

- A. ✓ CG III MAF MEMO TO COMUS 267akd 5300 of 14 Aug 1969 *gp-4 not shown*  
Subj: Reduction in Force (C)
- B. ✓ ~~CMC 210001Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~ *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN  
SVN AUTH STRENGTH -- MUST NOT EXCEED 72,500 ON 31 AUG.
- ~~C. ✓ DCEN DOOLEY'S HANDWRITTEN MEMO NOTES TELECON W/DCEN WILSON OF 17 AUG 69 (?)~~
- ~~D. ✓ DCEN DOOLEY'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES TELECON W/DCEN WILSON, 21 AUG 69~~
- E. ✓ CG FMFPAC 220333Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR VAN RYZIN & NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
QUOTES MARINE PORTION OF CINCPAC 210917Z AUG
- F. ✓ CG FMFPAC 220337Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR VAN RYZIN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
HUTCHIN ACCDED TO OUR PROPOSAL TO LOCATE RLT-3 AT PENDLETON  
BUT, HE OVERLOOKED A COUPLE OF RELATED CHANGES
- G. ✓ CG III MAF 221546Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT *gp-4*  
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
STRENGTH REPORTS
- H. ✓ C/S MACV 221135Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
GET UNDER -- AND STAY UNDER THE CEILING -- COMUS SAYS NO ALTERNATV
- ~~I. ✓ DCEN DOOLEY'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES TELECON W/DCEN WILSON, 23 AUG 69~~
- ~~J. ✓ DCEN DOOLEY'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES TELECON W/DCEN WILSON, 22 AUG 69~~
- K. ✓ CG FMFPAC 290107Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CHAPMAN INFO NICKERSON, ROBERTSON, & DWYER FROM BUSE  
FIFTH MARDIV/RLT 28
- L. ✓ CG FMFPAC 290304Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR AXTELL INFO DOOLEY FROM WILSON  
FORCE PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION
- M. ✓ C/S MACV 300926Z AUG69 (TS) SENSITIVE CLOSE HOLD *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
III MAF REQ TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PHASE II REDUCTIONS -- 100 SPACE
- N. ✓ C/S MACV 301201Z AUG69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY -- *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS -- 25,000; 38,500; 40,500
- O. ✓ CG III MAF 310826Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ZAIS, THRASH, BONNER, DILLON & FEELEY INFO MILDREN,  
WRIGHT AND JONES FROM NICKERSON  
PLANNING CONFERENCE - 5 SEPTEMBER (*See above, below*)
- P. ✓ CG III MAF 311112Z AUG69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON  
REDUCTION IN MY HQ OF ABOUT 100

- Y. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 130744Z AUG69 (TS) NOFORN LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-1*  
FOR HYLAND INFO BUSE, ROSENBERG, CARNEY & NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENT -- SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP  
CONVENED
- Z. ✓ CG FMFPAC 132211Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR WALT INFOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
MIXMASTER --- RESPONDS TO CMC 091451Z AUG69
- ZZ. ✓ CG FMFPAC ltr 3P/cgg ser: 0002355 of 11 Aug 1969 *gp - Not shown*  
SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (S&C serial 12045)

- M. ✓ CMC 070121Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CHAPMAN INFO BUSE FROM WALT  
PROGRAM 703 DEVELOPMENTS
- N. ✓ CG III MAF 081230Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-3*  
FOR THRASH FROM NICKERSON  
PASSES CG FMFPAC's 021949Z AUG69
- O. ✓ CMC 072327Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR BIUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM VAN RYZIN  
RESULTS OF PLANNING CONF GENERALLY CONCURRED IN -- HERE'S SOME  
GUIDANCE -- DEVELOP TWO ALTERNATIVE POSTURE TROOP LISTS
- P. ✓ CMC 091451Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT ~~EXXEXX~~ EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM WALT  
MIXMASTER - REQ YR RECOMMENDATIONS BY 12 AUG
- Q. ✓ CMC 091453Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM WALT  
SVN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH -- MARCOR MUST BE WITHIN 1% of 72,500  
ON 31 AUG
- R. ✓ CG FMFPAC 092011Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-3*  
FOR WALT AND NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
HERE'S TEXT OF WHEELER'S 081810Z TO MCCAIN AND ABRAMS
- S. ✓ CG FMFPAC 092244Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
PASSES CMC 070121Z AUG69 --- SEE "M" ABOVE
- T. ✓ CMC 081712Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CHAPMAN FROM WALT  
STRENGTH AUTHORIZATION FOR SVN/21 *memo re, dtd 9 Aug 69 (TS)*
- U. ✓ SSO MACV 101135Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR BROWN, NICKERSON, ZUMWALT & MILDREN  
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MEET CITED STRENGTHS BY 31 AUG
- V. ✓ SSO MACV 101138Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
SAME AS "U"
- W. ✓ CG III MAF 110211Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
PASSES SSO MACV 101135Z ("U" ABOVE)
- X. ✓ CG III MAF 130335Z AUG69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
MIXMASTER -- RESPONDS TO CMC 091451Z -- SEE "P" ABOVE

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- C. ✓ CG FMFPAC 021949Z ~~SEP~~<sup>AUG</sup>69 (TS) LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO <sup>gp-3</sup>  
FOR VAN RYZIN INFO NICKERSON, GARRETSON & CARNEY FROM BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING CONF WAS HELD ( THIS MSG SUMMARIZES)
- D. ✓ CG FMFPAC 022205Z ~~XX~~ AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIV=MCEO <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR VAN RYZIN, INFO NICKERSON, ROBERTSON, THRASH, GARRETSON,  
HOFFMAN AND CARNEY FROM BUSE  
REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS FOR 1ST LAAM BN -- RETURN ~~LATER~~ THIS MONTH
- E. ✓ COMUSMACV ltr MACJ3-03 of 3Aug69 (MEMORANDUM FOR) <sup>gp-4</sup>  
Subj: Reductions in Force (Phase 2 will probably be carried out  
this Fall and Phase 3 may follow very closely -- Report NLT 15Aug)
- F. ✓ CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE <sup>gp-1</sup>  
FOR HYLAND, INFO BRINGLE, NICKERSON, GARRETSON & CARNEY FROM BUSE  
PLANNING FOR PHASE TWO -- CONFERENCE IN YOKUSUKA -- MAINTAINING  
3D MARDIV IN WESTPAC AFTER REDEPLOYMENT
- G. ✓ USARV 051240Z AUG69 (TS) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR HUFFMAN, DOOLEY, JOHNSON & MACKMUL INFO TOWNSEND FROM MABRY  
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING MEETING AT MACV -- 9 AUG
- H. ✓ CG FMFPAC 050319Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR VAN RYZIN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
PHASE TWO PLANNING -- 3dMD on Oki, 1stMAW on Oki/Jap, one RLT  
from 3dMD to Kaneohe --- our desired posture
- I. ✓ CG FMFPAC 050418Z AUG69 (TS) LIMDIS (SUBIC) <sup>gp-1</sup>  
PASSES CINCPACFLT 302258Z JUL69 (HYLAND TO BRINGLE INFO BUSE)
- J. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 060024Z AUG69 ~~S~~ EYES ONLY SPECAT EXCLUSIVE <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR HYLAND & BUSE, INFO NICKERSON, GARRETSON, CARNEY AND ROSENBERG  
FROM BRINGLE  
WE HAVE ALREADY CONVENED CONFERENCE ON REDUCTION PLANNING  
ALL REPS PRESENT
- K. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 070230Z AUG69 (TS) LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE <sup>gp-1</sup>  
FOR HYLKAND, INFO BUSE NICKERSON, ROSENBERG, AND CARNEY FROM-BRINGLE  
PLANNING FOR MORE REDEPLOYMENTS -- 30SEP-30NOV -- ROLE OF ARG/SLF's  
IN POST REDEPLOYMENT
- L. ✓ CG FMFPAC 080348Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR WALT INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
HERE'S WHAT I PROVIDED HYLAND CONCERNING MACV'S PROPOSAL FOR  
A 2D REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT.

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TO COMUSMACV  
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TOP SECRET SENSITIVE EYES ONLY FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LIGEN  
NICKERSON

A. CONVERSATION WITH J323 ACTION OFFICER, LTCOL WILSON AND  
MY G-3 ACTION OFFICER

B. COFS MACV MAC 11333 EG 300926Z AUG 69

1. REF A ADVISED THAT A MESSAGE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WHICH  
WOULD REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN MY HEADQUARTERS OF ABOUT 100  
SPACES DURING PHASE 2 AND THAT SOME LESSER NUMBER, ABOUT  
62 OR MORE, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

2. REF B REQUESTED REDUCTIONS TOTALLING 100 SPACES. FURTHER  
LIAISON WITH YOUR STAFF ESTABLISHED THAT A FIGURE OF 62 OR  
MORE WOULD STILL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU ADD FOLLOWING TO OUR PROPOSED  
TROUPLIST FOR PHASE 2:

UIC	FRN	UNIT	NR
M 20128	99K001A	HQ III MAF	70

4. REQUEST YOU CONVEY CHANGE TO CG FMFPAC.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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HEADQUARTERS  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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O P 310826Z AUG 69

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHB

RUMLMHA/CG FMAW DNG

RUMUFGA/COMNAVFORV REP DNG

RUMLMPA/COM THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE DNG

RUMLMPA/CG FOR LOG COMMAND DNG

INFO ZEN/CG USARV LBN

RUMLBPA/CG 101ST ABN DIV

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T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT SENSITIVE EYES ONLY

TO LTG ZAIS, MAJ GEN THRASH, RADM BONNER, RADM DILLON,

3GEN FEELEY, INFO LTG MILDREN, MG WRIGHT, MGEN JONES

FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

1. A MACV MOVEMENTS PLANNING CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR 5 SEPTEMBER. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO DEVELOP MAXIMUM INFORMATION RELATIVE TO PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS PRIOR TO A SIMILAR CINCPAC CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PHASE TWO

REDUCTION. COMUSMACV HAS THEREFORE DIRECTED COMPONENT

COMMANDERS TO SUPPLY CERTAIN INFORMATION PRIOR TO 5

SEPTEMBER. THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES ONLY THE "FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS" INFORMATION OF THE MACV REQUIREMENT.

2. ASAP, BUT IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN 1200 HOURS, TUESDAY,

2 SEPTEMBER 1969 REQUEST YOU IDENTIFY THOSE FACILITIES AND

INSTALLATIONS VACATED AS A RESULT OF UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS THAT

WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE TO RVNAF OR OTHER US/FWMAF TO

INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO THEIR DISPOSITION AND

SUPPORTING RATIONALE THEREFOR. FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS

WHICH WILL BE ONLY PARTIALLY VACATED BY THE REDEPLOYMENTS

SHOULD ALSO BE INDICATED AND THE REQUIREMENT, IF ANY, FOR USE OF THE VACATED PORTION.

3. FOLLOWING ARE APROPOS TO THE FOREGOING REQUIREMENT:

A. COGNIZANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FUTURE STATIONING OF THE DIVISION RESIDUAL FORCE IN ICTZ. ELABORATION ON THIS CONTINGENCY CAN BE SUPPLIED THROUGH STAFF LIAISON FROM III MAF IF NECESSARY.

B. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL EFFECT NECESSARY COORDINATION WITH

PAGE 3 RHMAFA 5224 T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT SENSITIVE EYES ONLY

USARV.

C. XXIV CORPS LOI 1-69. (FOR CG XXIV CORPS).

5. THIS REQUIREMENT CLOSE HOLD.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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 FM MG TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON  
 TO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
 GEN BROWN COM 7AF TAN SON NHUT  
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON  
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 11346 EYES ONLY

1. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE JCS, THREE TROOP LISTS FOR PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS I. E. OF 25,000, 38,500, AND 40,500 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

2. IF PHASE TWO IS ORDERED INTO EXECUTION AT ANY OF THESE LE VELS, REDUCTIONS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CURTAILING REPLACEMENT FLOW AND BY REDEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL ROTATION. SOME OF THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE MEMBERS OF UNITS DESIGNATED FOR REDEPLOYMENT; HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED TO REDEPLOYING UNITS.

3. A MACV MOVEMENTS PLANNING CONFERENCE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 5 SEPTEMBER. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO DEVELOP AS MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BEFORE A SIMILAR CINCPAC CONFERENCE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REDUCTIONS.

4. ACCORDINGLY, COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN BY COMPONENT COMMANDS TO ASCERTAIN/DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING:

A. PERSONNEL REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA FOR RESPECTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR MOVEMENT COMMENCING ABOUT 15 OCTOBER, AND COMPLETION NLT 15 DECEMBER. THESE CRITERIA SHOULD INCLUDE REPLACEMENT FLOW CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS RETURNEE CONSIDERATIONS.

B. DESIGNATION OF UNITS TO BE:

(1) INACTIVATED IN VIETNAM.

(2) REDEPLOYED AS UNITS TO A SPECIFIED LOCATION.

(3) REDEPLOYED WITHOUT PERSONNEL.

C. EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION FOR REDEPLOYING AND INACTIVATING UNITS, WHERE SERVICE POLICY HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.

D. DISCHARGE PORTS OR DESTINATIONS FOR REDEPLOYING UNITS.

E. IN-COUNTRY APOE/SPOE FOR REDEPLOYING UNITS.

F. THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL OF COMPONENT COMMANDS TO BE REDEPLOYED AS INDIVIDUALS.

G. TIME-PHASING OF MOVEMENT OF UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS.

H. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO BE MOVED WITHIN RVN BY COMMON SERVICE TRANSPORTATION (NON-ORGANIC).

I. IDENTIFICATION OF FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS NOW OCCUPIED BY REDEPLOYING UNITS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE TO RVNAF OR OTHER US/FWMAF, AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REQUEST THAT AS MUCH DATA AS POSSIBLE OF THAT SET FORTH IN PAR 4 BE FURNISHED TO THE MACV STAFF PRIOR TO CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 5 SEPT EMBER. — 1700 4 SEPT —

6. WARM REGARDS

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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FM HQ TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON  
TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
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TOP SECRET SENSITIVE - CLOSE HOLD// MAC 11333 EYES ONLY

1. THE JCS RECENTLY DIRECTED THIS HEADQUARTERS TO SUBMIT TROOP  
LISTS FOR PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS TOTALING 40,500 -- A MUCH  
LARGER REDUCTION, I. E., AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 484,000, THAN  
HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED OR RECOMMENDED. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE  
PRESSURE FROM THE JCS TO BRING ABOUT SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS  
IN ALL HEADQUARTERS IN VIETNAM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUIREMENT, ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS HAVE  
BEEN SCHEDULED IN NAVFORV, USARV, AND HEADQUARTERS MACV  
STRENGTHS. ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS ARE NEEDED FROM III MAF ALSO.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, III MAF IS REQUESTED TO  
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PHASE TWO REDUCTIONS TOTALLING 100 SPACES.  
FURTHER REQUEST THAT THE SPACES DESIGNATED BE PROVIDED TO  
MACV PLANNERS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, AND IN ANY EVENT  
NOT LATER THAN 4 SEPTEMBER 1969.

4. WARM REGARDS

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 P 290304Z AUG 69  
 FM CG FMFPAC  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 INFO RHMMFAFA/CG III MAF

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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJ GEN AXTELL: INFO BGEN  
 DOOLEY FROM BGEN WILSON, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FORCE PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 290107Z/AUG69 (TS)

1. (TS) IN AMPLIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A  
 CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF RLT-3, WE HAVE COME UP WITH  
 THREE POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION BASED ON LATEST INFORMATION  
 FROM COMPHIBPAC AND CINCPACFLT, AND PREDICATED ON THE  
 FOLLOWING:

A. ASSUMPTIONS

(1) REDEPLOYMENT POSTURE: 4-2-1 (RVN-OKI-CONUS)

(2) TIME FRAME: 30 SEP - 30 NOV

(3) ONE ARG ON STATION

(4) LIFT REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY III MAF REPS AT

THE LAST 7TH FLT SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ARE REASONABLY ACCURATE

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B. COURSES OF ACTION

(1) THAT CINCPACFLT BE REQUESTED TO SAIL LKA-106 AND  
 LKA-108 (UNION AND WASHBURN) TO SAN DIEGO ON OR ABOUT 5 OCTOBER  
 WITH ELEMENTS OF RLT-3 EMBARKED; THAT CINCPACFLT BE REQUESTED  
 TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM CNO TO SUBSTITUTE THE USS OKANAGAN  
 FOR INACTIVATION ON 1 NOV 69 IN LIEU OF THE USS BEXAR AND SAIL  
 THE BEXAR FOR SAN DIEGO ON OR ABOUT 5 OCT WITH ELEMENTS OF  
 RLT-3 EMBARKED; THAT CINCPACFLT BE REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE THE  
 SPECIAL DEPLOYMENT OF 2 LSD'S AND 3 LST'S FROM CONUS TO  
 WESTPAC FOR SUBSEQUENT EMBARKATION AND SAILING OF RLT-3  
 ELEMENTS TO CONUS ON OR ABOUT 5 OCTOBER; AND THE REMAINING  
 PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT UNITS REDEPLOY IN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT  
 SHIPS AND/OR MSTs AS SCHEDULED BY THE COMSEVENTHFLT SCHEDULE.  
 ADVANTAGES TO THIS MOVE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE IN OUR FAVOR,  
 HOWEVER, THE DISADVANTAGE WOULD OUTWEIGH THIS: (A) BY  
 REMOVING FROM WESTPAC AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING ASSETS  
 AVAILABLE TO COMSEVENTHFLT FOR ALL PHASE II INTRA-THEATER  
 REDEPLOYMENTS (LOSS OF 2-LKA, 1-LPA), (B) INCREASES OPERATING  
 COSTS FOR CINCPACFLT BY SAILING ADDITIONAL SHIPS TO WESTPAC,  
 IN SUPPORT OF REDEPLOYMENT OF RLT-3 TO CONUS (2-LSD, 3-LST),

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 (C) MSTIS AUGMENTATION WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED FOR THE  
 INTRA-THEATER REDEPLOYMENT OF OTHER III MAF UNITS, AND (D) IN  
 ORDER TO MEET THE EARLY REDEPLOYMENT DATE TO CONUS FOR RLT-3  
 (ASSUMING A 1 OCT COMMENCEMENT DATE) IT WOULD REQUIRE SAILING  
 EASTPAC LSD'S AND LST'S NLT LATE AUGUST OR 1 SEPTEMBER, WHICH  
 WOULD BE IN ADVANCE OF ANY PROBABLE A-DAY, AND THEREFORE NOT  
 CONSIDERED FEASIBLE.

