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM REMAINDER OF TROOP LIST.

2/ AT BN WILL BE RETAINED IN A CADRE STATUS.

3/ HQ BTRY MAG WILL BE RETAINED IN A CADRE STATUS.

4/ INCLUDES PERSONNEL FOR 2-SLF HQS.

5/ STRENGTH REDUCTION WILL REQUIRE A FLEET

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

6/ RELOCATED FROM OKINAWA

7/ WILL ACCOMMODATE AN ADDITIONAL FIXED  
WING MAG WHEN APPROPRIATE RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE  
FROM RVN.

6. (TS) THE PRIMARY PROBLEM AREAS ENCOUNTERED IN  
PLANNING TO DATE HAVE BEEN THE REQUIREMENT TO LIMIT  
STAFF PARTICIPATION AND THE VARYING PARAMETERS RESULT-  
ING IN NUMEROUS ALTERNATIVES PREPARED UNDER THE  
PRESSURE OF UNREALISTIC DEADLINES. THESE HAVE PRE-

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CLUDED DETAILED COORDINATION AT ALL LEVELS; HOWEVER,  
I RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE NOT AREAS IN WHICH YOU CAN  
HELP US. THE FOLLOWING AREAS DO APPEAR APPROPRIATE  
FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

A. DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF MY ASSUMPTION  
REGARDING STRENGTH CEILINGS ON OKINAWA, JAPAN OR  
BOTH, AND APPLICABILITY TO SLF (S) AFLOAT AND USN W/USMC;  
AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP REVISED MARINE CORPS T-DAY  
TROOP LISTS FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN, WITHIN THE PERTAIN-  
ING MANPOWER CEILINGS.

B. PROVIDE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MY  
PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND OBJECTIVES, AND MY TENTATIVE  
TROOP LISTS FOR OKINAWA, JAPAN AND THE BRIGADE IN HAWAII  
AS WELL AS THE UNITS TO BE RETURNED TO CONUS, SINCE THERE  
IS NO DOUBT THAT THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF THE MARINE  
CORPS WILL BE AFFECTED.

7. (TS) I AM MOST DESIROUS OF HAVING THE REMAINDER OF  
THE 3D MARDIV (REIN) TOGETHER WITH SELECTED 1ST MAW  
UNITS WITHDRAWN IN THE SECOND INCREMENT TO PROVIDE FOR  
RECONSTITUTION OF THE PACOM RESERVE WITH THE 3D MARDIV

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 HQ, 2-RLT'S, 1ST MAW (REAR) HQ AND A MAG (VH) IN OKINAWA;  
 A MAG (VF/VA) IN JAPAN; AND A FULL RLT AT KANESOME.  
 SHOULD PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS ALLOW WITHDRAWAL OF ONLY  
 ANOTHER RLT DURING THE SECOND INCREMENT, I WILL PRO-  
 POSE THAT IT BE AN RLT FROM THE 3D MARDIV AND THAT IT  
 REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA TO FACILITATE EARLIEST ATTAINMENT  
 OF OUR POST-HOSTILITY POSTURE IN WESTPAC AND PRECLUDE  
 AN ARMY BRIGADE FROM MOVING INTO ONE OF THE CAMP BUTLER  
 SITES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS PROTECTS RLT-26, WHICH IS A  
 TEMPORARY UNIT, BY KEEPING IT COMMITTED IN RVN.  
 3. (TS) I TRUST THAT THIS RECOUNT OF OUR TENTATIVE  
 FORCE PLANNING TO DATE WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE AND ENSURE  
 THAT OUR PLANNING IS IN CONSONANCE WITH YOURS. AS  
 NEW DEVELOPMENTS MATERIALIZE I WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED.  
 WARM REGARDS.

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28 JUN 1969

SUBJECT: Force Planning (U)

Commanding General  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO 96602

1. (TS) In connection with the possible redeployment of additional US forces, COMUSMACV is required to provide CINCPAC by 3 August 1969 an assessment of the situation.
2. (TS) Accordingly, it is requested that you provide to COMUSMACV by 28 July an assessment of your situation. In making the assessment, assume that the balance of the 3d Marine Division will be redeployed in the fall of CY 69. Further, it is requested that, as a minimum, you cover:
  - a. The enemy situation, to include discernible enemy reaction to the redeployment of the 9th FLT.
  - b. The status of GVN forces in I CTZ, to include the reaction to the redeployment of the 9th FLT.
  - c. Means employed and planned to take up the slack or fill the gaps left by redeploying USMC units.
  - d. Impact of the US redeployments in I CTZ on pacification.
3. (TS) At COMUSMACV's direction, this requirement will be disclosed only to those with a strict need-to-know. Additionally, your response will be prepared on a close-hold basis and hand carried to this headquarters.
4. (U) Contact at HQ MACV is Colonel Donn Starry, Operational Plans and Requirements Division, ACoFS, J3, EXT 3081.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ELIAS C. TOWNSEND  
 Major General, USA  
 Chief of Staff

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 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
 HEADQUARTERS  
 III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
 MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
 FPO. SAN FRANCISCO 96602

IN REPLY REFER TO:

38/jtb  
 2 July 1969

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: TELECON with BGen WILSON on Force Planning

1. In a Telecon with General WILSON at 1100 this date, I brought his attention to the message we sent him, DTG 121646Z June. I referred to the sentence in the message where we stated that we were now matching people and spaces. I asked him if it was his understanding that we were to match people and spaces and he stated, "Yes, that is correct".
2. I pointed out that our G-1's were in communication and that we had come to them with a query concerning personnel. Guidance given back to us was that we would deploy with on-roll strength. We interpreted this to mean on-roll strength, but to end with 8,388 as the final figure.
3. We put this out in our OPLAN. FMFPAC G-1 saw it and stated we do not have to match 8,388 as an end strength figure.
4. They are not going to put out any further instructions on this. General WILSON now allows that we can have some slight variance within each particular unit. I pointed out to him that this would be beneficial to us and that I was advised that in the case of the Wing they would be able to save 350 people. General WILSON felt that this was much too high and stated that it represented about 35% of the Wing people who would be deployed. (This is essentially correct.)
5. General WILSON pointed out that when the units deploy to Okinawa that they must be capable of carrying out their mission immediately. He generally seemed to favor an end strength of 8,388 plus or minus 150, but 350 from the Wing was much too high. I told him that I would look into this figure and examine it closely.
6. General WILSON called back at 1130 this date and stated that he had talked to Major HAINES (G-1). Major HAINES wanted to make sure that we did not construe any guidance he had given as authorizing any large deviations. General WILSON said that as a rule of thumb, we were 1,000 people short now and that we should not try to make up this shortage by the vehicle of the movement of the 1st Increment to Okinawa. He felt that

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being 1,000 short of authorized in-country strength equated to about 1% overall shortage. He feels that we can deviate from the authorized manning levels two or maybe two and one-half per cent. I told him that we were looking at the overall strength of the units involved and that we would use common sense in any instructions we gave to the deploying forces. I did point out that if the LAAM Battalion was short 200 people and required skills were not programmed in to replace, that it might be necessary to deploy the LAAM Battalion with a disproportionate shortage. To this he agreed.