(2) THAT ALL INTRA-THEATER REDEPLOYMENTS ARE CARRIED  
 OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT COMSEVENTHFLT REDEPLOYMENT PLAN  
 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RLT-3 TO CONUS. THE AIRLIFT OF RLT-3  
 PERSONNEL WOULD COMMENCE 1 OCT TO CONUS (LESS APPROXIMATELY 700  
 KEY PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY ACCOUNTABILITY,  
 STAGING AREA SECURITY, LOADING THE SHIPS, SECURITY OF CARGO  
 ABOARD SHIPS WHILE ENROUTE AND UNLOADING SHIPS IN CONUS). ALL  
 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR RLT-3 ALONG WITH THE 700 KEY  
 PERSONNEL TO EMBARK IN PHIBRON-3 SHIPPING APPROX 6-20 NOVEMBER.  
 CINCPACFLT WOULD BE REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE OUTCHOP OF PHIBRON-3  
 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE (UP TO 2 WEEKS) PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF  
 PHIBRON-9 AND THAT PHIBRON-9 BE AUTHORIZED TO SAIL AT EXCESS  
 SOA IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE INCHOP. III MAF WOULD BE REQUIRED

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 TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE STAGING AREAS TO ACCOMMODATE RLT-3 KEY  
 PERSONNEL, VEHICLES, AND CARGO UNTIL EMBARKED IN PHIBRON-3  
 SHIPPING. MAJOR ADVANTAGES TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION ARE (A)  
 LESS COST TO THE MARINE CORPS, (B) KEY PERSONNEL ARE ACTUALLY  
 EMBARKED AND ACCOMPANYING THEIR OWN UNIT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT,  
 (C) FLEXIBILITY IN POE AND POD SITES, AND (D) MAXIMUM  
 UTILIZATION OF PACFLT AMPHIBIOUS ASSETS. DISADVANTAGES AS  
 WE SEE IT WOULD BE (A) THE REQUIREMENT FOR III MAF TO PROVIDE  
 ADEQUATE STAGING AREA FOR RLT-3 KEY PERSONNEL, CARGO AND  
 EQUIPMENT OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME (15-40 DAYS), (B) THE  
 PROBABLE CONGESTION OF THE POE'S CAUSED BY RLT-3 STAGING  
 REQUIREMENTS HAVING A DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON THE STAGING AND  
 EMBARKATION OF OTHER REDEPLOYING III MAF UNITS, AND (C) A  
 SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF THE RLT-3 EQUIPMENT AND  
 SUPPLIES IN CONUS, AND (D) THE CORRESPONDING DELAY IN  
 DEACTIVATION OF RLT-28 (-) AND ITS  
 REDESIGNATION AS RLT-3 (-) BEYOND  
 THE 30 NOVEMBER TARGET DATE.

(3) THAT ALL INTRA-THEATER REDEPLOYMENTS ARE CARRIED  
 OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSEVENTHFLT PRESENT REDEPLOYMENT PLAN

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PAGE 5 RUHHFMA4660 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RLT-3 TO CONUS. LIFT REQMTS APPROX 22,890 M/T. UTILIZE MSTIS WITH MINIMUM SHIP RIDERS, AND TROOPS MOVE BY MAC. ADVANTAGES REALIZED WOULD BE (A) THE EXPEDITIOUS RETURN OF RLT-3 PERSONNEL AND CARGO TO CONUS; (B) NO DEGRADATION IN REMAINING PHASE II LIFTS TO OKI/JAPAN BY AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING. SEVERAL DISADVANTAGES TO THIS HOWEVER, (A) COST OF MSTIS AND MAC TO THE MARINE CORPS, (B) STAGING AND LOADING RLT-3 WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AT DANANG ONLY IN LIEU OF CUA VIET/DANANG, (C) REDUCED NUMBER OF KEY PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY UNIT EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES, AND (D) SHIPS WILL HAVE TO BE UNLOADED AT A CONUS DEEP WATER BERTH, CREATING FURTHER TRANSSHIPMENT PROBLEMS TO CAMP PENDLETON BY SEA OR HIGHWAY.

2. (S) WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE SECOND COURSE OF ACTION ESPECIALLY IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH CINCPACFLT TO EXPEDITE THE OUTCHOP OF PHIBRON-3 AND INCREASE THE SOA OF PHIBRON-9 AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO LINE THINGS UP SO THAT CG III MAF'S INPUT TO COMUSMACV WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH CINCPACFLT'S CAPABILITIES INPUT TO CINCPAC. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE DEACTIVATION AND SCRAPPING OF PACFLT AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA4660 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO ASSETS CONCURRENT WITH REDEPLOYMENT HAS PLACED US IN A REAL BIND FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSETS TO MEET REQUIREMENT TO RETURN RLT-3 TO CONUS IN INITIAL PHASE AND STILL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF RLT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

3. (S) AS STATED IN REF A DETAILED PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED AT THE CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE, WHEN ANNOUNCED, WHICH SHOULD BE 8 DAYS AFTER A-DAY. CG III MAF REPS AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY REPS FROM 7TH FLT, CTF 76, MAC, PACAF, MSTIS AND OTHERS WILL BE PRESENT. WARM REGARDS,

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FIFTH MARDIV -T- MCB CAMPEN

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO  
LTGEN WICKERSON, MAJGEN ROBERTSON, AND BGEN DWYER FROM LTGEN BUSE.  
SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC SPECAT 231530Z/AUG69 (TS) (NOTAL)

B. CMC SPECAT 261943Z/AUG69 (TS) (NOTAL)

C. CG FMFPAC 242102Z/AUG69 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REF A, MY CONCEPT FOR DEACT-  
IVATING 5TH MARDIV (-) AND REALIGNING EASTPAC FMF  
FORCES IN COORDINATION WITH PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS  
FROM RVN FOLLOWS:

A. CG 5TH MARDIV (-) WILL FORM RLT-28(-), CON-  
SISTING OF BLT 2/28 AND BLT 3/28, EFFECTIVE 15

PAGE 2 RUYHSYA 4627 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
SEPTEMBER.

B. 5TH MARDIV (-) UNITS BASED IN CONUS (LESS  
DIV HQ AND RLT-28(-)) AND SUPPORTING TEMPORARY FORCE  
TROOPS UNITS (LESS 5TH SERV BN, FORCE HT BN (-) AND MP BN (-))  
WILL BE PLACED IN A CADRE STATUS EFFECTIVE 15 SEPTEMBER  
AND COMMENCE TURNING IN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO  
THE STORES SYSTEM PREPARATORY FOR DEACTIVATION  
EFFECTIVE 15 OCTOBER.

C. RLT-28 (-) AND 1ST MAR BDE WILL BE MAINTAINED  
AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STATE OF READINESS DURING  
THIS TRANSITION PERIOD.

D. UPON RETURN TO CONUS, AS PART OF PHASE II  
REDEPLOYMENT FROM RVN, OF RLT-3 (I.E., FLAG AND  
KEY PERSONNEL WITH EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL) AND RETURN  
OF THIS UNIT'S EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO THE STORES  
SYSTEM, RLT-28 (-) WILL BE DEACTIVATED/REDESIGNATED  
RLT-3 (-). ADDITIONALLY, BLT 1/27 WILL BE DEACTIV-  
ATED/REDESIGNATED BLT 1/3. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION  
OF THESE ACTIONS IS 30 NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, EXTENDED  
DELAY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A-DAY FOR PHASE II

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PAGE 3 RUYMSYA 4627 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN OR FINAL MOVEMENT PLANNING AS APPROVED BY CINCPAC COULD REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF TARGET DATE.

E. FOLLOWING RETURN TO CONUS AND TURN IN OF RLT-3 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, THE 5TH SERV BN, FORCE MT BN (-) AND MP BN (-), RETAINED IN AN ACTIVE STATUS AT CAMPEN TO FACILITATE RETURN OF REDEPLOYING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, WILL BE PLACED IN A CADRE STATUS AND COMMENCE TURNING IN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PREPARATORY TO DEACTIVATION. TARGET DATE FOR DEACTIVATION IS 30 NOV.

F. SUBSEQUENT TO 30 NOVEMBER 5TH MED HQ WILL BE ACTIVATED AND HQ 5TH MAR DIV (-) DEACTIVATED. WITH RETENTION OF HQ V MEF IN AN ACTIVE STATUS THIS WOULD PROVIDE REQUIRED OPERATIONAL/PLANNING CAPABILITY FOR EASTPAC FMF FORCES AND WOULD FACILITATE TRANSITION TO POST-HOSTILITY POSTURE.

G. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PLAN WOULD APPLY TO ALL PHASE II UNITS REDEPLOYING TO CONUS:

(1) KEY PERSONNEL SELECTED	APPROX PERS STRENGTHS
	700

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(2) NOV RTD'S REDEPLOYED IN OCT, THEREBY REDUCING ROTATION TOUR LENGTHS TO 12 MONTHS FOR ALL WESTPAC PERSONNEL. EFFECTIVE 1 NOV. ALL RTD'S WILL BE ADVANCED ONE MONTH.	5300
(3) OCT RTD'S FROM ALL PHASE II UNITS.	1500
(4) OCT RTD'S FROM OTHER WESTPAC UNITS AS NECESSARY TO BALANCE AGAINST PROGRAM 7 SPACE WITHDRAWAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONUS REDEPLOYING UNITS.	1100
	TOTAL 8600

NOTE 1: CADRE STRENGTH DEVELOPED AT RECENT CAMP PENDLETON CONFERENCE OF APPROX 500 WAS NOT RELATED TO ALL PHASE II CONUS REDEPLOYMENTS BUT ONLY TO AN

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RLT. THE ADDITIONAL 205 RELATES TO KEY PERSONNEL  
CADRES NECESSARY FOR UNITS NOT INCLUDED IN THAT RLT. ~~2~~

M. PERSONNEL IN C (2), (3), AND (4) ABOVE WILL  
RETURN AS INDIVIDUALS BY AIR OR SEA DEPENDING ON  
TRANSPORTATION AVAILABILITY AND BE ASSIGNED/RELEASED  
FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS DIRECTED BY CMC. IF TRAVEL IS  
BY SEA, THEY WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR EMBARKATION BUT  
WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED TO ACTUAL UNITS BEING REDEPLOYED.  
THEY WILL BE PRIMARILY PERSONNEL WITH BETWEEN ELEVEN  
AND THIRTEEN MONTHS IN WESTPAC. DUE REGARD WILL BE  
GIVEN TO INDIVIDUAL RTDS VIS-A-VIS SHIP CONUS ETAS  
IN SO FAR AS IS PRACTICABLE.

I. KEY PERSONNEL IN C(1) ABOVE WILL BE SELECTED  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURING CONTINUITY OF RECORDS  
AND SECURITY AND CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL  
DEPLOYED. PERSONNEL SELECTED WILL HAVE OVER SEVEN  
MONTHS IN WESTPAC EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHEN SPECIALISTS ARE MANDATORY.

J. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CONUS REDEPLOYING UNITS  
NOT INCLUDED IN PAR 1C ABOVE WILL BE REASSIGNED WITH-

PAGE 6 RUYHSYA 4627 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
IN WESTPAC.

K. THE MOVEMENT OF RLT-3 TO CONUS AND 3D MAR

V  
(-) TO OKINAWA WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ADMINISTRATIVE  
MOVEMENT UTILIZING AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING, MSTs,  
PACAF, AND MAC RESOURCES BASED ON AVAILABILITY AT THE  
TIME REDEPLOYMENT IS DIRECTED. DETAILED MOVEMENT  
PLANS FOR REDEPLOYMENT WILL BE AS RECOMMENDED BY III  
MAF, CINCPACFLT, AND THIS HQ AND APPROVED AND FOR-  
WARDED TO CINCPAC BY MACV. FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY  
MOVEMENT PLAN AND COORDINATION OF AVAILABLE PACOM  
TRANSPORTATION ASSETS RESTS WITH CINCPAC. ADVANCE  
MOVEMENT PLANNING IS CURRENTLY BEING ACCOMPLISHED  
WITH CINCPACFLT, III MAF AND COMPHISPAC. CINCPAC  
HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOP-  
MENT OF THE PHASE II MOVEMENT PLAN:

- (1) ANNOUNCEMENT - A DAY
- (2) A PLUS 5. MACV REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE AT MACV.  
(III MAF PROVIDES MACV WITH TROOP LIST, TIME PHASED  
MOVEMENT PLAN, AND EST LIFT REQUIREMENTS)
- (3) A PLUS 8. CINCPAC REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE AT

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LIGEN WICKERSON, MAJGEN ROBERTSON, AND BGEN DWYER FROM LIGEN BUSE.  
FINAL SECTION OF TWO SECTIONS.

CINCPAC. (II MAF AND FMFPAC PROVIDE CINCPAC WITH  
REFINED TROOP LIST, TIME PHASE MOVEMENT PLAN, AND  
EST LIFT REQUIREMENTS)

(4) A PLUS 9-11. CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFER-  
ENCE AT CINCPAC. (DEVELOP DETAILED MOVEMENT PLAN  
BASED ON REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED DURING CINCPAC  
REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE AND COORDINATE TRANSPORTATION  
REQUIREMENTS).

(5) A PLUS 12. CINCPAC PUBLISHES MOVEMENT PROGRAM  
L. LOGISTIC GUIDANCE FOR THE DEACTIVATION OF

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5TH MARDIV UNITS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE  
CORRESPONDENCE AFTER RECEIPT OF IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS  
IAW GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B AND APPLICABLE  
PORTIONS OF REF C.

2. (TS) AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS I HAVE DISCUSSED  
OUR INTENTIONS WITH HYLAND AND MCCAIN AND RECEIVED  
THEIR CONCURRENCE.

3. (TS) REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF UNITS IN HAWAII  
AND CONUS, SHOULD A DECISION RESULT IN A 4-1-2  
POSTURE, I RECOMMEND THAT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND  
TWO RLT'S BE LOCATED AT CAMP PENDLETON LESS ONE BLT  
LOCATED AT KANEONE.

4. (TS) IF YOU APPROVE THE CONCEPT, SET FORTH ABOVE,  
IMPLEMENTATION WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ACTION BY  
YOUR HEADQUARTERS:

A. ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE DEROGA-  
TION OF OUR CONTINGENCY AND GARDEN PLOT RESPONSE  
RESULTING FROM THE PHASED DEACTIVATION OF THE 5TH  
MAR DIV (-).

B. ADVISE GARDEN PLOT RESPONSE REQUIRED DURING

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 PHASED DEACTIVATION OF 5TH MAR DIV (-) AND TO BE  
 ASSUMED BY 5TH MEB WHEN ACTIVATED.

C. PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO DEACTIVATE FIFTH MARDIV  
 (-) AND ASSOCIATED CONUS BASED TEMPORARY FORCE TROOPS  
 UNITS.

D. PROVIDE EARLIEST EITHER T/O AND T/E FOR 5TH  
 MEB (INCLUDING RLT-28(-)) OR MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS  
 TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THE T/O'S AND T/E'S BY THIS  
 HEADQUARTERS.

E. ISSUE PROPORTIONATE REDUCTIONS IN TRAINING  
 REQUIREMENTS FOR FMFPAC (E.G., TRAINING AND SCHOOL  
 QUOTAS AND TRAINING EXERCISES).

5. (U) THE SUBJECT OF THE TRANSIENT CENTER WILL BE  
 ADDRESSED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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 FROM MG TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON  
 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF  
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV  
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
 ADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV  
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10953 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: GETTING UNDER AND STAYING UNDER REVISED STRENGTH CEILINGS

1. COMUSMACV HAS JUST REVIEWED THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL CEILING SITUATION. IT APPEARS THAT EVERYTHING IS ON TARGET AND THAT ALL COMPONENTS WILL BE UNDER REQUIRED 31 AUGUST CEILINGS.

2. DURING HIS REVIEW COMUSMACV EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO ALTERNATIVE TO BEING UNDER THESE CEILINGS BY 31 AUGUST 1969, AND STAYING UNDER THE CEILINGS THEREAFTER.

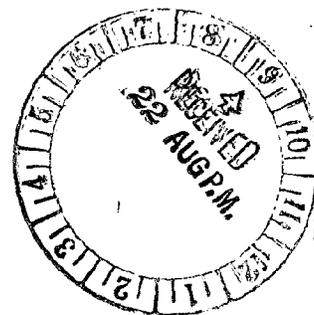
3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ADDRESSEES DEVOTE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS PROJECT AND INSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS ARE TAKEN UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEMS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION. IT'S IMPORTANCE CAN NOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED, AND COMUSMACV'S EMPHASIS ON THERE BEING NO REPEAT NO ALTERNATIVE TO ITS ACHIEVEMENT IS REITERATED.

4. WARM REGARDS

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DOOLEY  
 STRENGTH REPORTS

A. MACV 160836Z AUG 69

1. (S) A RECONCILIATION WAS UNDERTAKEN BEGINNING THE EIGHTEENTH OF AUG WITH TOTAL III MAF STRENGTH OF 73282. UNDERSTAND THIS FIGURE IS THE SAME AT FMFPAC AND CMC. CINCPAC APPARENTLY UTILIZED THE MACV SITREP (REF A) DERIVED FROM OUR REPORT OF THIRTEEN AUG AS A BASIS FOR THE PROJECTION OF FUTURE STRENGTH BY USING 75955 (WHICH FIGURE INCLUDES 369 COMNAVFORV MARINES NOT COUNTED AS III MAF MARINES) AS REPORTED BY MACV PLUS THE ARR/DEP REPORTS STARTING FIFTEEN AUG. SUBSEQUENT TO OUR REPORT THIRTEEN AUG AND PRIOR TO MACV REPORT (REF A) 2388 MARINES DEPARTED RVN, WERE REPORTED BY US AND MACV AND APPARENTLY NOT PICKED UP BY CINCPAC
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAP OF III MAF SITREPS

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

DATE	STRENGTH	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY
12 AUG	76082	--
13 AUG	75586	-496
14 AUG	75118	-468
15 AUG	73525	-1593
16 AUG	73558	PLUS 33
17 AUG	73502	-56
18 AUG	73282	-220
19 AUG	73525	PLUS 243
20 AUG	73327	-198

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

PAGE 3 RHMMFAFA 3037 S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 FIFTEENTH. WE HAVE CHECKED THESE FIGURES WITH MACV J-12  
 TODAY AND WE CONCUR IN ALL RESPECTS.

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

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 T O P S E C R E T/SENSITIVE/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN VAN RYZIN  
 INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)  
 A. CG FMFPAC 220333Z AUG 69 (TS)

1. AS REQUESTED BY CINCPAC, THIS HEADQUARTERS PROVIDED RECOMMENDED REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS FOR MARINE UNITS LISTED IN MACV PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE.
2. IN THE ABSENCE OF ADM MCCAIN, THE CINCPAC CHIEF OF STAFF (LTGEN HUTCHIN USA) INITIALLY WOULD NOT ACCEDE TO OUR PROPOSAL TO LOCATE RLT-3 AT PENDLETON, HIS RATIONALE BEING, IN ESSENCE, THAT ADM MCCAIN EXPECTED AN RLT TO BE LOCATED IN HAWAII AND WITHOUT MCCAIN'S APPROVAL THE CINCPAC STAFF COULD NOT DEVIATE

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 3581 T O P S E C R E T/SENSITIVE/EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO FROM THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ELEVENTH HOUR PERSUASION BY LOU WILSON, HUTCHIN PERSONALLY EFFECTED THE NECESSARY CHANGES PRIOR TO RELEASING REFERENCE A, ACCEDING TO OUR DESIRES.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, REF A NOW REVEALS THAT HE OVERLOOKED A COUPLE OF RELATED CHANGES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. SPECIFICALLY, ALTHOUGH HUTCHIN ACCOMMODATED US BY CHANGING THE DESTINATIONS OF MOST OF RLT-3, HE NEGLECTED TO CHANGE 1/3 TO SHOW CONUS, AND HE SHOULD HAVE DELETED NOTE 1. ADDITIONALLY, NO FLC OR VMO DETACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN HAWAII.

4. IN ANY CASE, THE TROOP LIST SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE A, SHOULD HAVE REFLECTED OUR SUBMISSION TO CINCPAC WHICH FOLLOWS:  
 QUOTE:

U. S. MARINE CORPS. RECOMMENDED  
 DEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS

1. GROUND.

UIC	FRN	PR	UNIT	STR	CTZ RECOMMENDED REDEPLOYMENT
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LOCATION

M13101	K003B	1	HQ CO 3D MAR	254	I	CONUS (SEE NOTE 1)
M13110	K003C	2	1/3	1166	I	CONUS
M13120	K003D	3	2/3	1166	I	CONUS
M13130	K003E	4	3/3	1166	I	CONUS
M13301	K003N	5	DET HQ BTRY 12TH MAR	15	I	CONUS
M13310	K003P	6	1/12	662	I	CONUS
M13400	K003U	7	DET 3D ENGR BN	177	I	CONUS
M13700	K003V	8	DET 3D RECON BN	95	I	CONUS
M13020	K003W	9	DET 3D MED BN	25	I	CONUS
M13650	K003X	10	DET 3D MT BN	79	I	CONUS
M13550	K003Y	11	DET 3D SP BN	102	I	CONUS
M13001	K003A	12	HQ BN, 3D MARDIV (-)	983	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13151	K003F	13	HQ CO 4TH MAR	254	I	OKINAWA
M13160	K003G	14	1/4	1166	I	OKINAWA
M13170	K003H	15	2/4	1166	I	AFLOAT
M13180	K003I	16	3/4	1166	I	AFLOAT

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M13301	K003N	17	HQ BTRY (-) 12TH MAR	229	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13330	K003R	18	3/12	662	I	OKINAWA
M13340	K003S	19	4/12(-)	402	I	OKINAWA
M13400	K003U	20	3D ENGR BN (-)	323	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13700	K003V	21	3D RECON BN (-)	357	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13020	K003W	22	3D MED BN (-)	85	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13650	K003X	23	3D MT BN (-)	30	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13550	K003Y	24	3D SP BN (-)	210	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M13001	K003A	25	DET HQ BN 3D MAR DIV (-)	161	I	OKINAWA
M21430	K017A	26	3D TANK BN (-)	345	I	OKINAWA
M21430	K017A	27	DET 3D TANK BN	140	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT
M20063	K030	28	DET 3D DENT CO	3	I	OKINAWA

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M21335	K025	29	3D BRIDGE CO (-)	123	I	OKINAWA/ CONUS	
M21635	K015	30	7TH COMM BN (-)	383	I	OKINAWA/ CONUS	
M28020	K009	31	9TH MT BN (-)	262	I	OKINAWA	
M21380	K012	32	11TH ENG BN(-)	725	I	OKINAWA/ CONUS	
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M95987	K035G	34	17TH ITT	11	I	OKINAWA	
M95993	K036E	35	9TH IT	6	I	OKINAWA	
M95994	K036F	36	11TH IT	6	I	OKINAWA	
M95957	K037E	37	15TH CIT	16	I	OKINAWA	
M95977	K038A	38	1ST SSCT	10	I	OKINAWA	
M13000	K102	39	00CNE	724	I	CONUS	
M28300	K033	40	DET FLC	400	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT/ CONUS	
M13660	K102	41	00CNE	14	I	CONUS	
				TOTAL GROUND		15,280	

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M00101	05J039	1	1ST MAW HQ (REAR) (PROV MAG-39)	353	I	OKINAWA	
M01024	99K077	2	H&MS-36 (-)	488	I	OKINAWA	
M01026	99K079	3	MABS-36	494	I	OKINAWA	
M00982	05J043	4	MASS-2 (MACG-18)	202	I	OKINAWA	
M01143	05J040	5	DET, H&MS-18 (MACG-18)	60	I	OKINAWA	
M01533	99M012	6	VMA (AW)-533	304	I	JAPAN	
M01038	99K058	7	DET, H&MS-12	69	I	JAPAN	
M01361	99K087	8	HMH-361	233	I	OKINAWA	
M01175	05J034	9	HMM-164	266	I	AFLOAT	
M01265	05J035	10	HMM-265	249	I	AFLOAT	
M01031	99K090	11	VMO-6	274	I	OKINAWA/ AFLOAT	
M00101	99K102	12	00CNE	123	I	CONUS	
				TOTAL AIR:		3,115	
				GROUND:		18,395	

NOTE: 1/RLT 3 DEPLOYS TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF.  
HOWEVER, BLT 1/27, PRESENTLY ORGANIC TO THE  
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M13130	K003E		4	3/3	1,166	CONUS
M13301	K003N		5	DET HQ BTRY 12 MAR	15	CONUS
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NOTE: 1/ FOR ECONOMIC REASONS, GROUND PRIORITY NUMBERS ONE  
PLUS THREE THROUGH ELEVEN COULD BE REDEPLOYED TO CONUS  
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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding General  
 To: Commander, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

Subj: Reduction in Force (C)

Ref: (a) Letter MACVJ3-03, subject: "Reduction in Force (C)", 3 August 1969  
 (b) MACV Plan: "Vietnamizing the War (C)", 20 July 1969 (TS)

1. Pursuant to reference (a), this memorandum contains the III MAF preliminary concept and recommendations for effecting force reductions in ICTZ. Deliberations focused on the reduction of either III MAF or XXIV Corps Headquarters, as it is considered that therein lie the most lucrative assets. Four alternatives are considered, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each. Those alternatives not recommended for adoption are included in order to depict the reduction flexibility existing in ICTZ which might contribute to the overall Vietnam reduction picture.

2. In taking into account the residual force concept, two personnel assumptions were necessary:

a. That, pursuant to reference (b), CG III MAF must maintain a contingency to provide for 400 U.S. Army spaces to constitute the ICTZ U.S. Field Headquarters completely operational at the time HQ III MAF is redeployed.

b. Present HQ III MAF augmentation of 27 USARV Army officers will be reassigned to the ICTZ U.S. Field Headquarters upon deployment of HQ III MAF.

3. Although the alternatives herein are conceptual by design, totals are as accurate as is possible to determine at this point in time. During the formulation of the detailed plan of execution, it is highly probable that miscellaneous detachments in support of the headquarters to be reduced will come to the fore for obvious redeployment, although the precise magnitude cannot be ascertained at this time. Moreover, a separate analysis is being undertaken of miscellaneous III MAF supporting units which are not included in any of the alternatives, e.g., civil affairs and psy ops, to ascertain if further personnel savings can be realized. If this study yields feasible reductions, they will be included as a part of the execution plan.

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4. The transfer and/or elimination of responsibilities and functions from one major headquarters to another mentioned in the following paragraphs, presents no particular problem. Headquarters III MAF currently has a study in final stages which directs the isolation of functions, and execution at a propitious time of cross-staff infusion to insure the smooth transition into one completely operational headquarters prior to Phase 6. In this latter regard, no attempt has been made to presume to designate the command element of the 400-man U.S. Army Field Headquarters specified in reference (b).

5. Several advantages and disadvantages are common to Alternatives II through IV (reduction of a major headquarters) in addition to those cited under the specific alternatives. The more pertinent include:

a. Advantages:

(1) Sizable personnel reduction without a corresponding reduction in foxhole strength.

(2) Establishes more direct lines of operational control.

(3) Eliminates duplication of function(s).

(4) Turnover in command/staff is experienced during a period of relatively high U.S. strength.

(5) Results in personnel, equipment, construction material, maintenance and financial savings.

(6) Politically desirable.

(7) Militarily desirable in that redeployed personnel can aid in reconstituting, or bolstering up, the pre-Vietnam U.S. strategic reserve.

b. Disadvantages:

(1) An alternate headquarters is lost not only to the passive defense concept but to the several contingency plans which employ HQ III MAF and/or HQ XXIV Corps in another role, among which are included OPLANS 1, 27, 43 and DURANGO.

(2) Lessens US/ARVN coordination.

(3) Although not of insurmountable consequence, CG 101st Airborne Division (AM) must assume additional responsibilities within northern ICTZ.

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6. ALTERNATIVE I.

Reduce the present Headquarters, III MAF assigned strength of 986 by 107 personnel who will be redeployed. The remaining 879 constitute the "Required Strength" for Headquarters, III MAF through Phase 6.

Discussion: An analysis was made of HQ III MAF functions and staffing with a view toward reducing billets to the minimum operational level without affecting either combat or pacification operations. Thus, Alternative I may be executed automatically, allowing then alternatives II, III and IV to start off from the "Required Strength" of 879 for HQ III MAF, and not from that currently assigned. The elimination of 107 assigned personnel comprises an actual elimination of 69 authorized spaces. No attempt was made to arrive at a similar total for HQ XXIV Corps for reasons which are self-evident in the remaining alternatives.

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7. ALTERNATIVE II.

Reduce by a combined total of 518 the headquarters of both III MAF and XXIV Corps, phasing out entirely XXIV Corps Headquarters as such.

a. Discussion: The remaining personnel from each headquarters would form a joint III MAF headquarters to achieve the Required Strength previously explained of 879. During Phase 6 all USMC personnel from this joint headquarters would redeploy. As to disposition of the remaining Army personnel see note 2.

b. Recapitulation:

USMC reduction/redeployed	<u>350</u>
Army reduction/redeployed	<u>168</u>
Phase 2 Personnel savings	<u>518</u>
III MAF Joint Headquarters	<u>879</u>
USMC	( <u>529</u> ) <u>1/</u>
USA	( <u>350</u> ) <u>2/</u>

NOTES:

1/ Redeploys during Phase 6.

2/ Remains to augment HQ & HQ Co, 101st Airborne Division (AM) strength of 154 to constitute the ICTZ U.S. Field Headquarters with an overall strength of 400t. Alternatively, MACV planning refinements might disclose that a strength of 350t is sufficient for the Field Headquarters.

c. Advantages:

(1) Maintains the command/staff expertise on the responsibilities attendant to, inter alia, the vital functions of SA/area coordinator.

(2) Maintains the Marine air/ground concept.

(3) Maintains a headquarters organized to execute all service functions and missions without imposition of these new functions on a headquarters organized purely for a tactical role.

(4) Enhances continuity by phasing the U.S. Army cadre into the "expertise base" instead of the other way around.

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(5) Provides a more orderly transfer of command/staff responsibilities, which is of particular importance in a combat environment.

d. Disadvantages:

(1) A Marine-heavy headquarters is less compatible to the preponderance of U.S. Army combat strength which will evolve.

(2) Headquarters, III MAF assets will not be available to reconstitute the PACOM amphibious capability until after Phase 6.

(3) A second command/staff shift might be necessary (see note 2, paragraph 7.b. above).

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8. ALTERNATIVE III.

Phase out HQ III MAF as such during Phase 2, with HQ XXIV Corps assuming III MAF responsibilities, augmented as required by USMC personnel so as to maintain the III MAF Required Strength (876) or lower, until Phase 6, at which time HQ XXIV Corps may be reduced to the level of 400 U.S. Army personnel to constitute the ICTZ U.S. Field Headquarters.

a. Advantages:

- (1) The transfer of control is direct and unambiguous.
- (2) Provides a single package major force reduction.
- (3) USMC strategic flexibility is enhanced with early release of III MAF, and the formation therefrom on Okinawa of the III MEF staff nucleus.
- (4) Provides early transfer of control to an Army headquarters as concomitantly Army tactical units become predominant in ICTZ.
- (5) Connotes finality of the USMC commitment in RVN; adds credibility to reduction pledges.
- (6) Total personnel savings of 518 will be achieved as indicated in paragraph 7.b. above.

b. Disadvantages:

- (1) Adds to the complexity of the operational and logistical coordinating structure presently provided by HQ III MAF.
- (2) Adverse psychological impact upon the ARVN with possible exploitation by VC/NVA. Withdrawal of HQ III MAF will be regarded as a much more significant event than the dissolution of HQ XXIV Corps.
- (3) Does not preserve Marine air-ground team by providing a headquarters as required over a Marine division and Marine aircraft wing.

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9. ALTERNATIVE IV.

Reduce HQ XXIV Corps in its entirety during Phase 2 and redeploy all of its 518 presently assigned personnel.

Discussion: This has both a political and practical advantage of reducing U.S. forces by one complete, and from Phase 2 through 6, tactically unnecessary headquarters. The obvious disadvantage is that it does not recognize the contingency to retain in ICTZ the cadre with which to constitute the U.S. Army Field Headquarters.

10. RECOMMENDATION.

That the concept as described for alternatives I and II be approved for a combined personnel savings of 625. A plan of execution will be submitted for approval within thirty days thereafter.

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NO 12045

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Force Planning (U)

Ref: (a) CMC 072327Z/Aug69 (TS) NOTAL

- Encl: (1) Troop List A (2/3 MEF WESTPAC - 1/3 MEF MIDPAC/EASTPAC)  
of 8 Aug 1969 (TS)  
(2) Troop List B (1/3 MEF WESTPAC - 2/3 MEF MIDPAC/EASTPAC)  
of 8 Aug 1969 (TS)

1. (TS) Reference (a) requested two alternative posture troop lists, using 19.2K and 6.4K-as maximum personnel ceilings for Okinawa and Japan respectively.

2. (U) In response to reference (a), two alternative near term troop lists, enclosures (1) and (2), are provided.

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## TROOP LIST A (2/3 MEF WESPTAC-1/3 MEF MIDPAC/EASTPAC)

<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>OKINAWA</u>			
MEF HQ	126	7	133
DATA PROC PLT	24	-	24
TOTAL MEF HQ	150	7	157
<u>MARDIV (-)</u>			
HQ BN	1062	28	1090
INF REGT (-) <u>1/</u>	2282	131	2413
INF REGT (-) <u>2/</u>	2282	131	2413
ARTY REGT (-)	1590	50	1640
ENGR BN (-)	499	9	508
MED BN (-)	119	260	379
MT BN (-)	115	3	118
RECON BN (-)	342	18	360
SP BN (-)	312	33	345
SVC BN (-)	592	22	614
TOTAL MARDIV (-)	9,195	685	9,880
<u>FORCE TROOPS</u>			
PLT, BRIDGE CO	41	1	42
TANK BN (-)	692	18	710
AMTRAC BN (-)	591	12	603
COMM BN (-)	388	11	399
ENGR BN (-)	491	8	499
CI TM	16		16
SSC TM	6		6
DENTAL CO (-)	4		4
MT BN (-)	301	6	307
FSR (-)	2720	68	2788
PLT, ARMDAMPHIB CO	42		42
IT TM	11		11
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INTERP TM	6		6
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TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	5,326	124	5,450

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<u>SLF AFLOAT 3/</u>			
SLF HQ	40		40
BLT			
INF BN	1070	68	1138
D/S ARTY BTY	133	3	136
107mm MORTAR BTY	88	2	90
ENGR PLT	43		43
RECON PLT	24	2	26
SP PLT	30		30
MT PLT	41		41
DET MED BN	9		9
DET SVC BN	52		52
AVIATION			
HMM (21-CH46)	258	4	262
DET VMO (5-UH1)	32		32
FORCE TROOPS			
PLT TK BN	22	4	26
PLT AMTRAC BN	35	4	39
DET FSR	41		41
TOTAL SLF	1,918	87	2,005
<u>MAW (REAR) UNITS</u>			
<u>MAG (VH)</u>			
H&MS	345		345
MABS	405	11	416
HMH	257	8	265
HMM	258	4	262
VMO (-)	210		210
VMGR (-)	221	2	223
MATCU	68		68
MASS	176	2	178
TOTAL MAW (REAR)	1,940	27	1,967
<u>BASE SPT</u>			
MCB BUTLER	516	67	583
H&HS FUTEMA	88	60	148
TOTAL BASE SPT	604	127	731
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>			
D CO MARSPT BN	62		62
NAF NAHA	53		53
USNAVINST SERV	1		1
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	116		116
TOTAL OKINAWA 4/	19,249	1,057	20,306

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SUBIC BAY</u>			
<u>BLT</u>			
INF BN	1070	68	1138
D/S ARTY BN	133	3	136
MT PLT	41		41
ENGR PLT	43		43
RECON PLT	24	2	26
SP PLT	30		30
DET FSR	21		21
TOTAL SUBIC BAY	1,362	73	1,435
<u>JAPAN</u>			
<u>MAW (REAR) (-)</u>			
MAW HQS	251	36	287
DET MWHG	102	19	121
DET MACG	60	4	64
MACS 5/	234	3	237
<u>MAG (VF/VA)</u>			
H&MS (REIN)	579		579
MABS	295	48	343
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
VMA (AW)	304	5	309
MATCU	68		68
DET VMGR	198	2	200
CI TM	16		16
SSC TM	6		6
TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-)	2,779	127	2,906
<u>BASE SPT</u>			
H&HS IWAKUNI	517	169	686
FUJI DET, MCB BUTLER	17		17
TOTAL BASE SPT	534	169	703
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>			
DEF ATTACHE	1		1
DCA FE REGION	11		11
E CO MAR SPT BN	137		137
HQ US FOR JAPAN	3		3
COM FAIR WESTPAC	13		13
NSD YOKOSUKA	4		4
FLT ACT YOKOSUKA	233		233
FLT ACT SASEBO	93		93