  
G. E. DOOLEY  
Chief of Staff

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P 050210Z JUL 69

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TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

INFO RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW

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T O P S E C R E T/SENSITIVE/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE/INFO  
 MGEN QUILTER, FROM LTGEN NICKERSON /MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER  
 DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 270311Z JUN 69

1. (S) APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REF A ON F-4B/F-4J  
 DEPLOYMENT. CONSIDER FOLLOWING INFO TO BE PERTINENT.

2. (S) THE PROPOSAL TO REDEPLOY VMFA-334 VICE VMFA-115 UNDER MACV  
 OPLAN 182-69 WAS MADE WITH THE INTENTION OF REQUESTING AUTHORITY OF  
 CG FMFPAC FOR AN INTER-FMFPAC EXCHANGE OF VMFA-122 (F-4B) AND VMFA-232  
 (F-4J) SHORTLY AFTER THE VMFA-334 MOVE IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT SINGLE  
 SITE IMA SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE F-4J AIRCRAFT WOULD BE CONTINUED  
 AT IWAKUNI. THESE REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD COMPLY WITH THE INTENT OF CMC  
 MSG 121458Z JUN AND ENHANCE THE CURRENT MAG-15 AIR-TO-AIR COMMITMENT  
 WITH THE IMPROVED F-4J WEAPONS SYSTEM.

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3. (TS) THE SEQUENTIAL EXECUTION OF THESE PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS ARE  
 AS FOLLOWS:

13 AUG-VMFA-334 SURFACE LIFT IN APPROVED LST SHIPPING DEPARTS  
 FROM CHU LAI

22 AUG-LST SHIPPING ARRIVES IWAKUNI

25 AUG-VMFA-334 STANDS DOWN FROM IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS

28 AUG-VMFA-334 PERSONNEL, AVIONICS VANS AND SELECTED RFI  
 ROTABLE POOL SPARES DEPART BY AIR LIFT FOR IWAKUNI  
 (AIRFIELD OPENS)

30 AUG-VMFA-334 (F-4J) ACFT DEPART FOR IWAKUNI VIA AERIAL  
 REFUELING AND CHOPS TO 9TH MAB/MAG-15

03 SEP-VMFA-334 ACCEPTS AIR-TO-AIR CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT  
 FROM VMFA-122

06 SEP-VMFA-122 PERSONNEL AIRLIFTED IWAKUNI TO CHU LAI.  
 RETURN FLIGHT VMFA-232 PERSONNEL AIRLIFTED CHU LAI TO  
 IWAKUNI

07 SEP-VMFA-122 (F-4B) ACFT DEPART FOR CHU LAI VIA AERIAL  
 REFUELING AND CHOPS TO FIRST MAW

10 SEP-VMFA-232 (F-4J) ACFT DEPART FOR IWAKUNI VIA AERIAL  
 REFUELING AND CHOPS TO 9TH MAB/MAG-15.

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NOTES: 1. VMFA-232 CAN OPERATE IN THE AIR-TO-GROUND MODE  
 FOR 12-14 DAYS AND AIR-TO-AIR MODE 2-5 DAYS  
 W/O IMA SUPPORT WHICH DEPARTS 28 AUG. SQUADRON  
 WILL BE TASKED FOR AIR-TO-GROUND ROLE WHILE IN  
 COUNTRY.

2. REQUISITE ADVANCE PARTIES ALL SQUADRONS WILL BE  
 AIRLIFTED TO RELOCATED BASE.

4. (S) LOGISTIC ASPECTS CONSIDERED ENVISION THE SEA TAIL OF BULK AND  
 HEAVY LIFT SCHEDULED ON THE APPROVED SHIPPING. THE VMFA-122/232  
 EXCHANGE WOULD BE CONFINED TO REDEPLOYING PERSONNEL AND MINOR  
 EQUIPMENT BY AIRLIFT.

A. SHIPPING-VMFA-334 MARINE CORPS T/E, FAIR SHARE GSE/IMRL,  
 SECTION M, NON-RFI ROTABLE SPARES, AND F-4J SUPPLY SUPPORT.

B. AIRLIFT-SEVEN AVIONICS VANS, SELECTED RFI ROTABLE POOL  
 SPARES AND 10 DAY PACK-UP.

C. GARRISON PROPERTY-VMFA-334 WILL NOT MOVE GARRISON PROPERTY  
 SINCE MAG-15 HAS ADEQUATE QUANTITY ON HAND.

D. SECOND INCREMENT OF AVCAL OUTFITTING AT EL TORO- IT IS  
 UNDERSTOOD THAT MONEY HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO FUND THE SECOND  
 AVCAL OUTFITTING INCREMENT BEING ASSEMBLED AT EL TORO. THIS

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 ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY

PACKAGE COULD BE DIVERTED TO MAG-15 VICE MAG-13 AND SHOULD ARRIVE  
 THERE DURING THE GENERAL TIME FRAME OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

5. (S) INITIAL REASONING FOR SUBSTITUTING VMFA-334 VICE VMFA-115  
 AS PART OF PHASE I REDEPLOYMENT WAS TO PRECLUDE HAVING TO ROTATE  
 TWO VMFA (F-4B) SQUADRONS BACK IN-COUNTRY AT A LATER DATE.

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FM CG III MAF

TO RUHMF A/CG FMFPAC

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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 SECTION 1 OF 2 SECTIONS  
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 271416Z JULY 69

B. CG FMFPAC 010125Z JUL 69

1. (TS) THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO FURNISH YOU WITH MY  
LATEST INPUT TO MACV PLANNERS RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE FOLLOW ON  
DEPLOYMENTS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE A. COMUSMACV HAS NOT APPROVED/  
DISAPPROVED ANY PORTION OF TROOPLISTS SUBMITTED AND LISTED HEREIN.

2. (TS) ALTERNATIVE I PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

A. THIS TROOP LIST REDEPLOYS THE REMAINDER OF 3D MARDIV  
EXCEPT FOR FORCE ARTILLERY (5TH 175 GUN BTRY AND 1ST 8 IN

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HOW BTRY), 3D FORCE RECON CO, AND A REINFORCED BRIDGE PLA-  
TOON (60). IT INCLUDES 7TH COMM BN LESS THE COMM SUPPORT  
CO (200), AND 724 OOCNE FROM THE DIVISION.

B. A DETACHMENT OF FLC AND A PRORATA SHARE OF OOCNE'S FROM  
FLC HAVE BEEN LISTED.

C. THE TROOP LIST FOR WING ELEMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF  
MACV OPLAN 180 MODIFIED HAVE BEEN CHANGED IN THIS SUBMISSION.  
THE WERS HAS BEEN RETAINED IN COUNTRY, AND AN A-6 SQDN HAS RE-  
PLACED THE A-4 SQDN. OTHER UNITS HAVE REMAINED THE SAME, BUT HAVE  
DIFFERENT TOTALS.

D. A REQUEST FOR FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGE WILL BE FORTHCOMING  
TO ENABLE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 1ST MAW (REAR) HEADQUARTERS  
UTILIZING SPACES PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR PROV MAG-39 (353).

E. TROOP LIST- ALTERNATIVE I PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M13101	99X003B	HQ CO 3D MAR	254
M13110	99X003C	1/3	1166
M13120	99X003D	2/3	1166
M13130	99X003E	3/3	1166
M13301	99X003N	HQ BTRY(-) 12 MAR	244

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M13310	99K003P	1/12	662
M13340	99K003S	4/12(-)	402
M13400	99K003U	3D ENGR BN(-)	500
M13700	99K003V	3D RECON BN (-)	452
M13020	99K003W	3D MED BN(-)	110
M13650	99K003X	3D MT BN(-)	109
M13550	99K003Y	3D SP BN(-)	312
M13001	99K003A	HQ BN 3D MARDIV (-)	1194
M13151	99K003F	HQ CO 4TH MAR	254
M13160	99K003G	1/4	1166
M13170	99K003H	2/4	1166
M13180	99K003I	3/4	1166
M13330	99K003R	3/12	662
M21430	99K017A	3D TANK BN(-)	345
M21430	99K017A	DET 3D TANK BN	140
M20063	99K030	DET 3D DENT CO	3
M21335	99K025	3D BRIDGE CO(-)	123
M21635	99K015	7TH COMM BN(-)	383
M28020	99K009	9TH MT BN(-)	262
M21380	99K012	11TH ENGR BN(-)	725

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M95986	99K035F	15TH ITT	11
M95987	99K035G	17TH ITT	11
M95993	99K036E	9TH IT	6
M95994	99K036F	11TH IT	6
M95957	99K037E	15TH CIT	16
M95977	99K038A	1ST SSCT	10
M13000	99K102	OCCNE	724
M28300	99K033	DET FLC	350
M13660	99K102	OCCNE	14
		TOTAL GROUND	15,280
M00101	05J039	1ST MAW (REAR) HQ	353
		DET H&MS-1 (220)	
		DET H&MS-17 (133)	
M01024	99K077	H&MS-36(-)	488
M01026	99K079	MABS 36	494
M00982	05J042	MASS-2 (MACG-18)	209
M01143	05J040	DET, H&MS-18 (MACG-18)	60
M01533	99K075	VMA(AW)-533	305
M01038	99K058	DET, H&MS-12	69
M01361	99K087	HMM-361	220
M01175	05J034	HMM-164	255

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M01265	05J035	HMM-265	238
M01031	99K089	VMO-6	256
M00101	99K102	OOCNE	123
		TOTAL AIR	3070
		TOTAL GROUND	15,280
		TOTAL	18,350

## 3. (TS) ALTERNATIVE II PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

A. THIS TROOP LIST INCLUDES ALL EXCEPT ONE RLTY OF THE DIVISION, AND CONTAINS ELEMENTS OF 1ST MAW (REAR). THE REMAINING RLTY HAS BEEN STRUCTURED FOR INDEPENDENT DUTY IN NORTHERN I CORPS, WITH RESIDUAL FORCE UNITS ATTACHED. ADDITIONALLY, A HELICOPTER GROUP(-) WOULD REMAIN NORTH IN SUPPORT. IN THIS ALTERNATIVE, THE A-6 SQDN SHOWN UNDER ALTERNATIVE I WOULD BE RETAINED IN COUNTRY.

## B. TROOP LIST - ALTERNATIVE II PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M13101	99K003B	HQ CO 3D MAR	254
M13110	99K003C	1/3	1166
M13120	99K003D	2/3	1166
M13130	99K003E	3/3	1166

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M13301	99K003N	HQ BTRY(-) 12TH MAR	229
M13310	99K003P	1/12	662
M13343	99K003S	K/4/12	290
M13400	99K003U	3D ENGR BN(-)	323
M13700	99K003V	3D RECON BN(-)	357
M13020	99K003W	3D MED BN(-)	85
M13650	99K003X	3D MT BN(-)	30
M13550	99K003Y	3D SP BN(-)	210
M13001	99K003A	HQ BN 3D MARDIV(-)	1033
M21430	99K017A	3D TANK BN(-)	345
M20063	99K030	3D DENT CO(-)	2
M21335	99K025	3D BRIDGE CO(-)	123
M21635	99K015	7TH COMM BN(-)	N 383
M28020	99K009	9TH MT BN(-)	177
M21380	99K012	11TH ENGR BN(-)	550
M95987	99K035G	17TH ITT	11
M95994	99K036F	11TH IT	6
M95977	99K038A	1ST SSCT	10

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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 SECTION 2 OF 2. SECTIONS

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M13000	99K102	OOCNE	438
		TOTAL	9016

1ST MAW (REAR)

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M00101	05J039	1ST MAW (REAR)	353

		DET H&MS-1 (220)	
		DET H&MS-17 (133)	

M01024	99K077	H&MS-36 (FWD)	359
M01026	99K079	M&BS-36 (FWD)	291
M00982	99K052	M&SS-2 (MACG-18)	209
M0	99K052	DET H&MS-18 (MACG-18)	60
M01361	99K087	HMM-361	220
M01175	05J034	HMM-164	255

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M01265	05J035	HMM-265	238
M01031	99K089	VMO-6 (18 OV-10A, 12 UH1E)	256
M00101	99K102	OOCNE	92
		TOTAL AIR	2333
		TOTAL GROUND	9016
		TOTAL	11,349

4. (TS) ALTERNATIVE III PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

A. THIS LIST DEPLOYS ONE HEAVY RLTC, LEAVING A RESIDUAL  
FORCE OF AN RLTC, THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (120) AND ALL AVIA-  
TION UNITS LISTED IN ALTERNATIVES I AND II.