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MB ATSUGI	142		142
COMNAV FOR JAPAN	1		1
NAVMC JUD ACT	1		1
NAMMODEP SASEBO	3		3
USN INVEST OFF	2		2
AM ENB TOKYO	10		10
FSAO YOKOSUKA	13		13
WESTPAC IN SEC	17		17
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	684		684
TOTAL JAPAN 6/	3,997	296	4,293
<u>MIDPAC/EASTPAC 7/</u>			
<u>BRIGADE</u>			
H&S CO MAR BDE	167	8	175
TOTAL BDE HQ	167	8	175
<u>RLT</u>			
INF REGT	3496	197	3693
D/S ARTY BN	623	18	641
DET SVC BN	234	5	239
CO, RECON BN	81	3	84
CO, MED BN	17	67	84
CO, ENGR BN	131	3	134
CO, MT BN	75	1	76
CO, SP BN	64	6	70
DET DENTAL CO	2	15	17
IT TM	11		11
INTERP TM	6		6
COMM SPT CO	235	2	237
DET FSR	352	6	358
CO, FOR ENGR BN	214	2	216
AT CO (-)	39	1	40
HQ BTRY FAG	24		24
AMTRAC CO	219	3	222
TOTAL RLT	5,823	329	6,152
<u>MAG (COMP)</u>			
H&MS	381		381
MABS	351	24	375
VMFA (F4J)	384	15	399

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VMFA (F4J)	384	15	399
HMM (CH46)	258	4	262
DET VMO (UH1E)	32	1	33
MACS	234	3	237
MATCU	68		68
TOTAL MAG (COMP)	2,092	62	2,154
TOTAL BRIGADE	8,082	399	8,481

## NOTES:

- 1/ One BLT Afloat (SLF)
- 2/ One BLT at SLF CAMP SUBIC
- 3/ Initially two SLF's will be maintained afloat however, programmed budget restrictions and reduction in amphibious shipping will likely result in only one SLF being maintained afloat.
- 4/ Includes SLF in TOTAL
- 5/ Preferred location for MACS is OKINAWA. However to preclude further draw down on other units basing in JAPAN is proposed. If commitment to OKINAWA air defense role dictates basing on OKINAWA, ceiling should be increased appropriately.
- 6/ Will allow basing of additional aviation units (including expanded HQ and SPT elements and a second fixed wing MAG), when available, within a JAPAN ceiling of 6.4K.
- 7/ Permanent structure forces currently in EASTPAC, including 1st LAAM BN, have been omitted in the interest of brevity.

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## TROOP LIST B (I/3 MEF WESTPAC-2/3 MEF MIDPAC/EASTPAC)

<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>OKINAWA</u>			
<u>CG I MEF/CTF 79</u>			
HQ I MEF/TF 79	361	18	379
CI TM	16		16
INTERP TM	6		6
IT TM	11		11
SSC TM	6		6
COMSPT CO	235	2	237
<u>RLT</u>			
INF REGT (-) 1/	2426	119	2545
D/S ARTY BN (REIN)	490	15	505
DET HQ BTY	21		21
BTY, G/S ARTY BN	34		34
DET SVC BN	182	5	187
CO, RECON BN	57	1	58
CO, MED BN	8	67	75
CO, ENGR BN	88	3	91
CO, MT BN	34	1	35
CO, SP BN	34	6	40
DET DENTAL CO	2	15	17
CO, FOR ENGR BN	214	2	216
CO, AMTRAC BN	170	4	174
PLT, ARMD AMPHIB CO	42		42
PLT, BRIDGE CO	41	1	42
CO, TK BN	110	3	113
TOTAL	4,588	262	4,850
<u>SLF AFLOAT 2/</u>			
SLF HQ	40		40
<u>BLT</u>			
INF BN	1070	68	1138
D/S ARTY BTY	133	3	136
107mm MOTAR BTY	88	2	90
ENGR PLT	43		43
RECON PLT	24	2	26
SP PLT	30		30
MT PLT	41		41
DET MED BN	9		9
DET SVC BN	52		52

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>AVIATION</u>			
HMM (21-CH46)	258	4	262
DET VMO (3-UH1)	21		21
<u>FORCE TROOPS</u>			
PLT TK BN	22	4	26
PLT AMTRAC BN	35	4	39
DET FSR	<u>41</u>		<u>41</u>
TOTAL SLF	1,907	87	1,994
<u>MAW (REAR) UNITS</u>			
H&MS DET	219		219
MABS DET	269	5	274
HMM	258	4	262
VMGR	419	4	423
MATCU	68		68
MASS	176	2	178
MACS	234	3	237
HMH	257	8	265
DET VMO (60V-10,3UH1)	<u>69</u>		<u>69</u>
TOTAL MAW (REAR)	1,969	26	1,995
DET FSR	1,056	46	1,102
TOTAL FSR	1,056	46	1,102
<u>BASE SPT</u> 3/			
MCB BUTLER	1006	67	1073
SUPT CO	466	11	477
H&HS FUTEMA	171	60	231
TOTAL BASE SPT	1643	138	1781
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>			
D CO MAR SPT BN	62		62
NAF NAHA	53		53
USNAVINST SERV	1		1
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	116		116
TOTAL OKINAWA	11,279	559	11,838
<u>JAPAN</u>			
<u>MAW (REAR) (-)</u>			
MAW HQS	251	36	287
DET MWHG	102	19	121
DET MACG	60	4	64

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MAG (VF/VA)			
H&MS (REIN)	579		579
MABS	295	48	343
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
VMA (AW)	304	5	309
MATCU	68		68
CI TM	16		16
SSC TM	6		6
TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-)	2,347	122	2,469
<u>BASE SPT</u>			
H&HS IWAKUNI	517	169	686
FUJI DET, MCB BUTLER	17		17
TOTAL BASE SPT	534	169	703
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>			
DEF ATTACHE	1		1
DCA FE REGION	11		11
E CO MAR SPT BN	137		137
HQ US FOR JAPAN	3		3
COM FAIR WESTPAC	13		13
NSD YOKOSUKA	4		4
FLT ACT YOKOSUKA	233		233
FLT ACT SASEBO	93		93
MB ATSUGI	142		142
COMNAV FOR JAPAN	1		1
NAVMC JUD ACT	1		1
NAMMODEP SASEBO	3		3
USN INVEST OFF	2		2
AM EMB TOKYO	10		10
FSAO YOKOSUKA	13		13
WESTPAC IN SEC	17		17
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	684		684
TOTAL JAPAN	3,565	291	3,856
<u>MIDPAC/EASTPAC</u> 4/			
DATA PROC PLT	24		24
TOTAL	24		24

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>MARDIV (-)</u>			
HQ BN	1062	28	1090
INF REGT	3496	194	3690
INF REGT	3496	194	3690
ARTY REGT (-)	1811	52	1836
ENGR BN (-)	536	10	546
MED BN (-)	119	260	379
MT BN (-)	156	4	160
RECON BN (-)	364	20	384
SP BN (-)	342	33	375
SVC BN (-)	<u>592</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>614</u>
TOTAL MARDIV (-)	11,974	817	12,791
<u>FORCE TROOPS</u>			
PLT, BRIDGE CO	41	1	42
TANK BN (-)	733	18	751
AMTRAC BN (-)	695	12	707
COMM BN (-)	464	11	475
ENGR BN (-)	865	18	883
DENTAL CO (-)	4	64	68
MT BN (-)	383	6	389
FSR (-)	2,401	46	2,447
IT TM	11		11
IT TM	11		11
INTERP TM	6		6
INTERP TM	6		6
HQ BTY FAG	24		24
AT BN	<u>39</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	5,683	177	5,860
<u>MAW (REAR) UNITS</u>			
<u>MAG (VF)</u>			
H&MS	381		381
MABS	351	24	375
VMFA (F4J)	384	15	399
VMFA (F4J)	384	15	399
MACS	234	3	237
MATCU	68		68
<u>MAG (VH)</u>			
H&MS	269		269
MABS	225	6	231
HMM	258	4	262
HMM	258	4	262

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HMH VMO (-)	<u>120</u>	—	<u>120</u>
TOTAL MAW (REAR)	2,932	71	3,003
TOTAL MIDPAC/EASTPAC	20,613	1,065	21,678

NOTES: 1/ One BLT Afloat (SLF)

2/ If two ARG/SLF's are maintained afloat, one SLF would be provided from in-country III MAF resources.

3/ Transient Center Facility would be retained on Okinawa.

4/ Permanent structure forces currently in EASTPAC, including 1st LAAM BN, have been omitted in the interest of brevity.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN WALT INFO  
 LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS  
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 MIXMASTER (U)

A. CMC 291451Z/AUG69

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PERSONNEL CRITERIA FOR TWO SITUATIONS INVOLVING PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT THAT WOULD ASSURE EQUITABLE TOUR LENGTHS AND MAINTAIN UNIT INTEGRITY FOR UNITS NOT REDEPLOYING TO EASTPAC.

2. FIRST SITUATION: DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND TWO RLT'S ON OKINAWA AND ONE RLT IN EASTPAC. APPROXIMATELY 6,000 MARINES WOULD BE RETURNING TO CONUS WITH THE RLT AND 9,000 TO OKINAWA. TWO ALTERNATIVES SEEM MOST ATTRACTIVE WHEN ASSUMING A MOVE

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 IN OCT FOR THE EASTPACBOUND UNIT:

A. ADJUST ALL WESTPAC TOURS TO 12 MONTHS (INCLUDING OKINAWA AND JAPAN) BY RETURNING NOVEMBER RTD'S FROM ALL UNITS (4,100 GROUND MARINES) WITH THE EASTPAC BOUND RLT ALONG WITH THE 1,100 OCT 69 ROTATEES OF OTHER 3D MARDIV PRESENTLY IN-COUNTRY AND 800 OCT ROTATEES FROM OTHER III MAF UNITS. THE PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGES OF THIS COURSE OF ACTION ARE: AN EQUALIZED 12 MONTHS TOUR FOR ALL, NO SIGNIFICANT ROTATIONAL HUMPS, MINIMAL EFFECT ON UNIT INTEGRITY OF ANY SINGLE UNIT REMAINING IN WESTPAC. THE MAJOR DISADVANTAGE: NO COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS FOR THE RETURNING CONUS RLT. ESSENTIALLY IT WOULD BE A DRAFT OF 6,000 PERSONNEL BUT INCLUDED THEREIN WOULD BE DESIGNATED KEY PERSONNEL FROM ALL RLT ELEMENTS REGARDLESS OF RTD.

B. ESTABLISH A CRITERIA FOR THE 3D MARDIV UNITS IN-COUNTRY OF PERSONNEL WITH OCT 69 TO FEB 70 RTD'S TO RETURN WITH THE EASTPAC BOUND RLT: PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE SERVED MINIMUM OF NINE MONTHS IN WEST-

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 PAC. THE OKINAWA BOUND RLT AND OTHER 3D MARDIV  
 IN-COUNTRY UNITS WOULD ABSORB ALL MARCH 1970 RTD'S  
 OR LATER. THE PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGES OF THIS COURSE  
 OF ACTION ARE THAT A MIXMASTER WOULD BE CONFINED  
 TO THE IN-COUNTRY 3D MARDIV UNITS AND THE UNITS DE-  
 PARTING FOR EASTPAC WOULD RETAIN A DEGREE OF UNIT  
 INTEGRITY. (IE: ONCE IN CONUS ITS PERSONNEL WOULD  
 COMPLETE A 13 MONTHS ASSIGNMENT MORE OR LESS EVEN-  
 LY SPREAD OVER THE ENSUING 4 TO 5 MONTHS BUT PER-  
 SONNEL COULD THEN BE SELECTIVELY STABILIZED). THE  
 DISADVANTAGES ARE THAT A REDUCED TOUR LENGTH  
 WOULD ONLY BE REALIZED BY THE PHASE II REDEPLOY-  
 ING 3D MARDIV UNITS, A FOUR MONTH ROTATION VOID  
 WOULD BE CREATED IN THE OKINAWA BOUND UNITS AND  
 THE DEGREE OF UNIT INTEGRITY WITHIN THOSE UNITS POS-  
 SIBLE IN THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED.  
 HOWEVER, IT WOULD LEAVE THE UNITS REMAINING IN-  
 COUNTRY UNAFFECTED.

3. SECOND SITUATION: ONE RLT ON OKINAWA AND DIVISION  
 (-) IN EASTPAC. HERE 15,280 GROUND MARINES WOULD BE

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 DEPARTING RVN FOR CONUS DURING OCT/NOV. THREE  
 ALTERNATIVES ARE OUTLINED:

A. ADJUST WESTPAC TOURS TO 12 MONTHS BY ROTAT-  
 ING ALL WESTPAC NOVEMBER RTS'S WITH THE RETURNING  
 DIVISION. THIS WOULD REPRESENT A LOSS IN THE UNITS  
 REMAINING IN-COUNTRY OF ABOUT 3,000 MARINES. TO OFFSET  
 THIS LOSS 3,000 MARINES MOST RECENTLY ARRIVED  
 (AUG, SEP, OCT 70 RTD'S) OF THE 3D MARDIV UNITS RE-  
 DEPLOYING TO CONUS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH-  
 OUT WESTPAC COMMANDS. THIS WOULD HAVE MINIMAL  
 EFFECT ON UNIT INTEGRITY OF ALL ELEMENTS CONCERN-  
 ED. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, PROVIDE FOR REDEPLOYMENT  
 TO CONUS OF SOME PERSONNEL WHO WOULD HAVE COM-  
 PLETED ONLY 3 MONTHS IN WESTPAC.

B. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO STOP INPUT  
 FROM CONUS TO THE 3D MARDIV UNITS DEPLOYING TO  
 CONUS BEGINNING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND REPLACE  
 THE LOSSES FROM CASUALTIES AND ROTATION WITH OCT  
 AND NOV RTD'S FROM OTHER III MAF FORCES. IN OCT THE  
 3D MARDIV WOULD ROTATE FROM RVN TO CONUS AS CON-

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STITUTED. THIS WOULD NOT PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE  
TOUR LENGTHS BUT WOULD ASSURE ACCEPTABLE UNIT  
INTEGRITY.

C. THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE, WOULD BE TO MIXMASTER  
FROM PHASE II 3D MARDIV REDEPLOYING UNITS TO OTHER  
WESTPAC COMMANDS THOSE MARINES WHO HAD NOT COM-  
PLETED 6 MONTHS IN-COUNTRY, MAY RTD OR LATER,  
(ABOUT 7,200) TO BE REPLACED BY 3 MONTHS (NOV, DEC,  
JAN 70 RTD'S) OF ROTATION FROM ALL OTHER WESTPAC  
UNITS. THE ADVANTAGE HERE WOULD BE TO MORE  
EQUALLY BALANCE TOUR LENGTHS AND INSURE MARINES  
OF 6 MONTHS IN-COUNTRY. THE PRINCIPAL DISADVANTAGE  
WOULD BE A SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF COMBAT EFFECTIVE-  
NESS THROUGHOUT.

4. ALL THE ABOVE ASSUMES THE APPROPRIATE REDUCT-  
ION OF WESTPAC REPLACEMENT FLOW AND THAT UNDER  
ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES CERTAIN KEY PERSONNEL WILL  
BE RETURNED TO CONUS WITHOUT REGARD TO RTD.  
ALL MIXMASTERING DISCUSSED ABOVE WILL CAUSE MOS IN-  
BALANCES IN SOME SKILLS.

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5. IN EITHER SITUATION AS DISCUSSED ABOVE THE FIRST  
LISTED ALTERNATIVE PROVIDING FOR A SHIFT TO A 12  
MONTH WESTPAC TOUR APPEARS TO BEST MEET THE  
DIVERGENT CRITERIA OF MIXMASTER FOR EQUITABILITY  
OF TOUR LENGTH AND MINIMAL DEGRADATION OF UNIT  
INTEGRITY. I SO RECOMMEND. WARM REGARDS

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 FM COMSEVENTHFLT  
 TO RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT  
 INFO RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUYJWDE/CTF SEVEN SIX  
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 NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE.

PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENT (TS)

- A. CINCPACFLT 302258Z JUL 69 - *attached*  
 B. CINCPACFLT 062321Z AUG 69 - *Not Held*  
 C. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG 69 - *attached*

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

CINCPACFLT III MAF  
 FMFPAC CTF 76

COMSEVENTHFLT CTF 79

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

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

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- C. REDEPLOY 1 RLT TO OKI  
 D. REDEPLOY MAW ELEMENTS TO OKI AND JAPAN  
 4. (TSNL) THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS MOVEMENT PLAN IS 30 SEP - 30 NOV.  
 PERSONNEL SHORTFALL WILL APPROXIMATE 2600 AND WILL REQUIRE AIRLIFT.  
 PERSONNEL FIGURES MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT SINCE UNITS DEPARTING RVN  
 WILL GO OUT WITH ON-BOARD STRENGTH. THERE ARE NO CARGO SHORTFALLS.

5. (TSNL) ASSUMPTIONS.

- A. PLANNING IS BASED ON CURRENT FORCE LEVELS. INACTIVATION OF ANY  
 SHIPS DESIGNATED MAY REQUIRE MSTIS SUBSTITUTIONS.  
 B. ONE ARG WILL BE USED TO LIFT REDEPLOYING FORCES TO OKI. THE RE-  
 MAINING ARG WILL BE ON 24/96 HOUR REACTION TIME TO RVN.  
 C. LIFTS WILL BE MADE BY ADMINISTRATIVE LOADING.

6. (TSNL) REDEPLOYMENT PLAN

A. INCREMENT ONE

PER SQ FT	VEHICLE SQ FT	VEH & CARGO CU F	DES	LOAD DATES
4376	87955	764040	OKI	30 SEP-4 OCT
DESIRED SHIP MIX		SHIPPING AVAILABILITY		
LPA - (2)		LPH - IWO JIMA		
LSD - (2)		LPD - CLEVELAND		
LST 1156 CLASS (3)		LSD - WHETSTONE		
LST 542 CLASS (4)		LSD - COMSTOCK		
		LSD - GUNSTON HALL		
		LST - 1156 CLASS (3)		
		LST - 542 CLASS (4)		

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

B. INCREMENT TWO

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

DESIRED SHIP MIX

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

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

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

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

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

DESIRED SHIP MIX

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

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LPH - (1)	LPH - NEW ORLEANS
LSD - (1)	LSD - GUNSTON HALL
LST 1156 CLASS (3)	LST 1156 CLASS (3)
LST 542 CLASS (4)	LST 542 CLASS (4)

NOTE: ANTICIPATE NO PERSONNEL SHORTFALL.

D. INCREMENT FOUR

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

DESIRED SHIP MIX

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

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

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

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

7. BEST REGARDS.

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 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG FMFPAC  
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 NICKERSON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS  
 MIXMASTER (U)

A. CMC 091451Z AUG69 (TS)

B. FONECON BETWEEN COL WOOD, G-1 FMFPAC, AND LTCOL  
 THOMAIDIS, ASST G-1 III MAF, IF 111115H AUG69

1. (TS) REF A ADDRESSED THE EMPLOYMENT OF MIXMASTER/  
 REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA TO ANTICIPATED PHASE II  
 REDEPLOYMENT. REF B REQ CG III MAF COMMENTS/RECOM-  
 MENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJ. IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY  
 THAT COMBAT READINESS BE PRESERVED FOR UNITS REMAINING  
 IN VIETNAM, AND UNITS CONSTITUTING THE PACOM RESERVE.  
 THE FORMER MENTIONED UNITS ARE ALREADY IN COMBAT WITH  
 THE ENEMY AND THE LATTER UNITS MUST BE READY FOR  
 COMMITMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING WESTPAC DESTINATION.  
 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN UNIT INTEGRITY, ONLY MINIMAL  
 MIXMASTERING CAN BE DONE TO UNITS REMAINING IN VIETNAM  
 OR REDEPLOYING TO WESTPAC DESTINATIONS. THIS IS  
 TRUE UNDER EITHER SITUATION MENTIONED IN REF A.  
 WHILE THIS COMMAND DOES NOT HAVE READY ACCESS TO  
 INDIVIDUAL PERSONNEL ROTATION FACTORS FOR PARTICULAR  
 PERIODS OF TIME, IT IS NOT CONSIDERED THAT MORE THAN  
 TEN PERCENT OF A UNIT COULD BE MIXMASTERED AND STILL  
 MAINTAIN UNIT INTEGRITY. THIS IS IN CONSIDERATION  
 THAT NORMAL ROTATION IS PROCEEDING ACCORDINGLY AT  
 THE SAME TIME.

2. (TS) ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS ATTENDANT TO RE-  
 DEPLOYMENT OF UNITS TO EASTPAC AND RESULTANT IN-  
 EQUITABILITIES OF TOUR LENGTH AND RECOGNIZED.  
 HOWEVER, MIXMASTERING OF PEOPLE AND THE MAINTENANCE  
 OF COMBAT READINESS AT THE SAME TIME ARE INCOMPAT-  
 IBILITIES. IT IS BELIEVED NECESSARY THAT CERTAIN  
 INEQUITABILITY BE RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED.

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O 110211Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG FMPPAC  
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SECRET EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
 1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

O 101135Z ZFF-2 ZFF-5  
 FM SSO MACV  
 INFO GEN BROWN CG 7TH AF  
 GEN NICKERSON CG III MAF  
 ADM ZUNWALT COMNAVFORV  
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV  
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 10412 EYES ONLY  
 REF JCS 09700 DTG 031552Z AUG 69 (S)  
 (S) ACKNOWLEDGE REFERENCED MESSAGE. COMPONENTS HAVE  
 BEEN DIRECTED TO MEET STRENGTHS CITED BY 31 AUG 69.  
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INFO GEN WHEELER CJCS WASHINGTON  
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TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CHAPMAN FROM  
GENERAL WALT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SUBJ: STRENGTH AUTHORIZATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: A. SECDEF MEMO OF 5 AUG 69.

1. (S) REF A ESTABLISHED MARINE CORPS APPROXIMATE FORCE LEVEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM EFFECTIVE 31 AUG 69: 72,500. ONE PERCENT VARIATION AUTHORIZED, HOWEVER SECDEF DESIRES STRENGTH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO 72,500.
2. (U) JCS MSG 081552Z AUG TO CINCPAC, COMUSMACV REFERS.
3. (U) CMC MSG TO FMPPAC EARLIEST.

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 MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

38/jtb  
 9 Aug 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Subj: CMC message 081712Z AUG69 (S)

1. Subject message is an EXCLUSIVE for General CHAPMAN from General WALT. It states that SECDEF desires that our 31 August strength would be at 72,500 or as close to that figure as possible. It also stated that a message was being sent to PAC from CMC earliest on the same subject.
2. I called Lou WILSON and asked if the message from CMC had been received and he said -- affirmative: They are working on it now.
3. You will recall that our PROGRAM VII established the III MAF Marine ceiling for 31 August as 73,900 spaces. Our projected on-board strength as of 31 August is 72,980 people; thus 920 billets will not be filled on that date. The strength figure referred to in General WALT's message concerns people and not spaces; thus we are projecting 72,980 to be on board and must reduce to 72,500.
4. It appears that our problem will be to drop from 72,980 people to 72,500 on the 31st, or 480 people. But, this is further compounded because there are another 480 Marines or so in Vietnam and these cannot be reduced. Thus we are faced with III MAF with reducing by about 1,000 additional unprogrammed people between now and the end of the month, plus being about 1,000 people short to start with. Any impact on readiness or combat capability is not germane to the problem. The decision is part of a plan to reduce to an overall in-country strength of 515,000 as of 31 August -- not 525,000 (34,500 reduction vice 25,000 for Phase I). Lou says that the other services are in much more difficulty than we are.
5. Lou also said they were working on an approach as follows: If the Phase II announcement is made soon, they would try to stop the input to RVN for the first 15 days of Phase II -- this input stopping in August. He would expect that we could pick up about 500 people by this tactic. If the rotation tour dates of the people rotating early in September were adjusted to have

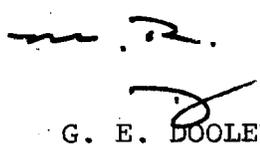
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them depart in late August, he would pick up another 500 people. We are awaiting guidance from PAC before proceeding any further and we should have a message on the wire to us in a day or two.

6. Another thing is apparent and that is that it looks as if we are going to start talking about bodies from now on rather than spaces.

7. You will notice that General WALT's message referred to a SECDEF MEMO of 5 August. Lou said that yesterday (7 August in the States) Senator McGOVERN confronted Senator STENNIS in the Senate and stated that there are more people in Vietnam now than there were when President NIXON took office.

  
G. E. DOOLEY







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 TO RHMMFAFA/CG III MAF  
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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

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM WALT TO CMC AND ME  
 PASSED FOR YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION.

QUOTE:

SUBJ: PROGRAM 703 DEVELOPMENTS

REF: ABRAMS TO MCCAIN 021153Z

1. PROGRAM 703 DISCUSSED WITH DEP SECDEF THIS DATE. NAVY-  
 MARINE CORPS SUBMISSION ESSENTIALLY THAT PRESENTED TO  
 YOU 2 AUG.

2. MAJOR ISSUES RAISED BY DEP SECDEF WITHOUT DECISIONS  
 INCLUDED

A. PERSONNEL REDUCTION NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.

B. MAGNITUDE OF REDUCTION NAVAL SHIPS (APPROX 25 PER CENT)

C. POLICY OF ACCEPTING SHORT TERM SHORT FALLS IN ORDER TO  
 PRESERVE MODERNIZATION (EXAMPLE LESS THAN 4 MEB AMPHIBIOUS

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 LIFT UNTIL FY 73 WHEN NEW PRODUCTION ELIMINATES DEFICIENCIES)  
 D. SOUND EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM PREFERABLY ON VOLUNTARY  
 BASIS TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS.

E. EXCESSIVE CUTS IN AMPHIBIOUS FORCES AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS.

F. CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO REDUCTIONS.

G. IMPACT ON U.S. CAPABILITIES. HWEP SECDEF STATED SERVICE  
 SUBMISSIONS WILL HAVE TO BE EVALUATED BY JCS BEFORE DECISION  
 CAN BE MADE.

H. MARINE CORPS DEPLOYMENTS OKINAWA. DOD LEANING TOWARDS  
 4- 1 - 2 RATIO. PAPER TABLED BY SELIN IMPLYING BETTER REACTION  
 FEMCTORS AND GREATER DOLLAR SAVINGS IN RECOMMENDED POSTURE OF  
 ONE RLT OKINAWA. UNDER SECNAV CONTESTED FIGURES AND STATED  
 SECNAV WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WHEN FACTS ARE RESOLVED.

I. POSSIBILITY THAT NAVY SUBMIT CONTAINS EXCESSIVE SAVINGS IN  
 AIR ORDNANCE RELATED TO REDEPLOYMENT MARINE AIR UNITS.

J. OMISSION OF NAVY CARGIER REDUCTION IN NAVY SUBMISSION.

K. IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DEFENSIBLE PROGRAM OF REDUCTION  
 SUPPORTED BY DOD, SERVICE SECTRYS, JCS AND SERVICE CHIEFS WITH  
 ONE VOICE. TO CONGRESS AND HIGHER AUTHORITY.

3. AS RESULT OF MEETING, FOLLOWING ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY

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NAVY DEPT AT REQUEST OF DEP SECDEF.

- A. COST EVALUATION OF DIV (-) VS RLT ON OKINAWA.
- B. EVALUATION OF DEPLOYMENT TIMES OF 3D MAR DIV AND COMBAT INCREMENTS THEREOF TO KOREA AND VIETNAM UNDER ABOVE TWO CONDITIONS ASSUMING PROPOSED REDUCTION IN AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING.
- C. STRATEGIC IMPACT OF DIV (-) DEPLOYMENT TO US IN LIEU OF OKINAWA. (SECDEF ALSO WILL ADDRESS THIS QUESTION TO JCS.)
4. BELOW MAR CORPS PLANNING ACTIONS UNDERWAY WITH THE VIEW TO ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES WHEN PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS. PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED IN REF (A) AUG 15, FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS APPLY:
  - A. DEACTIVATION OF 5TH MAR DIV (-) AND CONUS BASED AUGMENTATION UNITS WILL BE DIRECTED CONCURRENTLY OR SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT.
  - B. TROOP LIST AND TIME FRAME FOR SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY MACV.
  - C. CMC APPROVE MODIFICATION MARCORPS VIETNAM TOUR LENGTH AND LEAVE POLICIES TO CONF GRM WITH OTHER SERVICES.
  - D. VOLUNTARY EARLY OUT PROGRAM IF POSSIBLE, BUT INVOLUNTARY IF NECESSARY. (DON'T EXPECT MUCH HERE.)

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- E. ACCEPTANCE OF GREATLY REDUCED COMBAT CAPABILITY IN THE 5TH MAR DIV (-) FROM THE DATE REDEPLOYMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED.
5. PERSONNEL PLANNING:
  - A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR EARLY RELEASE.
  - B. ESTABLISHMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA IN ORDER THAT MIX MASTER IMPACTS CWD BE MINIMIZED BY PHASING OVER MAXIMUM PERIOD TIME. TWO CASES ARE BEING DEVELOPED DEPENDING ON OKINAWA DECISION.
  - C. NECESSARY MODIFICATION IN ORDERS NOW ISSUED. TF
6. LOGISTICS PLANNING:
  - A. BILLETING CAMP PENDELTON FOR RETURNING UNITS UNDER BOTH CASES.
  - B. RETURN OF 5TH MAR DIV EQUIPMENT TO STORES
  - C. REDUCTIONH STOCK LEVELS AND PIPELINE.
  - D. TRANSFER OF 5TH MAR DIV PWRS TO REDEPLOYING 3RD MAR DIV UNITS.
7. OPERATIONS PLANNING:
  - A. DEACTIVATION SCHEDULE 5TH MAR DIV (-) AND CONUS AUGMENT UNITS.
  - B. CONUS/HAWAII SPLIT OF DEPLOYED FORCES.

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8. AS WE SEE IT NOW REGARDLESS OF DECISION ON OKINAWA BASING, THE FIRST RLT DEPLOYED AND ASSOCIATED FIXED WING ELEMENTS WILL GO TO CONUS. ✓

9. DEPENDING ON JCS AND OUR ARGUMENTS SLIM CHANCE REMAINS FOR 3RD MAR DIV (-) ON OKINAWA, BUT PERSONNEL CEILING CANNOT EXCEED THAT OF PRE VIETNAM. PROBLEM EXISTING IS THAT PROJECTED 1 SEPT "ALL SERVICE" STRENGTHS ON OKINAWA EXCEEDS BY 5000 PRE VIETNAM ACTUALS. OUR CASE WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MAR CORPS PRE VIETNAM STRENGTH (APPROX 19,000) AND POSSIBLE DISCOUNTING OF SLF AND SUBIC STRENGTHS IN OKINAWA CEILING. ACCEPTANCE TEMPORARY INCREASES DURING ROTATION PERIODS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

10. TO MEET TIME SCHEDULES OUR PRELIMINARY CONCEPT ENVISIONS EARLY REDUCTION OF 5TH MAR DIV (-) CAPABILITIES BY TURNING IN EQUIPMENT AND PHASE DOWN OF PERSONNEL TO MAKE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RETURNING UNITS AND ACCEPTANCE OF OVER STRENGTH IN OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE MARINE CORPS UNTIL EARLY RELEASE PROGRAMS CAN TAKE EFFECT. IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROPRIATE MIX MASTER PROGRAMS BOTH OVERSEAS AND IN THE US PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO MAINTAINING THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES OF IN COUNTRY UNITS AND SECOND, TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE

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COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE REDEPLOYING UNITS. WE WILL GET TOGETHER WITH CG FMFPAC ON THIS AT THE EARLIEST.

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2. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN  
 WALT AND LIGEN NICKERSON FROM LIGEN BUSE. MARINE  
 CORPS EYES ONLY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF WHEELER'S 081810Z/AUG 69  
 TO MCCAIN AND ABRAMS. PLEASE PROTECT OUR SOURCE.

QUOTE:

1. AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE  
 FLAIL GOING ON IN THE CONGRESS REGARDING TROOP  
 STRENGTH IN VIETNAM. YESTERDAY, SENATOR FULBRIGHT  
 ASSERTED IN THE SENATE THAT THE TROOP STRENGTH IN  
 VIETNAM IS GREATER TODAY THAN IT WAS WHEN PRESIDENT  
 NIXON ANNOUNCED THE 25,000 REDUCTION AT MIDWAY IN  
 JUNE. I KNOW THAT COMUSMACV IS BEING QUERIED BY  
 TELEPHONE BY THE JOINT STAFF AS TO ACTUAL TROOP STRENGTH  
 ABOARD TODAY IN RVN. AS A RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS,

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SECRETARY LAIRD HAS DIRECTED THAT OUR TROOP STRENGTH  
 IN RVN AS OF END AUGUST BE ABOUT 515,000. I HAVE  
 RELEASED A MESSAGE TO YOU WHICH ESTABLISHES THE  
 TROOPS CEILINGS IN RVN FOR THE SEVERAL SERVICES.  
 ACCORDINGLY, OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT  
 WILL HAVE TO BE DISREGARDED.

2. DURING MY DISCUSSION THIS MORNING WITH THE  
 SECRETARY HE INFORMED ME THAT THE PRESIDENT INSISTS  
 THAT THE SECOND SLICE MUST BE ABOVE THE 25,000 FIGURE  
 WHICH MACV HAS RECOMMENDED TO CINCPAC IN MAC 9967.  
 I GATHER THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD TALKED TO ABE REGARDING  
 THE SIZE OF FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS DURING HIS RECENT  
 VISIT TO SEA AND THAT ABE HAD STOOD FIRM ON THE FIGURE  
 OF 25,000. NEVERTHELESS, SECRETARY LAIRD TOLD ME THE  
 PRESIDENT CONSIDERS HE IS IN A BOX AND IS TALKING IN  
 TERMS OF ABOUT 37,000. IN THEIR DISCUSSION, I GATHER  
 THE PRESIDENT KEPT REFERRING TO HEADQUARTERS AND  
 SUPPORT FORCES AS BEING SOURCES FOR INCREASED  
 REDEPLOYMENTS ABOVE 25,000.

3. AN ADDITIONAL AREA MENTIONED TO ME BY THE SECRETARY

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 CONCERNED THAILAND. HE STATED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 7,000 FROM OUR TROOP STRENGTH IN THAILAND, WHICH IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 47,000. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THIS MORNING MAKES REFERENCE TO REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND, STATING THAT THAI LEADERS ACCEPTED THE IDEA IN LAST WEEK'S TALK WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT EARLY WITHDRAWALS WILL INCLUDE ENGINEERING UNITS AND SOME HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPLY PERSONNEL. THE RATIONALE GIVEN IS THAT THE HALT IN BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM FROM THAILAND BASES FREES SOME MANPOWER. FYI THERE WILL BE AN NSC MEETING ON THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, PROBABLY AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, FOLLOWING THE 13 AUGUST DINNER IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE ASTRONAUTS. I ANTICIPATE THAT THE SUBJECT OF TROOP REDUCTIONS WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY LAIRD CONSIDERS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY DEFER UNTIL A SOMEWHAT LATER DATE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDUCTIONS. OBVIOUSLY, IT WOULD BE OF VALUE TO ME TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF BOTH ADDRESSEES

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 REGARDING BOTH TROOP REDUCTION AREAS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON ON THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST.  
 4. SECRETARY LAIRD AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THE FORM IN WHICH ANY FUTURE TROOP REDUCTIONS MIGHT BE ANNOUNCED. WE ARE FIRMLY IN AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN NOT CONTINUE USING TWO FIGURES; THAT IS, AN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH CEILING AND AN ACTUAL IN-COUNTRY FIGURE. SUCH A DUAL SYSTEM LENDS ITSELF READILY TO MISREPRESENTATION AND CHARGES OF MANIPULATION. WE DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF USING AN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH CEILING ONLY, WHEN AND IF A FURTHER REDEPLOYMENT FROM RVN IS ANNOUNCED. UNFORTUNATELY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE AMENABLE TO ESTABLISHING AN AUTHORIZED SPACE CEILING HIGHER THAN 490,000 (515,000 IN-COUNTRY AT END AUGUST MINUS A 25,000 DECREMENT TO BE REDEPLOYED IN THE REMAINING MONTHS OF CALENDER YEAR 1969). I AM NOT EVEN SURE IN VIEW OF HIS DESIRE TO REDEPLOY MORE THAN 25,000 IN THE NEXT REDUCTION, REFERRED TO IN EARLIER PARAGRAPHS, THAT

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HE WILL BE AMENABLE TO ESTABLISHING A SPACE CEILING AS HIGH AS 490,000. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROPOSALS:

A. THE PRESIDENT WILL ANNOUNCE A REDUCTION IN AUTHORIZED SPACES FROM 549,500 TO 490,000.

B. NO TIME ELEMENT WILL BE SPECIFIED; THAT IS, HE WILL NOT SPECIFY THAT THIS LEVEL MUST BE REACHED BY 30 NOVEMBER 1969. ALTERNATIVELY, HE MIGHT ANNOUNCE THAT TROOPS IN-COUNTRY WILL BE REDUCED TO MATCH THE NEW AUTHORIZED SPACE CEILING BY THE END OF THIS CALENDER YEAR.