B. TROOP LIST - ALTERNATIVE III PHASE 2 (INCREMENT 2)

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M13101	99K003B	HQ CO 3D MAR	254
M13110	99K003C	1/3	1166
M13120	99K003D	2/3	1166
M13130	99K003E	3/3	1166
M13301	99K003N	HQ BTRY(-) 12TH MAR	299
M13310	99K003P	1/12	662
M13340	99K003S	4/12(-)	290
M13400	99K003U	3D ENGR BN(-)	323

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M13700	99K003V	3D RECON BN(-)	357
M13020	99K003W	3D MED BN(-)	85
M13650	99K003X	3D MT BN(-)	30
M13550	99K003Y	3D SP BN(-)	210
M13001	99K003A	HQ BN 3D MARDIV(-)	833
M21430	99K017A	3D TANK BN(-)	345
M20063	99K030	3D DENTAL CO(-)	2
M21335	99K025	3D BRIDGE CO(-)	123
M21635	99K015	7TH COMM BN(-)	383
M28020	99K009	9TH MT BN(-)	117
M21380	99K012	11TH ENGR BN(-)	550
M95987	99K035G	17TH ITT	11
M95994	99K036F	11TH IT	6
M95977	99K038A	1ST SSCT	10
		TOTAL	8388

5. (TS) ALTERNATIVES I, II AND III, PHASE 3 (INCREMENT 3)  
 A. REQUIREMENT TO DEPLOY 15 MBR'S MACV HQ HAS BEEN LIFTED.  
 B. TROOP LIST - ALTERNATIVES I, II AND III, PHASE 3 (INCREMENT 3).

PAGE FOUR RHMMAFA0579 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR

UIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
M13660	99K033	FLC (3D SER BN)	710
M20128	99K001A	HQ III MAF	130
M28300	99K102	OOCNE	21
		TOTAL	861

6. (U) ALL STRENGTH FIGURES ON DAN-MC-69-503.  
 7. (U) TRUST THIS WILL BE HELPFUL IN RELATION TO REF B. WARM REGARDS

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**S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR COMMODORES MCCAULEY, RANDOLPH, DODSON, COAD, AND PEREZ INFO VICE ADMIRALS BRINGLE, SMITH, AND ZUMWALT AND LGEN NICKERSON FROM ROSENBERG

1. BASED SOLELY ON WHAT I READ AND INTELLIGENCE GENERALLY AVAILABLE, PRUDENT FORTHOUGHT SUGGESTS THAT THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SEVENTH FLEET WILL BE CALLED UPON TO MOVE ADDITIONAL MARINES AND EQUIPMENT OUT OF VIETNAM SUBSEQUENT TO KEYSTONE EAGLE AND BEFORE THE END OF 1969.

2. OF THE ASSUMPTION THAT T-DAY WILL NOT BE DECLARED AND OPLAN 69-69 WILL NOT BE EXECUTED, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DO THIS WITH WESPAC ASSETS.

3. THE FOLLOWING PLANNING FACTORS WILL BE HELPFUL IN OUR MUTUAL EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH ADDITIONAL LOADOUT WHILE MAINTAINING TWO FULLY READY ARGES.

A. LIFT OF ONE RL1 MAY BE REQUIRED AS EARLY AS 1 SEPTEMBER AND ANOTHER ABOUT 1 DECEMBER.

B. SHIPS MAY BE ADMINISTRATIVELY LOADED.

C. MAXIMUM USE WILL BE MADE OF RETURNING PHIBRONS. FOR EXAMPLE, ITS IS ESTIMATED THAT WITH ADDITION OF TULARE AND 6542 CLASS LST LIFTS, SHIPS RETURNING AROUND THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER WITH COMMODORE COAD (VALLEY FORGE, PAUL REVERE, ALAMO, TORTUGA, AND BELLE GROVE) COULD LIFT ONE BASIC RL1.

D. PORT OF EMBARKATION WOULD BE DANANG AND CUA VIET.

E. PORTS OF DESTINATION WOULD BE OKINAWA AND KANEOME.

4. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT FOREGOING IS FOR PLANNING ONLY. INFO ADDEES ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE QUALIFYING FACTORS TO THOSE ASSUMED AND TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WHICH WILL PERMIT RESPONSIVE LIFT WHILE MAINTAINING FULL CAPABILITY TO REINSERT TWO COMBAT-READY SLFS INTO VIETNAM AT ANY TIME THE SITUATION REQUIRES DURING THE WITHDRAWAL.

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TO USS SANCTUARY

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FOR THE EYES ONLY OF MGEN JONES

1. UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR POLICY CONCERNING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF COMPANY COMMANDERS WITH THEIR COMPANIES.
2. I HAVE READ YOUR HANDWRITTEN MEMO DELIVERED BY REGAN FULLER. I BELIEVE YOUR ORIGINAL DECISION WAS SOUND. HOWEVER, I DO NOT INTEND TO ENTER THE CASE.

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MGEN JONES SENDS

FOR THE EYES ONLY OF LTGEN NICKERSON

1. I RESPECT AND APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AND AM CAREFULLY RECONSIDERING

MY THOUGHTS SET FORTH IN HANDWRITTEN MEMO.

2. DIFFICULTY TO OBTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO PROJECT  
WHILE ABOARD SHIP

3. SITUATION NOT REPEAT NOT IRREVERSIBLE.

4. PRESENT PROGNOSIS CALLS FOR RETURN TO DONG HA 12 JULY

5. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

MGEN JONES SENDS

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FOR MGEN JONES FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 070500Z JUL69

1. CONCUR IN YOUR PROPOSAL TO HONOR AND EXTEND  
FAREWELL TO THE NINTH MARINES.

2. I HAVE NO PARTICULAR DESIRES OR RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONCERNING THE DATE. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE THE  
REVIEWING OFFICER AND MAKE A FEW REMARKS.

3. MY CHIEF CALLED CARTER TOWNSEND TODAY AND  
ADVISED HIM OF YOUR PLAN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT  
GENERAL ABRAMS WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONY.  
IN THAT CASE, HE WOULD APPROPRIATELY BE THE  
REVIEWING OFFICER. DATES THAT WERE GIVEN TO HIM  
WERE NOT BEFORE THE 25TH AND NOT AFTER THE 30TH,  
WITH THE MOST LIKELY DATES BEING EITHER THE 25TH  
OR 28TH. THESE WERE DATES GIVEN TO GEORGE BY  
REGAN FULLER. I WILL ADVISE UPON HEARING FROM  
GEN TOWNSEND.

4 I WILL HAVE MY G-1 CHECK INTO THE NUC AND  
ADVISE.

5. I ASSUME THE PLAN ITSELF AND THE DATES UNDER  
DISCUSSION ARE AGREEABLE TO GEN ZAIS.

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EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN JONES

1. YOU HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT I RESUMED COMMAND OF THIS DIVISION DURING THE FOR NOON TODAY. THIS AFTERNOON MY STAFF PROVIDED ME WITH STATISTICS THAT IN MY OPINION INDICATE MY MESSAGE 290226Z JUN 69, SUBJECT CRITERIA ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO RL T 9, HAS TWO UNFORESEEN DEFICIENCIES. ONE, IT WAS NOT DEFINITIVE ENOUGH REGARDING THOSE WITH OSD WAIVERS. TWO, IT DID NOT ADDRESS THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE AND WISH TO EXTEND THEIR TOUR. THE FORMER ROBS THE REDEPLOYING UNIT OF THE FINEST SECOND TOUR LEADERS; THE LATTER, ONCE IT CAUGHT ON, COULD CREATE AN UNACCEPTABLE MIX-MASTER EFFECT WHEN REQUIRED TO MEET A GIVEN HEAD COUNT. IN EITHER CASE THE COMBAT READINESS OF THE DEPLOYING UNIT IS DEGRADED. A RETROACTIVE POLICY MESSAGE WILL BE PROMULGATED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE RL T-9 CRITERIA REASONABLY APPLICABLE IN CASE OF FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS.

2. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE 110630Z JUL 69, SUBJECT CAPT'S CHAPMAN, BUSE, AND KRULAK.

THE ABOVE AT THIS TIME ONLY APPLIES TO ~~CAPT~~ CAPT CHAPMAN. HE AND THREE OTHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS PLUS APPROX FIFTEEN SGT'S AND ABOVE WILL BE SENT BACK TO THEIR UNITS. I HAVE TALKED TO CARNEY AND IN DUE COURSE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MEET CAPT CHAPMAN'S DESIRE FOR AO TRAINING. SPECIFICALLY HE WILL GO BACK TO 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WHERE HIS SERVICES ARE REQUIRED. I DEMURE FURTHER GUIDANCE TO HIS BN CMDR.

CAPT BUSE IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN CARRIED ON THE ROLLS OF 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. MY EMBARKATION OFFICER NEEDED A CAPTAIN TO HEAD A TEMPORARY LIAISON TEAM. I CONSIDERED THIS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A CAREER OFFICER TO BROADEN HIS PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND. HE IS NOW AT CUA VIET LOADING LSTS AND LSDS. HE WILL MOVE TO DA NANG WHEN THE SECOND INCREMENT OUTLOADS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH DEEP DRAFT SHIPS. HE WILL THEN RETURN TO HIS BATTALION. I HAVE TODAY BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO MOVE HIM TO BN S-3A THIS MONTH IN PREPARATION FOR A FURTHER MOVE IN AUGUST TO THE REGT S-3A POSITION. HIS REGT CMDR STILL DESIRES HIM IN THE REGT S-3A BILLET AND VIEWS THIS EMBARKATION EXPERIENCE AS MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN A BRIEF SOJOURN IN THE BN S-3 SLOT.

CAPT KRULAK HAD A STAFF JOB WHEN FIRST JOINING THIS DIVISION AND UNLIKE CHAPMAN AND BUSE WAS NOT GIVEN COMMAND UNTIL APRIL. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE TO REMAIN WITH HIS COMPANY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO MONTHS.

I SINCERELY REGRET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL INTERVENED AT A MOST INOPPORTUNE TIME. RESPECTFULLY.

NOTE: FREEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION PURPOSES ONLY. DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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 LTC WICKERSON CG III MAF DAMANG  
 MG HARRY COFS USARV LONG BINH  
 ZFM

SECRET MAC 9236 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS IN FORCE PLANNING

1. I CURRENT FORCE PLANNING COMPONENT COMMANDERS MAY HAVE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS PECULIAR TO THE MACV COMPONENTS AND/OR THEIR PARENT (CINCPAC) COMPONENTS. SUCH QUESTIONS MAY PERTAIN TO CURRENT AND/OR LONG RANGE PLANNING.

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMPONENT COMMANDERS HAVE THEIR PLANNERS (CURRENTLY WORKING WITH MACV PLANNERS) INTRODUCE ALL SUCH QUESTIONS (BOTH CURRENT AND LONG RANGE) INTO THE MACV PLANNING GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR RESOLUTION. THESE ARE TO INCLUDE ALL SUBJECTS ADDRESSEES CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR ADEQUATE PLANNING ON U.S. FORCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, CURRENT AND LONG RANGE.

3. FOR GENERAL BROWN - THE FOREGOING SHOULD INCLUDE ALL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH GENERALS ABRAMS AND ROSSON.

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 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 050210Z/JUL69 (TS)

1. (S) CONCUR WITH PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A.
2. (S) SUBJECT TO MACV'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL, (IF YOU DEEM REQUIRED) INDIVIDUAL MATERIAL READINESS LISTS (IMRL), AVIATION CONSOLIDATED ALLOWANCE LISTS (AVCAL) AND PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THIS HQ.

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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZ IN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC TOP SECRET SPECAT 019125Z JUL 69

(1. (TS) REFERENCE (A), ADVISED OF YOUR SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS, YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR A REDEPLOYMENT POSTURE IN OKINAWA, JAPAN AND HAWAII, AND AREAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR OUR ASSISTANCE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE GUIDANCE NECESSARY FOR YOUR PLANNING EFFORTS.

2. (TS) YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT MARINE CORPS CEILINGS IN WESTPAC WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO PRE TONKIN STRENGTHS; THAT THESE CEILINGS WOULD APPLY TO MARINES ONLY AND INCLUDE SLP (S) (AFLOAT), IS VALID. THIS EQUATES TO OUR DETERMINATIONS EXCEPT THAT WE HAVE VALIDATED A HIGHER PRE-SVN T/O STRENGTH

PAGE 2 RUEBHOAS 652 TOP SECRET  
FOR JAPAN. ACCORDINGLY, A CEILING OF 23052 FOR OKINAWA AND 7450 FOR JAPAN IS APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

3. (TS) YOUR TENTATIVE TROOP LIST WAS EXAMINED. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THAT NICK AND HIS STAFF ARE REFINING THIS TROOP LIST TO REFLECT RECENTLY APPROVED DOD AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS (PROGRAM SIX), A NUMBER OF PROBLEM AREAS HAVE BEEN SURFACED WHICH REQUIRE DISCUSSION BETWEEN YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT HQMC IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEABLE SOLUTION. THESE CONCERN:

A. THE NUMBER OF MEDIUM HELICOPTERS SQUADRONS WHICH SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM SVN IN THE SECOND INCREMENT. THIS MATTER RELATES TO SLP EMPLOYMENT.