5. AS REGARDS REDUCTIONS OF OUR FORCES IN THAILAND, I AM NOT SURE HOW FAR YOU HAVE GONE IN YOUR EXAMINATIONS OF POSSIBILITIES IN THAT DIRECTION. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE ME IN THIS AREA. AS ALWAYS, I AM DESIROUS OF RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS ON ANY RELATED ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM WHICH I MAY NOT HAVE TOUCHED UPON IN THIS MESSAGE, TO INCLUDE MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPACT.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN. BUSE FROM GEN WALT INFO  
 LTGEN NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)  
 SVN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH (U)

1. (S) CINCPAC REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE OF 11-14 JUN REPORTED REDEPLOYMENT OF 25,000 U S TROOPS WOULD REDUCE NUMBER OF U S PERSONNEL IN SVN TO ABOUT 515,000 BY END AUG. THIS ASSESSMENT BASED ON ACTUAL STRENGTH IN VN RATHER THAN PROGRAM 3. IN 5 AUG 69 MEMO, SECDEF STATED U S PUBLIC EXPECTS THIS REDUCTION AND REAFFIRMED THAT STRENGTH OF U S FORCES IN SVN AS OF 31AUG SHOULD APPROXIMATE 515,000. OF THIS NUMBER, MARCOR CEILING ESTABLISHED AT 72,500.
2. (S) WE ALL RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT IN SUCH FINITE NUMBERS BUT MARCOR ACTUAL STRENGTH IN SVN MUST NOT EXCEED OR FALL SHORT OF 72,500 BY MORE THAN ONE REPEAT ONE PERCENT AS OF 31AUG69.

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 GROM GEN WALT, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY, DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.  
 MIXMASTER(U)

1. (IS) ANTICIPATED PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT WILL REQUIRE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
 REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA/MIXMASTER, TO ASSURE EQUITABILITY IN TOUR  
 LENGTHS. REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS BY 12AUG USING FOLLOWING  
 GUIDELINES:

- A. UNITS REDEPLOYING TO WESTPAC LOCATIONS MAINTAIN UNIT INTEGRITY.  
 MIXMASTER APPLIES ONLY TO UNITS REDEPLOYING TO EASTPAC.
- B. PREPARE SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOWING TWO SITUATIONS
  - (1) DIV HQ AND TWO RLTS ON OKINAWA AND ONE RLT IN EASTPAC.
  - (2) ONE RLT ON OKINAWA AND DIV(-) IN EASTPAC.

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FORCE PLANNING/CS

- A. CG FMPPAC 081949Z AUG 69 (TS)
- B. CG FMPPAC 030210Z AUG 69 (TS)
- C. CG FMPPAC 022245Z AUG 69 (S)
- D. CG FMPPAC 102107Z JUL 69 (S)

*Attached*

1. (C) THE RESULTS OF FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE AS REPORTED BY REF (A) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE GENERALLY CONCURRENT IN. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO REF (C).
2. (S) YOUR FORCE PLANNING TROOP LIST OF 29 JUL 69 HAS BEEN REVIEWED. THAT PORTION OF THE TROOP LIST WHICH DEPICTS THE UNITS AND STRENGTHS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM SVN IN INCREMENT 2 (COLUMNS) BASED UPON PROGRAM SEVEN AUTHORIZATIONS IS

PAGE TWO RUMHFWA/CS TOP S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR SPECAT  
CONCURRED IN.

3. (TS) THE REFINED SEASIDE TERM TROOP LIST DEVELOPED BY YOU AND DISPLAYED IN COLUMNS 4, 5, AND 6 OF YOUR FORCE PLANNING TROOP LIST OF 29 JULY REPRESENTS ONE PREFERRED REDEPLOYMENT POSTURE AND YOU SHOULD ADVISE JOHNNY HYLAND OF THIS.

4. (S) AS YOU KNOW, DURING THE FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE OTHER PLANNING ACTIONS WERE GOING ON HERE. A STRONG PUSH IS BEING MADE BY SECDEF TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES. WHILE NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY SECDEF YET, WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO FALL BACK TO AN ALTERNATE REDEPLOYMENT POSTURE OF 1/3 MET IN WESTPAC AND 2/3 MET IN MEDITERRANEAN/EASTPAC.

5. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU DEVELOP ON A PRIORITY BASIS TWO ALTERNATIVE POSTURE TROOP LIST USING 19, 21 AND 30K AS MAXIMUM PERSONNEL CEILING FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN RESPECTIVELY. UTILIZATION SUBSIDY MAY BE NECESSARY. TROOP LIST OF 2/3 MET IN WESTPAC AND 1/3 MET IN MEDITERRANEAN/EASTPAC TROOP LIST OF 1/3 MET IN WESTPAC AND 2/3 MET IN MEDITERRANEAN/EASTPAC IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE PREFERRED REVISED POSTURE CONTAINED IN COLUMNS 4, 5, AND 6 OF YOUR 29 JULY TROOP LIST.

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6. (S) AS A SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, A PLAN RELATIVE TO THE LAMB BN AND SEARCHLIGHT BTRY REDEPLOYMENTS TO COMUS IS BEING SUBMITTED TO JCS/DOD PURSUANT TO REF (C). APPROVAL IS ANTICIPATED.

7. (S) ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTHORITY TO DEACTIVATE SUB UNIT NO 2 AS REQUESTED BY REF (D) IS GRANTED.

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T O P S E C R E T /LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN

THRASH FROM LTGEN NICKERSON/MCEO

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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T O P S E C R E T - LIMDIS. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN

VAN RYZIN, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON AND BGENS GARRETTSON

AND CARNEY FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES

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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 161043Z/JUL 69 (TS) NOTAL

B. CG FMFPAC 162107Z/JUL 69 (S) NOTAL

C. CG FMFPAC 211944Z/JUL 69 (TS) NOTAL

1. (TS) FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE HELD IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE A PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR EXAMINATION OF STATUS OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING, INCLUDING RELOCATION SITES OF REDEPLOYED FORCES AND

PAGE 2 RUHMFMA0433 T O P S E C R E T, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO ATTENDANT PROBLEM AREAS. THE EXCHANGE OF OBJECTIVES AND VIEWS WILL FACILITATE COORDINATION OF PLANNING FOR THE MANY ALTERNATIVES THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINITE PARAMETERS DEFINING CLEARLY FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT OBJECTIVES (E.G., COMPOSITION OF SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT, MAGNITUDE OF REDEPLOYMENTS DURING CY 69, AND STRENGTH RESTRICTIONS ON OKINAWA AND JAPAN). IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SENSITIVITY OF PLANNING FOR SUBSEQUENT REDEPLOYMENTS, ALL CONFEREES WERE CAUTIONED TO LIMIT ACCESS ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND DETERMINATIONS IS PROVIDED:

A. TROOP LISTS - A TROOP LIST, WHICH CONTAINS BOTH A REVISED III MAF TROOP LIST FOR A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT OF MARINE ELEMENTS FROM RVN (USING PROGRAM 7 STRENGTHS) AND A REFINED FMFPAC NEAR TERM TROOP LIST FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN WITHIN RESPECTIVE CEILINGS OF 23,052 AND 7,504, WAS PROVIDED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF

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EACH PARTICIPATING COMMAND. AS A RESULT OF LIMITED  
ACCESS DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT AND TIME  
AVAILABLE, CURRENT STATUS OF PLANNING PRECLUDED  
DETAILED ADDRESSAL OF DETACHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE  
TROOP LISTS. CG III MAF IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING GRADE  
AND MOS BREAKDOWNS AND EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATIONS/  
MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED DETACHMENTS.

B. PRIORITIES LISTING - DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITIES, BY  
UNITS, TO PERMIT RAPID ADJUSTMENT OF RELOCATION TROOP  
LISTS, IN THE EVENT CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN  
SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN EXCESS OF, OR LESS THAN,  
CURRENT PLANNING FIGURES, WERE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER,  
DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE LISTING OR SEVERAL LISTS TO  
COVER ALL EXIGENCIES WAS CONSIDERED IMPRACTICAL.  
THEREFORE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT VARYING ALTERNATIVES BE  
ADDRESSED, WHEN REQUIRED, WITHIN SPECIFIC PARAMETERS  
PERTAINING AT THE TIME (E.G., CEILING, TIMING, FACILITIES/  
CONSTRUCTION GUIDANCE, ETC).

C. FY79 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM - IMPACT  
OF PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS CANNOT BE DETERMINED

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PENDING COMPLETION OF LTI'S ON REDEPLOYED EQUIPMENT.

D. LAAM BN RETROGRADE - REDEPLOYMENT TO CONUS  
PRESENTS NO LOGISTIC PROBLEMS.

E. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS - FACILITY SHORTFALL  
ASSOCIATED WITH A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT CAN  
BE DERIVED FROM PREVIOUS FMFPAC T-DAY AND ABRAMS PLAN  
SUBMISSIONS BY ADJUSTMENT CONSONANT WITH THE PROPOSED  
NEAR TERM TROOP LIST, WHICH ESSENTIALLY PROVIDES FOR  
SAME UNIT STRENGTHS AS THOSE CONTAINED IN THE REVISED  
MARCORS T-DAY PLAN. EARLY DECISION ON THE PROCEDURE  
FOR FUNDING FACILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING USE OF  
MAJOR PROCUREMENT FUNDS VICE MILCON FUNDS FOR  
PURCHASE OF PRE-ENGINEERED STRUCTURES FOR TEMPORARY  
BUILDINGS, IS DEEMED CRITICAL.

F. SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY RETROGRADE - IT IS PROPOSED  
THAT THIS UNIT BE RETURNED TO CONUS IN A CADRE STATUS  
FOR DEACTIVATION. PERSONNEL ASPECTS ARE CURRENTLY  
UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY.

G. CADRE UNITS - WITH REGARD TO RECONSTITUTION OF  
UNITS REDEPLOYED IN A CADRE STATUS, PRIORITY HAS BEEN

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 ASSIGNED TO THE ANTRAC AND TANK BNS, IN THAT ORDER.  
 PERSONNEL SPACES TO SUPPORT THEIR RECONSTITUTION CAN  
 BE OBTAINED BY DRAWING DOWN ON OTHER REDEPLOYED  
 UNITS WITH STRENGTHS EXCEEDING THAT PROPOSED IN THE  
 NEAR TERM TROOP LIST. RECONSTITUTION OF ALL UNITS  
 REDEPLOYING IN A CADRE STATUS IS NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN  
 AN OKINAWA CEILING OF 23,052.

H. DEACTIVATION OF SU NR 2, MCOO, 26TH MAR - REFERENCE  
 B REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO DEACTIVATE CERTAIN 26TH MAR  
 (REAR) ELEMENTS ON OKINAWA AND PROPOSED DETAILS FOR  
 TRANSFER OF FLAG AND DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL AND  
 EQUIPMENT. WHILE 9TH MAB WILL, FOR THE TIME BEING,  
 CONTINUE TO RETAIN ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION  
 WITH THE SLF'S, PROPOSED DEACTIVATION OF SUB UNIT NR 2, WILL  
 NOT IMPACT ON THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. FMFPAC PLANNING  
 ENVISIONS THE SLF'S BEING PROVIDED FROM 26TH MARINES  
 RESOURCES UNTIL 3D MARDIV IS REDEPLOYED FROM RVN, THEN  
 THE SLF'S WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 3D MARDIV RESOURCES  
 WITH THE ENTIRE 26TH MARINES BEING DEDICATED TO IN-  
 COUNTRY OPERATIONS.

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I. FIXED WING RETROGRADE - REVISED PLANNING FOR  
 PROPOSED SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT PROVIDES  
 FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF A VMA(AW) SQUADRON VICE THE VMA  
 SQUADRON ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

J. ROTARY WING RETROGRADE - WITHDRAWAL OF THREE  
 HHN'S (AND ONE HHN AND ONE VMO) WILL ALLOW TWO HHN'S TO BE  
 DEDICATED TO ARG/SLF OPERATIONS AND PROVIDE REQUIRED  
 SUPPORT FOR REMAINING 3D MARDIV FORCES ON OKINAWA.  
 IN THE EVENT ONLY ONE ARG/SLF IS MAINTAINED AFLOAT,  
 ONE HHN WOULD BE REDEPLOYED TO HAWAII.

K. NACS LOCATION - THE REFINED NEAR TERM TROOP  
 LIST FOR OKINAWA/JAPAN, WITHIN AN OKINAWA CEILING OF  
 23,052, RETAINS THE ONE AVAILABLE NACS ON OKINAWA.  
 FURTHER STUDY IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE A SUITABLE  
 LOCATION FOR A SECOND NACS IN WESTPAC, WHEN AVAILABLE  
 FROM RVN.

L. SQUADRON STRENGTH OF VMGR-152 ON OKINAWA  
 STILL UNDER STUDY, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE INITIALLY THAT  
 A DET VMGR-152 TO BE LOCATED AT IWAKUNI.

M. PROV MAG-39 STATUS - THE REVISED SECOND

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INCREMENT TROOP LIST PROVIDES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PROV  
 MAG-39 TO OKINAWA WHERE IT WILL BE REDESIGNATED AS  
 1ST MAW (REAR). THROUGH A PERSONNEL MIXMASTER EFFORT  
 WITHIN 1ST MAW, THE REDEPLOYED UNIT WILL BE STAFFED  
 WITH PERSONNEL REQUIRED. BY THIS APPROACH, THE  
 REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN REFERENCE C IS NO LONGER  
 VALID, SINCE THE DANGER OF LOSING SPACES FROM MACV  
 ACTION IS OBIATED.

2. N. OKINAWA TRANSIENT CENTER FACILITY - WHILE IT IS  
 DESIRABLE TO RETAIN THE TRANSIENT CENTER IN PLACE AS  
 LONG AS POSSIBLE, IMPOSITION OF AN OKINAWA CEILING OF  
 23,052 WILL REQUIRE RELOCATION OF THIS ACTIVITY TO CONUS  
 TO AVOID A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 IN THE  
 REFINED NEAR TERM TROOP LIST FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN.

3. (U) THE ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONAL APPROACH OF  
 CONFEREES WAS SINCERELY APPRECIATED. WARM REGARDS.

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 GENERAL WALT: INFO LTCEN BUSE  
 III MAF NOT ADDEE PASS TO GENERAL CHAPMAN  
 SUBJ: PROGRAM 703 DEVELOPMENTS  
 REF: ABRAMS TO MC CAIN 021153Z  
 1. PROGRAM 703 DISCUSSED WITH  
 DEP SECDEF THIS DATE. NAVY-MARINE CORPS SUBMISSION ESSENTIALLY THAT  
 PRESENTED TO YOU 2 AUG.  
 2. MAJOR ISSUES RAISED BY DEP SECDEF WITHOUT DECISIONS INCLUDED  
 A. PERSONNEL REDUCTION NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.  
 B. MAGNITUDE OF REDUCTION NAVAL SHIPS (APPROX 25 PER CENT)  
 C. POLICY OF ACCEPTING SHORT TERM SHORT FALLS IN ORDER TO  
 PRESERVE MODERNIZATION (EXAMPLE LESS THAN 4 MEA AMPHIBIOUS  
 LIFT UNTIL FY 73 WHEN NEW PRODUCTION ELIMINATES DEFICIENCIES)  
 D. SOUND EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM PREFERABLY ON VOLUNTARY

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 BASIS TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS.

- E. EXCESSIVE CUTS IN AMPHIBIOUS FORCES AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS.
- F. CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO REDUCTIONS.
- G. IMPACT ON U.S. CAPABILITIES. WHEN SECDEF STATED SERVICE  
 SUBMISSIONS WILL HAVE TO BE EVALUATED BY JCS BEFORE DECISIONS  
 CAN BE MADE.
- H. MARINE CORPS DEPLOYMENTS OKINAWA. DOD LEANING TOWARDS  
 4-1-2 RATIO. PAPER TABLED BY SELIN IMPLYING BETTER REACTION  
 FACTORS AND GREATER DOLLAR SAVINGS IN RECOMMENDED POSTURE OF  
 ONE RL1 OKINAWA. UNDER SECNAV CONTESTED FIGURES AND STATED  
 SECNAV WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WHEN FACTS ARE RESOLVED.
- I. POSSIBILITY THAT NAVY SUBMIT CONTAINS EXCESSIVE SAVINGS IN  
 AIR ORDNANCE RELATED TO REDEPLOYMENT MARINE AIR UNITS
- J. OMISSION OF NAVY CARRIER REDUCTION IN NAVY SUBMISSION.
- K. IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DEFENSIBLE PROGRAM OF REDUCTION  
 SUPPORTED BY DOD, SERVICE SECRTYS, JCS AND SERVICE CHIEFS WITH  
 ONE VOICE. TO CONGRESS AND HIGHER AUTHORITY.
- 3. AS RESULT OF MEETING, FOLLOWING ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY  
 NAVY DEPT AT REQUEST OF DEP SECDEF.
- A. COST EVALUATION OF DIV (-) VS RL1 ON OKINAWA.

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- B. EVALUATION OF DEPLOYMENT TIMES OF 3D MAR DIV AND COMBAT INCREMENTS THEREOF TO KOREA AND VIETNAM UNDER ABOVE TWO CONDITIONS ASSUMING PROPOSED REDUCTION IN AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING.
- C. STRATEGIC IMPACT OF DIV (-) DEPLOYMENT TO US IN LIEU OF OKINAWA. (SECDEF ALSO WILL ADDRESS THIS QUESTION TO JCS.)
4. BELOW MAR CORPS PLANNING ACTIONS UNDERWAY WITH THE VIEW TO ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES WHEN PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS. PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED IN REF (C) AUG 15. FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS APPLY:
  - A. DEACTIVATION OF 5TH AR DIV (-) AND CONUS BASED AUGMENTATION UNITS WILL BE DIRECTED CONCURRENTLY OR SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT.
  - B. TROOP LIST AND TIME FRAME FOR SECOND INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY MACV.
  - C. CMC APPROVE MODIFICATION MARCORPS VIETNAM TOUR LENGTH AND LEAVE POLICIES TO CONFORM WITH OTHER SERVICES.
  - D. VOLUNTARY EARLY OUT PROGRAM IF POSSIBLE, BUT INVOLUNTARY IF NECESSARY. (DON'T EXPECT MUCH HERE.)
  - E. ACCEPTANCE OF GREATLY REDUCED COMBAT CAPABILITY IN THE 5TH MAR DIV (-) FROM THE DATE REDEPLOYMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED.
5. PERSONNEL PLANNING:

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- A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR EARLY RELEASE.
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA IN ORDER THAT MIX MASTER IMPACTS WOULD BE MINIMIZED BY PHASING OVER MAXIMUM PERIOD TIME. TWO CASES ARE BEING DEVELOPED DEPENDING ON OKINAWA DECISION.
- C. NECESSARY MODIFICATION IN ORDERS NOW ISSUED.
6. LOGISTICS PLANNING:
  - A. BILLETING CAMP PENDLETON FOR RETURNING UNITS UNDER BOTH CASES.
  - B. RETURN OF 5TH MAR DIV EQUIPMENT TO STORES
  - C. REDUCTION OF STOCK LEVELS AND PIPELINE.
  - D. TRANSFER OF 5TH MAR DIV PWRS TO REDEPLOYING 3RD MAR DIV UNITS.
7. OPERATIONS PLANNING:
  - A. DEACTIVATION SCHEDULE 5TH MAR DIV (-) AND CONUS AUGMENT UNITS.
  - B. CONUS/HAWAII SPLIT OF DEPLOYED FORCES.
  8. AS WE SEE IT NOW REGARDLESS OF DECISION ON OKINAWA BASING, THE FIRST RLX DEPLOYED AND ASSOCIATED FIXED WING ELEMENTS WILL GO TO CONUS.

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

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CINCPAC 030043Z/AUG69 (TS) PASEP } *Not Yet Received*  
 B. CINCPAC 030045Z/AUG69 (TS) PASEP }

1. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REF A, ON THIS DATE I PROVIDED  
 JUNIOR AND JOHNNY WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS/RECOM-

MENDATIONS CONCERNING MACV'S PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND  
 REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT, AS CONTAINED IN REF B.

QUOTE:

SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF (A) CINCPAC 030043Z/AUG69 (TS) *NOT REC*  
 (B) COMUSMACV 021153Z/AUG69 (TS) *NOT REC*

1. (U) IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE A, THE FOLLOWING

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 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PROVIDED CONCERNING  
 REFERENCE B, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNITS TO  
 BE RETAINED IN PACOM WITH PROPOSED DESTINATIONS FOR  
 THOSE UNITS.

2. (TS) THE BASIC COMUSMACV RECOMMENDATIONS ARE  
 CONCURRED IN. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE RECOM-  
 MENDATION THAT MACV MANNING LEVEL BE THE SAME AS THE  
 AUTHORIZED IN-COUNTRY STRENGTH/SPACE CEILING. IF  
 MANNING LEVEL AUTHORIZATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED BELOW  
 THE AUTHORIZED IN-COUNTRY STRENGTH-SPACE CEILING, THIS  
 WOULD IN EFFECT NEGATE THE PLANNING BASE UPON WHICH REDEPLOYMENTS  
 AND RESIDUAL IN-COUNTRY POSTURE HAVE BEEN  
 PREDICATED AND PROPORTIONATELY INCREASE THE  
 NORMAL DISPARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL AND AUTHORIZED UNIT  
 STRENGTHS.

3. (U) THE TROOP LIST CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B RE-  
 FLECTS CERTAIN MINOR DISCREPANCIES. THEREFORE, THE  
 FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED:

A. PART III, B, (1) - U. S. MARINE CORPS, GROUND.  
 (1) PR 36-CHANGE UIC TO READ M95993.

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B. PART III, B, (2) - U. S. MARINE CORPS, AIR.

- (1) PRG-CHANGE FRN TO READ 05J043 AND STRENGTH TO READ 202.
- (2) PR 7-CHANGE UIC TO READ M01143.
- (3) PR 8-CHANGE FRN TO READ 99M012 AND STRENGTH TO READ 304.
- (4) PR 10-CHANGE UIC TO READ M01361.
- (5) PR 13-CHANGE FRN TO READ 99K090 AND STRENGTH TO READ 274.
- (6) CHANGE TOTAL AIR TO READ 3,115.
- (7) CHANGE TOTAL AIR AND GROUND TO READ 18,395.

4. (TS) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL U. S. MARINE CORPS UNITS PROPOSED FOR REDEPLOYMENT BY REFERENCE B BE RETAINED IN PACOM. THIS WILL ALLOW ATTAINMENT OF A FLEET MARINE FORCE POSTURE IN WESTPAC, MIDPAC AND EASTPAC IN CONSONANCE WITH T-DAY PLANNING (I. E., 3D MARDIV (-) (REIN) WITH SUPPORTING 1ST MAW (REAR) UNITS IN WESTPAC, 1ST MAR BDE (WITH AN RLT/MAG) IN MIDPAC, AND A MEF (-) IN EASTPAC). MAINTAINING A FULL MARDIV (REIN) IN WESTPAC CONTINUES TO BE THE OBJECTIVE POSTURE

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DVR PACOM FLEET MARINE FORCES. HOWEVER, CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS, POSSIBLE MANPOWER CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA AND THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING AUSTERE BASING CONDITIONS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD MITIGATE AGAINST ASSUMPTION OF THE OBJECTIVE POSTURE AT THIS TIME.

5. (TS) THE FOLLOWING DESTINATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR U. S. MARINE CORPS ELEMENTS PROPOSED FOR REDEPLOYMENT BE REFERENCE B:

A. TO OKINAWA

- (1) 3RD MARDIV (-) (REIN)-  
(DIV HQ (-), 1-RLT (-) AND FORCE TROOPS (-))
- (2) 1ST MAW (REAR) HQ
- (3) DET MAGG-  
(DET H&HS AND MASS)
- (4) MAG K(VH)-  
(H&MS, MABS, 1-HMH AND 1-VMO (-))

B. TO AFLOAT (SLFS)

- (1) 2-BLIS (FROM RLT TO OKINAWA)
- (2) 2-HMMS

C. TO JAPAN

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- (1) DET H&MS, VF/VA
- (2) VMA (AW)

D. TO HAWAII

- (1) RLT (-) (MINUS 1-INF BN TO CONUS)
- (2) DET VMO

E. TO CONUS

- (1) BRIDGE CO (-)
- (2) INF BN
- (3) OOCNE

6. (IS) APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 ABOVE WOULD PROVIDE PACOM, DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD OF WITHDRAWAL, WITH A VIABLE STRATEGIC RESERVE RESPONSIVE TO CONTINGENCIES NOT ONLY IN VIETNAM, BUT THROUGHOUT THE PACOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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2. (U) WARM REGARDS

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FOR ADM HYLAND INFO LTGEN BUSE, RADM ROSENBERG, GEN

NICKERSON, BGEN CARNEY FROM BRINGLE

PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENTS (TS)

A. YOUR 302258Z JUL 69 (NOTAL)

B. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG69 (NOTAL)

C. VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (C) ANEISSION COORDINATED PLAN (NOTAL) *NOT HELD*

1. OUR PLANNING IS WELL UNDERWAY TO ACCOMPLISH REDEPLOYMENT AS OUT-

LINED REFS A, B, AND FROM INFO GAINED LOCALLY FROM CINCPACFLT/FMFPAC

REPS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TIME FRAME IS NOW 30 SEP -

30 NOV. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER, SOME MSTIS ASSISTANCE MAY BE RE-

QUIRED FOR THE MIDPAC/CONUS PORTION OF THE MOVE. THE DEGREE OF RE-

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QUIRED ASSISTANCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY 8 AUG. IT SHOULD BE NOTED

THAT MSTIS/MAC WILL REQUIRE FUNDING. DELAY OF REDEPLOYMENT UNTIL

30 SEP WILL ALLOW PHIBRON ELEVEN, WHICH OUTCHOPS EARLY SEP, TO

MOVE THE LAAM BATTALION, SEARCHLIGHT BATTERXH RETROGRADE, AND THE

BIKINI ROLL UP. *111*

2. DURING EARLY DISCUSSIONS IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE ROLE OF THE

ARG/SLF'S IN THE POST REDEPLOYMENT PERIOD MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY

CHANGED. PRESENT MARINE PLANS ARE TO RETURN THE PRESENT SLF'S (TWO

BLT'S OF THE 26TH MARINES) INTO SOUTH VIETNAM TO JOIN THEIR OTHER

BLT AND THUS CONSTITUTE A FOURTH REGIMENT OF THE FIRST MARDIV. THE

SEVENTH FLEET SLF WILL BE RECONSTITUTED BY USING TWO BLT'S FROM

ONE OF THE TWO REGIMENTS REDEPLOYED TO OKINAWA.

3. REF C INDICATES COMUSMACV INTENDS THAT THE ARG/SLF'S WOULD CON-

TINUE TO OPERATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO

DATE. YOUR MESSAGE, WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING ARG/SLF EMPLOY-

MENT, DOES NOT INDICATE ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN THINKING ON FUTURE

ARG/SLF OPERATIONS. FMFPAC AND III MAF REPS, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT

ANY TROOPS ONCE REMOVED FROM IN-COUNTRY FORCE LEVELS CANNOT BE REIN-

TRODUCED WITHOUT APPROVAL/DIRECTION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. THIS *111*

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SEEMS LIKE A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION FROM OBSERVATIONS AT THIS LEVEL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOR ADM HYLAND/LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON/BGEN GARRETSON/BGEN

CARNEY AND RADM ROSENBERG FROM BRINGLE

DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS (S)

A. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG 69 PASEP

B. CINCPACFLT 302258Z JUL 69 NOTAL

1. REF A PROVIDES INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE POSITIONING OF MARINE FORCES RESULTING FROM PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENT AND RECOMMENDS A JOINT PACFLT

FMFPAC/SEVENTHFLT/III MAF WORKING CONFERENCE EARLIEST IN YOKOSUKA.

2. IN ORDER TO COMPLY REF B (WHICH REQUIRES SUBMISSION OF PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH REDEPLOYMENT BY 15 AUG) WE HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED PLANNING CONFERENCE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL COMMANDS SUGGESTED REF

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A ARE PRESENT PLUS REPS FROM CTF 76.

3. PLANS PRESENTLY BEING DRAWN TO REDEPLOY MARINE FORCES IAW REF B. INFORMAL INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CINCPACFLT REPS INDICATING CHANGE IN POSITIONING AS DESCRIBED REF A. UNODIR CINCPACFLT, PLANS WILL BE CHANGED TO REFLECT POSITIONING DESIRED REF A. TROOP LIST AND EMBARK DATA PROVIDED BY III MAF REPS BEING USED.

4. BEST REGARDS.

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ZEN/CG NINTH MAB

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PERSONAL FOR VADM BRINGLE AND LTGEN BUSE FROM HILAND.

PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS (TSD)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 171100Z JUN 69

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 172310Z JUN 69

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

1. (TSD) WITH THE PLANNING FOR KEYSTONE EAGLE COMPLETED AND THE MOVEMENT UNDERWAY CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO UNDERTAKE GENERAL PLANNING AT THIS TIME FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS EVEN BEFORE PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE. DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER ACCESS WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT ON A CLOSE-HOLD BASIS AND LIMITED TO THOSE WHO HAVE A CLEAR NEED TO KNOW.

2. (TSD) DEGREE OF PLANNING WHICH IS ENVISIONED BY THE ABOVE WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF SEVERAL GEN MOVEMENT PLANS SIMILAR TO REFS A AND B WITH NECESSARY REFINEMENTS TO BE MADE SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL FIRM GUIDANCE. THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS ARE

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TO BE USED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. ANTICIPATE MAJOR PORTION OF NEXT REDEPLOYMENT WILL PRIMARILY AFFECT MARINE FORCES AND NAVY WITH MARINE FORCES. HENCE ADVANCE PLANNING WILL BE LIMITED TO THIS CATEGORY AT THIS TIME.

B. MARDIV REINF (LESS 1 RLID) AND ELEMENTS OF A MAJ WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 1 BLT TO SELF CAMP SITE AT SUBIC.

(2) 2 BLT'S TO COMPRISE GROUND ELEMENTS OF SELF'S ALFA AND BRAVO.

(3) REMAINDER OF MARDIV (C-D) REIN TO OKINAWA.

C. ELEMENTS OF MAJ WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 2-HMM'S TO SATISFY AIR ELEMENTS OF SELF'S ALFA AND BRAVO.

(2) REMAINDER OF ELEMENTS TO JAPAN/YOKI.

D. TIME FRAME FOR MOVEMENT WOULD PROVIDE FOR EITHER TWO MONTHS OR FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE MOVE WITH THE MOVE TO COMMENCE NO EARLIER THAN 1 SEP 69, AND TO BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 31 DEC 69.

E. USE OF 1 ARG'S SHIPPING FOR THE REDEPLOYMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PLANS FOR MOVEMENT AS WELL AS CHARLIE GROUP SHIPPING.

F. DO NOT PLAN FOR SPECIAL AMPHIBIOUS SHIP DEPLOYMENTS TO ASSIST IN THE MOVE. EXPLOITATION OF NORMAL PHIBRON RELIEF OVERLAP CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE PLANNING PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION OF

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 AMPHIBIOUS DEPLOYMENT CYCLES AND FOLLOW-ON DEPLOYMENTS WILL NOT RESULT.  
 G. ANTICIPATE ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION SHORTFALLS UNDER EITHER THE TWO  
 OR FOUR MONTH SCHEDULES WOULD BE FILLED BY MAC/CR/MSTS FOR MOVEMENT.  
 H. ANTICIPATE GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANS CAN BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE  
 CINCPACFLT FLT 15 AUGUST 1969.

3. (TS) FOR CG FMFPAC.

A. PROVIDE ESTIMATED TROOP LIST AND EMBARK DATA TO COMSEVENTHFLT  
 INFO CINCPACFLT ON MARINE FORCES AND NAVY WITH MARINE FORCES  
 INDICATED TABLE 17, REF C. IDENTIFY IN SEPARATE COLUMN NAVY WITH  
 MARINE FORCES. FMREF DATA CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR THIS PHASE OF  
 PLANNING.

B. INDICATE DESIRED MOVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR UNITS POSSIBLY  
 SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT TO INCLUDE EARMARKING UNITS WHICH ARE  
 RECOMMENDED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MAC/MSTS FOR MOVEMENT IF  
 ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

C. PROVIDE AS DESIRED ANY RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS  
 EFFORT.

4. (TS) FOR COMSEVENTHFLT.

A. PREPARE GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANS IN MANNER SIMILAR TO REFS A AND  
 B FOR POSSIBLE 2 MONTH OR 4 MONTH REDEPLOYMENTS.

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G. INDICATE SHORTFALLS IN EACH CASE.

H. PROVIDE AS DESIRED ANY RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS CONCERNING  
 THIS EFFORT. (IF REF C NOT HELD WILL DELIVER ONE OF MY TWO COPIES  
 WITH MY ACTION OFFICER COR FLATT AT PLANNING CONF 5 AUG.)

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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CG FMFPAC 010125Z/JUL 69 (TS) *attached*
- B. CG FMFPAC 021949Z/AUG 69 (TS) *attached*
- C. CINCPACFLT 302258Z/JUL 69 (TS) RASEP *Not Held*
- D. COMUSMACV 021153Z/AUG 69 (TS) NOTAL *Not Held*
- E. ADMIN CINCPAC 030043Z/AUG 69 (TS) NOTAL *Not Held*
1. (TS) REF A SET FORTH DESIRED WESTPAC POSTURE OF FMF  
 UNITS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE CEILING  
 CONSTRAINTS, TO BE ACHIEVED FOLLOWING PHASE II REDEPLOY-  
 MENTS FROM SVN.
2. (U) ON 28 AND 29 JULY 1969, A CONFERENCE WAS HELD  
 AT THIS HQS TO ADDRESS SPECIFICS CONTAINED IN REF A.

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REF B SUMMARIZED CONFERENCE RESULTS.

3. (TS) CINCPAC HAS RECOMMENDED TO JCS, THAT NO CEILING  
 CONSTRAINT BE ESTABLISHED FOR OKINAWA, WHICH WOULD  
 PRECLUDE ATTAINMENT OF CINCPAC NEAR TERM FORCE OBJECTIVE  
 OF MAINTAINING THE ENTIRE 30 MARDIV (REIN) WITH SUPPORT-  
 ING AVIATION ELEMENTS IN WESTPAC (I.E., MARDIV (-)  
 (REIN) ON OKINAWA, 2-BLTS AFLOAT AS SLFS, 1-BLT AT SLF  
 CAMP, SUBIC, AND AVIATION ELEMENTS AFLOAT (2-FMMS)  
 AND ON OKINAWA/JAPAN.

4. (TS) BY REF C JOHNNY HYLAND HAS REQUESTED THAT I  
 PROVIDE BUSH BRINGLE WITH A REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST  
 BASED ON MAINTAINING THE ENTIRE 30 MARDIV (REIN) IN  
 WESTPAC FOLLOWING ITS REDEPLOYMENT FROM SVN.

5. (TS) CINCPAC HAS PASSED ABRAMS RECOMMENDED TROOP  
 LIST FOR A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT, REF D,  
 WHICH IS IN CONSONANCE WITH THAT ADDRESSED DURING OUR  
 28 AND 29 JULY CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT, AND HAS REQUESTED  
 MLT 7 AUGUST 1969 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
 UNITS TO REMAIN IN PACOM TO INCLUDE PROPOSED DESTINA-  
 TIONS (REF (E)).