B. THE IMPACT OF THE NAVY SPACES ON THE OVERALL TROOP LIST OF MARINE UNITS DEPLOYED TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN.

C. THE DETAILED REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE FY 70 PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.

D. A SOLUTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A LAAM BN WITHDRAWAL TO CONUS.

E. AMONG OTHER AVIATION MATTERS, THE FEASIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING AN A-6 OR ADDITIONAL F-4 SQUADRON FROM SVN TO JAPAN VICE AN A-4 SQUADRON.

✓ III MAF / 7M7 PAC  
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F. WILCON REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENTS.

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G. DISCUSSION OF THE MOST FEASIBLE MEANS, IF ANY, FOR RESTORING THOSE CADRED UNITS (E.G. AMTRAC BN) REDEPLOYED TO OKINAWA TO COMBAT CAPABLE STATUS.

*7mt pac*

4. (C) IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THESE AND RELATED MATTERS I PROPOSE THAT A FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE BE HELD HAWAII DURING THE PERIOD 24-25 JULY. THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO ARRIVE AT RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM AREAS AFFECTING OUR REDEPLOYMENT EFFORTS AND TO ARRIVE AT A REFINED TROOP LIST BASED ON PROGRAM SIX AUTHORIZATIONS WITHIN THE CEILINGS APPROVED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

5. (H) WILL PROVIDE NAMES, ETA, BILLETING REQUIREMENTS, ETC., AS SOON AS KNOWN AND CERTIFY TOP SECRET CLEARANCE. BEST REGARDS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGENS VAN RYZIN AND  
 NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. TELECON BGEN SAWYER, DEP G-3, HQMC AND COL FREY,  
 ACT C/S, HQ FMFPAC OF 17 JUL 1969

B. CMC 161043Z/JUL69 (TS) NCEO

1. (S) FOR LTGEN VAN RYZIN: AS DISCUSSED REF A, OTHER  
 CONFERENCES PLANNED DURING PERIOD 24-25 JULY HAVE  
 SATURATED CAMP SMITH BILLETING AND CONFERENCE SPACES.  
 THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PLANNING  
 CONFERENCE PROPOSED IN REF B BE RESCHEDULED FOR  
 28-29 JULY.

2. (S) FOR LTGEN NICKERSON: REQUEST YOU SEND  
 APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES TO 28-29 JULY CONFERENCE  
 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AREA CITED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF B.

PAGE TWO RUHFMA 2763 S E C R E T NCEO  
 WILL CONFIRM DATES SOONEST.

3. (U) FOR BOTMC REQUEST PROVIDE THIS HQ WITH CONFEREE  
 NAMES, ETA, BILLETING REQUIREMENTS, AND CERTIFICATION  
 OF TOP SECRET CLEARANCE. WARM REGARDS.

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 TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF  
 ZEM  
 T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 9304 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: MACV LETTER OF 23 JUNE, 1969 SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)  
 1. (TS) REFERENCE LETTER REQUESTED YOU PROVIDE COMUSMACV BY 28  
 JULY AN ASSESSMENT OF III MAF SITUATION WITH THE ASSUMPTION  
 THAT THE BALANCE OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION WILL REDEPLOY  
 IN THE FALL OF CY 69.  
 2. (TS) IN ORDER TO MEET RECENTLY ACCELERATED SCHEDULE, IT  
 IS REQUESTED THAT III MAF ASSESSMENT, AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE,  
 REACH MACV LT 23 JULY 1969.  
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 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 Military Assistance Command Vietnam  
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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18 JUL 1969

From: Commanding General  
 To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
 Subj: Redeployment Planning

Ref: (a) COMNAVFORV ltr to COMUSMACV of 11Jul69  
 (b) COMNAVFORV 100712Z Jul69  
 (c) COMNAVFORV memo for CofS, MACV of 6Jul69

1. Paragraph 2 of reference (a) submits a proposed phased redeployment of combat support and combat service support units mainly in I Corps. The proposed reduction is dependent on the phased reduction of Marine Corps units and upon the common support role shifting from U. S. Navy to U. S. Army under two options.

a. Option A - USARV units replace Navy common support forces in Phase 4.

b. Option B - Navy common support force departure coincides with Marine Corps units.

2. I cannot and do not concur in option A. I believe that the near future holds significant changes for I Corps Tactical Zone which will tax my current support system to the maximum. Regardless of the excellence of the support provided by the Army or the excellence of any turnover plan developed, execution of such a plan would produce some diminution in support capability in I Corps Tactical Zone. Considering the many possibilities and alternatives which I now face, I cannot agree with any action which would reduce my capabilities at such a critical time. My views on this have been passed previously by reference (b).

3. In view of the above, I recommend that you not approve Option A.

4. Relative to the above, reference (c) indicates redeployment of four (4) Navy Mobile Construction Battalions in Phase 2 and 3. This redeployment appears to conform with anticipated commitments and can be accepted. However, I would add that

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such concurrence is predicated on the assumption that the remaining six (6) Navy Mobile Construction Battalions will remain in I Corps Tactical Zone.

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COMNAVFORV

H. NICKERSON, JR.

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 FM ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 TO ZAIS XXIV CORPS  
 INFO WICKERSON III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 9442 EYES ONLY

1. I PLAN TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY FOR 9TH BLT ON 25 JULY-  
 1000 HOURS. I WILL ARRIVE HUE-PHU EAI BY T-39 AT 0930.  
 PLEASE FURNISH TRANSPORTATION TO QUANG TRI. AFTER THE  
 CEREMONY I WANT TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

1/5TH MECH

101ST ABN DIV

1ST ARVN DIV

2. I WANT TO DEPART YOUR AREA BY 1600 HOURS.

3. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND RETURN PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

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 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 INFO LTG NICKERSON III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 1384 EYES ONLY

REF: MAC 9442 EYES ONLY

(C) THE PROPOSED ININERARY FOR YOU IS AS FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY, 25 JULY 1969

0930-	ARRIVE PHU BAI AIRFIELD/MET BY LTG ZAIS	T-39 (MACV)
0930-1000	ENROUTE MAG-39, QUANG TRI	2 EA UH-1 (CORPS)
1000-1100	ATTEND CEREMONY FOR 9TH RLT	MG JONES
1100-1105	ENROUTE CAMP RED DEVIL	2 EA UH-1 (CORPS)
1105-1130	VISIT AND BRIEFING AT 1/5 MECH	COL OSTEEN
1130-1155	ENROUTE CAMP EAGLE	2 EA UH-1 (CORPS)
1155-1420	AS ARRANGED BY CG, 101ST ABN DIV (TO INCLUDE LUNCH, BRIEFING, OVERFLY 547 AND VISIT TO A FSB)	MG WRIGHT
1420-1430	ENROUTE FROM CAMP EAGLE TO HUE CITADEL/ MET BY MG TRUONG	2 EA UH-1 (CORPS)
1430-1545	AS ARRANGED BY CG, 1ST ARVN DIV (TO INCLUDE BRIEFING AND VISIT TO A FSB)	MG TRUONG
1545-1600	ENROUTE TO PHU BAI AIRFIELD	2 EA UH-1 (CORPS)
1600- GP-4 230	DEPART PHU BAI AIRFIELD FOR TAN SON NHUT	T-39 (MACV)

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 TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
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T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN  
 BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON/FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. THE FOLLOWING LTR FROM CG III MAF TO COMUSMACV  
 IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE CG III MAF LTR 38/HMS 3000 SER: 00085569 OF 18 JUL 1969  
 FROM: COMMANDING GENERAL

TO: COMMANDER, U. S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
 SUBJ: REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING

REF: (A) COMNAVFORV LTR TO COMUSMACV OF 11JUL69

(B) COMNAVFORV 100712Z JUL69

(C) COMNAVFORV MEMO FOR COFS, MACV OF 6JUL69

1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE (A) SUBMITS A PROPOSED PHASED  
 REDEPLOYMENT OF COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT  
 UNITS MAINLY IN I CORPS. THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IS DEPENDENT  
 ON THE PHASED REDUCTION OF MARINE CORPS UNITS AND UPON THE  
 COMMON SUPPORT ROLE SHIFTING FROM U. S. NAVY TO U. S. ARMY

PAGE 2 RHMMFA 3146 T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 UNDER TWO OPTIONS.

A. OPTION A - USARV UNITS REPLACE NAVY COMMON SUPPORT  
 FORCES IN PHASE 4.

B. OPTION B - NAVY COMMON SUPPORT FORCE DEPARTURE COIN-  
 CIDES WITH MARINE CORPS UNITS.

2. I CANNOT AND DO NOT CONCUR IN OPTION A. I BELIEVE THAT  
 THE NEAR FUTURE HOLDS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR I CORPS TACTICAL  
 ZONE WHICH WILL TAX MY CURRENT SUPPORT SYSTEM TO THE MAXIMUM.  
 REGARDLESS OF THE EXCELLENCE OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE  
 ARMY OR THE EXCELLENCE OF ANY TURNOVER PLAN DEVELOPED, EXECU-  
 TION OF SUCH A PLAN WOULD PRODUCE SOME DIMINUTION IN SUPPORT  
 CAPABILITY IN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. CONSIDERING THE MANY  
 POSSIBILITIES AND ALTERNATIVES WHICH I NOW FACE, I CANNOT  
 AGREE WITH ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD REDUCE MY CAPABILITIES AT  
 SUCH A CRITICAL TIME. MY VIEWS ON THIS HAVE BEEN PASSED PRE-  
 VIOUSLY BY REFERENCE (B).

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU NOT APPROVE OP-  
 TION A.

4. RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE, REFERENCE (C) INDICATES REDEPLOY-  
 MENT OF FOUR (4) NAVY MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS IN PHASE

PAGE 3 RHMMFA 3146 T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 2 AND 3. THIS REDEPLOYMENT APPEARS TO CONFORM WITH ANTICIPATED  
 COMMITMENTS AND CAN BE ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, I WOULD ADD THAT  
 SUCH CONCURRENCE IS PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE RE-  
 MAINING SIX (6) NAVY MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS WILL REMAIN  
 IN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM  
 BGEN WILSON, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING  
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 13010Z/JUL 69 (S) MCEO

1. (S) REF A ADVISED OF PGNPOSED CONFERENCE ON SUBJECT  
 AT CAMP SMITH ON 28-29 JULY.

2. (U) THE CONFERENCE DATES PROPOSED IN REF A ARE CON-  
 FIRMED.

3. (TS) FOR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS  
 WILL BE DISCUSSED:

A. STATUS OF FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING. ✓ *Summers*

B. FMFPAC FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING OBJECTIVES. ✓

C. DEACTIVATION OF SUB UNIT NR 2, HQCO, 25TH ✓

MARINES.

D. III MAF SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENT ✓ *Summers*  
*Subj*

PAGE TWO RUHNFMA3557 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 TROOP LIST, TO INCLUDE:

(1) COMPOSITION/EQUIPMENT OF AVATION ✓ *B*  
 DETACHMENTS.

(2) REDEPLOYMENT PHASING OF SECOND REDEPLOY- ✓  
 MENT INCREMENT.

(3) PROGRAM SIX STATUS OF PROV MAG-39. ✓

E. MANPOWER CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA/JAPAN.

F. INTERIM WESTPAC POSTURE, PRIOR TO CESSATION  
 TK HOSTILITIES, UPON EXECUTION OF A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT  
 INCREMENT, TO INCLUDE.

1) IMPACT OF USN PERSONNEL WITH REDEPLOYING  
 USMC UNITS.

(2) RESTORING TO COMBAT CAPABLE STATUS UNITS  
 REDEPLOYED AT CADRE STRENGTH.

(3) PROPOSED INTERIM WESTPAC TROOP LIST.

(4) REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL IMPACT ON

FY70 PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.

(5) MILCON REQUIREMENTS.

G. FMFPAC POSTURE UPON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES  
 T-DAY), TO INCLUDE:

PAGE THREE RUHNFMA3557 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE MCEO

(1) IMPACT OF MANPOWER CEILING.

(2) PROPOSED WESTPAC/MIDPAC TROOP LIST.

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TO CG XXIV CORPS PHE

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A. CG XXIV CORPS 232535Z JUL 69 (PHE 1384)

B. CG III MAF 121426Z MAY 69 (OPLAN 302-69)

C. CG III MAF 311204Z MAY 69

1. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR VISIT OUTLINED IN  
REF A IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.