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6 (TS) I INTEND TO RECOMMEND TO BOTH JUNIOR AND  
JOHNNY A POST PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT POSTURE FOR REDE-  
PLOYED FMFPAC FORCES IN CONSONANCE WITH T-DAY PLANNING  
(I.E., 30 MARDIV (-) ON OKINAWA, 1ST MAW (REAR) ELEMENTS  
ON OKINAWA/JAPAN, AND ONE RLT FROM THE 30 MARDIV WITH  
AVIATION ELEMENTS AT KANEOME). THIS, OF COURSE, IS  
OUR DESIRED POST-VIETNAM POSTURE, AVOIDS OVERCROWDED  
LIVING CONDITIONS, REDUCES TO A MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION  
REQUIREMENTS ON OKINAWA, AND POSES NO SIGNIFICANT  
DEGRADATION IN CONTINGENCY RESPONSE. IS IS TO BE  
NOTED THAT THIS WILL MARK THE FIRST TIME THAT WE  
HAVE GONE OUTSIDE THE FAMILY IN THIS REGARD ASIDE FROM  
OUR T-DAY PLANNING INPUT TO CINCPAC.  
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T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS ARV 2101 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: REDUCTIONS IN FORCE (C)

REF: COMUSMACV TS LTR, SUBJ: REDUCTIONS IN FORCE (C), DTD 3 AUG 69.

1. (TS) GEN ABRAMS' INSTRUCTIONS (REF A) TO CLOSE BASES, CONSOLIDATE INSTALLATIONS AND ELIMINATE NONESSENTIALS DICTATE A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF MISSION ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER CURRENT RESIDUAL FORCE CONCEPTS. STUDY OF THE PROBLEM IS DEPENDENT ON THE STATIONING OF RESIDUAL COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVIC SUPPORT FORCES IN EACH CTZ.
  2. (TS) WHEN THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WE CAN PROCEED WITH A COUNTRY-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSED, AND PLAN THE ORDERLY PHASEOUT AND TURNOVER OF BASES ON A TIMETABLE CONSISTENT WITH REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES. ADDITIONALLY, IDENTIFICATION OF RESIDUAL FORCE BASE REQUIREMENTS PERMITS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS AND A RE-ORIENTATION OF CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS TOWARD TASKS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE MISSION.
  3. (TS) PRELIMINARY STUDY IS TO BE COMPLETED BY 13 AUGUST. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK WITHIN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS RESIDUAL STATIONING REQUIREMENTS. SUGGEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES MEET AT USARV ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:
    - A. 8 AUG 69: IFFORCEV, IFFORCEV.
    - B. 9 AUG 69: DMAC, III MAF.
  4. (U) VISITS WILL NOT EXCEED ONE WORKING DAY. PLEASE ADVISE COMPOSITION OF EACH PARTY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. PROJECT OFFICER AT THIS HEADQUARTERS IS LTC D. M. EYE, CAMPAIGN PLANNING GROUP, G3, PHONE: LONG BINH 4113. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED.
- WARM REGARDS  
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM HYLAND INFO VADM  
 BRINGLE, LTGEN NICKERSON, BGEN GARRETSON AND BGEN  
 CARNEY FROM LTGEN BUSE. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.  
 PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS (TS)  
 A. CINCPACFLT 302258Z/JUL 69 (TS) PASEP ~~Not Held~~  
 B. COMUSMACV, FINAL PLAN - VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (C),  
 A MISSION COORDINATED PLAN, DTD 20 JULY 69 (TS) LIMDIS (NOTAL) *Not Held*  
 C. CINCPAC 122554Z/JUL 69 (SNF) PASEP *Not Held*  
 1. (TS) REFERENCE A PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR PRELIMINARY  
 MOVEMENT PLANNING TO SUPPORT PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT OF  
 MARINE FORCES, AS PROPOSED BY REFERENCE B, AND RE-  
 QUESTED DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL PLAN.

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 2. (TS) WHILE MAINTAINING THE ENTIRE 3D MARDIV IN  
 WESTPAC FOLLOWING ITS REDEPLOYMENT IS IN CONSONANCE  
 WITH PRIOR FORCE PLANNING, AS EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE  
 C, THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN THE FORM OF PENDING BUDGET  
 RESTRICTIONS, PROBABLE MANPOWER CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA/  
 JAPAN AND THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING AUSTERE BASING  
 CONDITIONS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD, DICTATE THAT NAVY/  
 MARINE CORPS PLANNING BE BASED ON A FLEET MARINE POSTURE  
 IN WESTPAC, FOLLOWING PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT, OF 3D  
 MARDIV (MINUS ONE RL) (REIN) WITH SUPPORTING 1ST MAW  
 ELEMENTS. THIS IS IN CONSONANCE WITH PREVIOUS T-DAY  
 PLANNING. BASED ON THIS POSTURE, PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT  
 OF MARINE FORCES WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ONE RL TO HAWAII.
- B. HQ 3D MARDIV AND ONE RL TO OKINAWA.
- C. TWO BLTS FROM REDEPLOYED 3D MARDIV (MINUS)  
 (REIN) ON OKINAWA TO COMPRISE GROUND ELEMENTS OF SLFS  
 ALPHA AND BRAVO.
- D. 1ST MAW (REAR) HQS ELEMENTS TO OKINAWA.
- E. A HELO MAG (HMS, MABS, ONE FMH, TWO HMMS

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 (WHICH WILL COMPRISE AIR ELEMENTS FOR SLFS) AND ONE  
 VMO SQDN) TO OKINAWA/AFLOAT.

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

G. A VMO DETACHMENT (A-UH1E) TO HAWAII.

3. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE GUIDANCE  
 CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE  
 PREFERRED POSTURE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND THAT A JOINT  
 PACFLT/FMFPAC/SEVENTHFLT/III MAF WORKING CONFERENCE  
 BE HELD EARLIEST AT YOKOSUKA, IN DEFERENCE TO SEVENTHFLT  
 AND III MAF PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, TO PREPARE THE  
 GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANNING DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A.

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

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 UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM  
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8 AUG 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Reductions in Force (C)

REFERENCE: MACV Plan: "Vietnamizing the War (C)", 20 July 1969 (TS)

1. (TS) As you were informed on 26 July, we are continuing to develop plans for the further redeployment of US forces and are currently working on a 25,000 reduction in Phase Two and a 50,000 redeployment package for Phase Three.

2. (TS) Phase Two in all likelihood will be carried out this fall. The timing of Phase Three has not been decided; however, there are indications that Phase Three may follow Phase Two more closely than anticipated. In addition, there are two other developments which have a bearing on our situation. They are:

- a. The possibility that we may be required to redeploy an additional 5,000 troops in Phase Two, making a total of 30,000 instead of the 25,000 for which we have planned.
- b. The apparent intention to hold us to a manning level of 515,000 as of 31 August 1969. This represents the reduction of 25,000 spaces resulting from the Phase One redeployments and of about 9,000 personnel which we were short at the time of the Midway Meeting. The effect is an overall Phase One cut of about 34,000 instead of the planned 25,000.

3. (TS) In view of the above, it is apparent that we must have another careful look at places where cuts in authorized strength levels can be made without redeploying more combat or combat support units. This includes not only headquarters, the number and size of

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which already are being questioned by Washington, but also TDA organizations, detachments, and similar units at bases, installations, and facilities all over South Vietnam. In like fashion, the time has come to reexamine our base and installation structure, and as a result of that examination to close bases, consolidate installations and facilities, and eliminate nonessentials of all kinds, everywhere.

4. (TS) Accordingly, I want you to make a careful review of your area of responsibility and identify those units or elements and those installations and facilities that are not essential to your current mission requirements. In so doing, I expect you to exchange views with one another and to seek to consolidate and share facilities and services to the maximum extent practical. You also should look for ways to reduce or eliminate headquarters at all levels. I am having another hard look at my own headquarters. Your planning should take into account residual force concepts set forth in your input to the reference above, and the attached lists of units now identified for redeployment in Phases Two and Three.

5. (TS) It is requested that your preliminary report reach this headquarters not later than 15 August 1969, and that you be prepared to discuss your report with me at the first Commanders' Meeting subsequent to 15 August.



CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS  
General, United States Army  
Commanding

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1. Phase Two Troop List
2. Phase Three Troop List

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US FORCE REDUCTION

<u>PHASE 2</u>			
<u>USA</u>	2/138 ARTY BN	537	
	3/197 ARTY BN	598	
	SVC SPT ELMS	<u>2,488</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		3,623
<u>USMC</u>	3d MAR DIV (-)	15,280	
	1st MAW (REAR)	<u>3,105</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		18,385
<u>USN</u>	W/3d MAR DIV	916	
	W/1st MAW (REAR)	24	
	MICB-5	<u>748</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		1,688
<u>USAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>1,325</u>
	<u>FORCE TOTAL</u>		25,021*

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PHASE 3

ALTERNATIVE A

<u>USA</u>	1st INF DIV	17,172
	173d ABN BDE	5,827
	1st LOG CMD	3,727
	44th MED BDE	1,316
	1st SIG BDE	1,006
	ENGR TRPS	4,831
	ALL HQ	2,075
	I FFORCEV	759
	II FFORCEV	2,089
	I CTZ	1,126
	PRO-RATA PATIENT	<u>500</u>

	<u>TOTAL</u>	40,498
<u>USMC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	1,201
<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	3,686
<u>USAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	4,442
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 ZEN/CG MCB TWENTY NINE PALMS  
 ZEN/CG NINTH MAB  
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 NICKERSON, MAJGEN ROBERTSON, MAJGEN THRASH, BGEN  
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- B. CMC 260007Z/JUL 69 (TS) NOTAL - ~~ATTACHED~~
- C. CG FMFPAC 262019Z/JUL 69 (S) - ~~ATTACHED~~ ATTACHED
- D. CINCPACFLT 271948Z/JUL 69 (C) NOTAL - ~~NOT HELD~~
- E. CINCPAC 310344Z/JUL 69 (C) NOTAL - ~~NOT HELD~~

PAGE TWO RUHFMA0475 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCES A AND B, CINCPACFLT  
 AND CINCPAC APPROVAL WAS REQUESTED, BY REFERENCE C,  
 FOR A CHANGE IN REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS FOR 1ST LAAM BN  
 AND 1ST SEARCHLIGHT BTRY.  
 2. (C) BY REFERENCES D AND E, RESPECTIVELY, CINCPACFLT  
 AND CINCPAC APPROVED REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCE C.  
 3. ACCORDINGLY, THESE UNITS WILL RETURN TO CONUS ON  
 ROTATING AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING THE LATTER PART OF THIS  
 MONTH AND THE CHANGES IN DESTINATION HAVE BEEN IN-  
 CORPORATED IN OUR FORCE PLANNING.  
 4. (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B, IT IS ASSUMED  
 THAT HQMC WILL INITIATE APPROPRIATE SEASIA PROGRAM ?  
 OAH/DAN ACTION. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CMC 161045Z/JUL 69 (TS) NOTAL - ATTACHED  
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 1. (TS) FORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE HELD IN RESPONSE  
 TO REFERENCE A PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR  
 EXAMINATION OF STATUS OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING,  
 INCLUDING RELOCATION SITES OF REDEPLOYED FORCES AND

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 ATTENDANT PROBLEM AREAS. THE EXCHANGE OF OBJECTIVES  
 AND VIEWS WILL FACILITATE COORDINATION OF PLANNING  
 FOR THE MANY ALTERNATIVES THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED  
 PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINITE PARAMETERS DEFINING  
 CLEARLY FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT OBJECTIVES (E.G.,  
 COMPOSITION OF SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT,  
 MAGNITUDE OF REDEPLOYMENTS DURING CY-69, AND  
 STRENGTH RESTRICTIONS ON OKINAWA AND JAPAN). IN  
 CONSIDERATION OF THE SENSITIVITY OF PLANNING FOR  
 SUBSEQUENT REDEPLOYMENTS, ALL CONFEREES WERE  
 CAUTIONED TO LIMIT ACCESS ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW  
 BASIS.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE  
 DISCUSSIONS AND DETERMINATIONS IS PROVIDED:

A. TROOP LISTS - A TROOP LIST, WHICH CONTAINS BOTH  
 A REVISED III MAF TROOP LIST FOR A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT  
 INCREMENT OF MARINE ELEMENTS FROM RVN (USING PROGRAM  
 7 STRENGTHS) AND A REFINED FMFPAC NEAR TERM TROOP LIST  
 FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN WITHIN RESPECTIVE CEILINGS OF  
 23,052 AND 7,500, WAS PROVIDED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF

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EACH PARTICIPATING COMMAND. AS A RESULT OF LIMITED  
ACCESS DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT AND TIME  
AVAILABLE, CURRENT STATUS OF PLANNING PRECLUDED  
DETAILED ADDRESSAL OF DETACHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE  
TROOP LISTS. 06 III MAF IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING GRADE  
AND MOS BREAKDOWNS AND EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATIONS/  
MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED DETACHMENTS. 1/11

B. PRIORITIES LISTING - DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITIES, BY  
UNITS, TO PERMIT RAPID ADJUSTMENT OF RELOCATION TROOP  
LISTS, IN THE EVENT CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA AND JAPAN  
SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN EXCESS OF, OR LESS THAN,  
CURRENT PLANNING FIGURES, WERE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER,  
DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE LISTING OR SEVERAL LISTS TO  
COVER ALL EXIGENCIES WAS CONSIDERED IMPRACTICAL.  
THEREFORE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT VARYING ALTERNATIVES BE  
ADDRESSED, WHEN REQUIRED, WITHIN SPECIFIC PARAMETERS  
PERTAINING AT THE TIME (E.G., CEILING, TIMING, FACILITIES/  
CONSTRUCTION GUIDANCE, ETC).

C. FY78 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM - IMPACT  
OF PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS CANNOT BE DETERMINED

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PENDING COMPLETION OF LTI'S ON REDEPLOYED EQUIPMENT.

D. LAAM BN RETROGRADE - REDEPLOYMENT TO CONUS  
PRESENTS NO LOGISTIC PROBLEMS.

E. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS - FACILITY SHORTFALL  
ASSOCIATED WITH A SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT CAN  
BE DERIVED FROM PREVIOUS FMFPAC T-DAY AND ABRAMS PLAN  
SUBMISSIONS BY ADJUSTMENT CONSONANT WITH THE PROPOSED  
NEAR TERM TROOP LIST, WHICH ESSENTIALLY PROVIDES FOR  
SAME UNIT STRENGTHS AS THOSE CONTAINED IN THE REVISED  
MARCORS T-DAY PLAN. EARLY DECISION ON THE PROCEDURE  
FOR FUNDING FACILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING USE OF  
MAJOR PROCUREMENT FUNDS VICE MILCON FUNDS FOR  
PURCHASE OF PRE-ENGINEERED STRUCTURES FOR TEMPORARY  
BUILDINGS, IS DEEMED CRITICAL.

F. SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY RETROGRADE - IT IS PROPOSED  
THAT THIS UNIT BE RETURNED TO CONUS IN A CADRE STATUS  
FOR DEACTIVATION. PERSONNEL ASPECTS ARE CURRENTLY  
UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY.

G. CADRE UNITS - WITH REGARD TO RECONSTITUTION OF  
UNITS REDEPLOYED IN A CADRE STATUS, PRIORITY HAS BEEN

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 ASSIGNED TO THE ANTRAC AND TANK BNS, IN THAT ORDER.  
 PERSONNEL SPACES TO SUPPORT THEIR RECONSTITUTION CAN  
 BE OBTAINED BY DRAWING DOWN ON OTHER REDEPLOYED  
 UNITS WITH STRENGTHS EXCEEDING THAT PROPOSED IN THE  
 NEAR TERM TROOP LIST. RECONSTITUTION OF ALL UNITS  
 REDEPLOYING IN A CADRE STATUS IS NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN  
 AN OKINAWA CEILING OF 23,052.

H. DEACTIVATION OF SU NR 2, HQCO, 26TH MAR - REFERENCE  
 B REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO DEACTIVATE CERTAIN 26TH MAR  
 (REAR) ELEMENTS ON OKINAWA AND PROPOSED DETAILS FOR  
 TRANSFER OF FLAG AND DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL AND  
 EQUIPMENT. WHILE 26TH MAR WILL, FOR THE TIME BEING,  
 CONTINUE TO RETAIN ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION  
 WITH THE SLF'S, PROPOSED DEACTIVATION OF SUB UNIT NR 26 WILL  
 NOT IMPACT ON THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. FMFPAC PLANNING  
 ENVISIONS THE SLF'S BEING PROVIDED FROM 26TH MARINES  
 RESOURCES UNTIL 3D MARDIV IS REDEPLOYED FROM RVN, THEN  
 THE SLF'S WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 3D MARDIV RESOURCES  
 WITH THE ENTIRE 26TH MARINES BEING DEDICATED TO IN-  
 COUNTRY OPERATIONS.

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I. FIXED WING RETROGRADE - REVISED PLANNING FOR  
 PROPOSED SECOND REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT PROVIDES  
 FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF A VMA(AW) SQUADRON VICE THE VMA  
 SQUADRON ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

J. ROTARY WING RETROGRADE - WITHDRAWAL OF THREE  
 HMM'S (AND ONE HMM AND ONE VMO) WILL ALLOW TWO HMM'S TO BE  
 DEDICATED TO ARG/SLF OPERATIONS AND PROVIDE REQUIRED  
 SUPPORT FOR REMAINING 3D MARDIV FORCES ON OKINAWA.  
 IN THE EVENT ONLY ONE ARG/SLF IS MAINTAINED AFLOAT,  
 ONE HMM WOULD BE REDEPLOYED TO HAWAII.

K. MACS LOCATION - THE REFINED NEAR TERM TROOP  
 LIST FOR OKINAWA/JAPAN, WITHIN AN OKINAWA CEILING OF  
 23,052, RETAINS THE ONE AVAILABLE MACS ON OKINAWA.  
 FURTHER STUDY IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE A SUITABLE  
 LOCATION FOR A SECOND MACS IN WESTPAC, WHEN AVAILABLE  
 FROM RVN.

L. SQUADRON STRENGTH OF VMGR-152 ON OKINAWA  
 STILL UNDER STUDY, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE INITIALLY THAT  
 A DET VMGR-152 TO BE LOCATED AT IWAKUNI.

M. PROV MAG-39 STATUS - THE REVISED SECOND

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