2. SUBMIT MEETING/VISIT REPORT AS REQUIRED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C.

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FM CG III MAF

TO RUMLNMA/CG FIRST MAW

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

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE:

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FM ADMIN FHFPAC

TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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A. CG FHFPAC 180107Z/JUL69 (S) NCEO

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B. FHFPAC FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING OBJECTIVES.

C. DEACTIVATION OF SUB UNIT NR2, HQCO, 26TH

MARINES.

D. III MAF SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENT

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PAGE TWO RUMPHAS557 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
TROOP LIST, TO INCLUDE:

- (1) COMPOSITION/EQUIPMENT OF AVIATION  
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- (2) REDEPLOYMENT PHASING OF SECOND REDEPLOY-  
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  - (3) PROPOSED INTERIM WESTPAC TROOP LIST.
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FY70 PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.
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- G. FMFPAC POSTURE UPON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES  
(T-DAY), TO INCLUDE:

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- (2) PROPOSED WESTPAC/MIDPAC TROOP LIST.

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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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LTGEN NICKERSON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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TOP SECRET (SPECAT MCEO)

TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN TO  
LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON MAJGEN THRASH, EGEN HOFFMAN  
FIRST LAAM BN(U)

A. CG FMFPAC 010125Z JUL69 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A CONTEMPLATED CHANGE OF PLAN/DESTINATION  
REGARDING 1ST LAAM BN RETROGRADE. AFTER WEIGHING PROS  
AND CONS, THIS HQ APPROVES RETURNING LAAM BN TO CONUS.2. (C) MCB 29 PLANS APPEARS MOST LOGICAL LOCATION FOR SITING  
LAAM BN. OTHER WEST COAST BASES UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE BN IN  
NEAR TIME FRAME PENDING REHAB (EL TORO) OR COMPLETION (YUMA)  
OF REQUIRED FACILITIES. PALMS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING APPROXIMATELY  
2000 MAN BILLET LOAD INCLUDING 2D LAAM BN (-). POSSIBLE  
CROWD BILLETING CONDITIONS MAY OBTAIN WITH ARRIVAL OF THE  
LAAM BN.

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3. (C) DUE YOUR PROXIMITY TO SOURCE, ASSUME YOU WILL ARRANGE  
SHIPPING/TRANSPORTATION FROM CINCPACFLT ASSETS: AMPHIBIOUS  
LIFT PREFERABLE.4. (S) SINCE CINCPAC APPROVED SEASIA PROGRAM 6 SPACE  
REALLOCATION, E. G. LAAM BN TO OKINAWA, REQUEST YOU OBTAIN  
CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT APPROVAL OF CHANGE. THIS HQ WILL INITIATE  
APPROPRIATE SEASIA PROGRAM 7 DAN/DAN ACTION UPON YOUR NOTIFICA-  
TION OF CINCPAC CONCURRENCE.5. (C) PERSONNEL SHORT TOUR CRITERIA, ESPECIALLY FOR HAWK  
PECULIAR PERSONNEL WILL BE ADDRESSED BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE  
SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF CINCPAC APPROVAL OF YOUR PLAN.  
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 FROM MAJGEN FONTANA.

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY ANCG04 RPT ANCG00  
 DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS ONLY

(1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WHEELER, INFO ABRAMS,  
 WYLAND, AND YOU WAS RELEASED BY MCCAIN ON 26 JUL  
 LOCAL.

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VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (C)

A. COMUSMACV PLAN OF 20 JUL 69, SUBJ AS ABOVE

1. REF A PROVIDES FOR THE TWO AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUPS/  
 SPECIAL LANDING FORCES (ARGS/SLFS) TO REMAIN IN THEIR  
 CURRENT STATUS AT LEAST UNTIL ALL USMC UNITS IN THE RVN  
 ARE REDEPLOYED.

2. THE CURRENT THREAT DICTATES THAT THE TWO ARGS/SLFS  
 SHOULD REMAIN AFLOAT AND AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE A READY CAPABILITY FOR

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 RAPID REENTRY OF COMBAT FORCES ALONG THE LITTORAL OF  
 VIETNAM. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REF A THE

SLFS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED AGAINST THE MACV  
 AUTHORIZED CEILING AND, WHILE AFLOAT, WOULD IN EFFECT  
 RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY A 10% OF THE AUTHORIZED CEILING  
 NOT ACTUALLY BEING EMPLOYED IN-COUNTRY. ACCORDINGLY,  
 IT WOULD APPEAR PRUDENT TO DEVELOP A MODIFICATION TO REF A  
 THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR FULL UTILIZATION OF AUTHORIZED IN-  
 COUNTRY STRENGTH, WHILE MAINTAINING THE ARGS/SLFS AFLOAT.

3. I RECOMMEND THAT, DURING FINAL STAGES OF PHASE 2 REDEPLOY-  
 MENTS DEFINED IN REF A, RL1-26 BE EMPLOYED IN-COUNTRY AND  
 THE SLFS BE RECONSTITUTED FROM THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND  
 SUPPORTING MARINE AVIATION UNITS ON OKINAWA. IN CONSIDERA-  
 TION OF THE THREAT OF RENAISSANCE OF LARGE SCALE NVN AGGRESSION  
 AGAINST RVN AND THE PHYSICAL FACILITY LIMITATION ON OKINAWA,  
 THE TWO ARGS/SLFS SHOULD INCLUDE TWO BLTS AFLOAT AT ALL TIMES.  
 FURTHER, THIS WOULD PROVIDE CINCPAC WITH A READILY AVAILABLF  
 COMBAT FORCE FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE PACOM. THE FOLLOWING  
 ADVANTAGES WOULD ACCRUE:

A. FORCES IN-COUNTRY WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT MAXIMUM

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 AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.

B. THE THREAT AGAINST NVA/VC FORCES POSED BY THE ARGS/ELPS  
 WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

C. THE CAPABILITY FOR RAPID REENTRY OF COMBAT FORCES  
 (SUBJECT TO JCS APPROVAL) WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

D. CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY PHYSICAL FACILITIES ON  
 OKINAWA WOULD BE RELIEVED.

E. THE ARGS/ELPS WOULD PROVIDE CINCPAC WITH A READILY  
 AVAILALE FORCE THAT COULD REACT TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS  
 THROUGHOUT PACOM.

4. VERY RESPECTFULLY WARM REGARDS.

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2. WARM REGARDS.

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