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FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING

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- Q. ✓ CG FMAW 010935Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT SENSITIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM THRASH
RESPONDS TO III MAF 310826Z AUG69 -
- R. ✓ C/S MACV ltr MACJ3-022 of 25Aug69, Subj: Reduction in Force (C) *gp-4*
RESPONDS TO III MAF MEMO TO COMUS 5300 of 14Aug69
- S. ✓ COMNAVFORVREP DNG 020203Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT *gp-2*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BONNER
NO FACILITIES TO BE VACATED - PHASE II - RESPONDS TO III MAF
MSG 310826Z AUG69 (SEE "O" ABOVE)
- T. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 020400Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON, MILDREN, WRIGHT & JONES FROM ZAIS
RESPONSE TO CG III MAF'S 310826Z AUG69
- U. ✓ COM THIRD NCB 020107Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZUMWALT FROM DILLON
RESPONSE TO CG III MAF 310826Z AUG69
- V. ✓ CG FLC LTR 3/03/jrc 3010 SER 00016-69 OF 2 SEP69 (TS) LIMDIS *gp-1*
RESPONSE TO CG III MAF 310826Z AUG69
- W. ✓ CG FMFPAC 030122Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR VAN RYZIN AND NICKERSON FROM BUSE
- X. ✓ C/S MACV 031221Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO BUSE FROM TOWNSEND
70 SPACES FOR PHASE II ACCEPTABLE -- PAC NOTIFIED
- Y. ✓ C/S MACV 040412Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY SENSITIVE *gp-4*
FOR MILDREN, BROWN, NICKERSON & ZUMWALT FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING CONF WILL NOW BE HELD ON 8 SEP -- NOT 5 SEP
- Z. ✓ CG III MAF 040957Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
PASSES TOWNSEND'S 301201Z AUG69 TO PAC

- A. CG III MAF 041400Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON
PASSES PROPOSED MSG TO PAC WHICH III MAF INTENDS TO SEND
MACV IN RESPONSE TO THEIR 25AUG69 LTR -- REDUCTION IN FORCES
- B. CG III MAF 1tr 38/jtb 5300 of 5Sep69 to CG FMFPAC -- *gp-4* ^{*re: above*} transmits
III MAF 14Aug memo & MACV's 25Aug 1tr -- Reduction in Force
(signed off by Gen DOOLEY - transmitted personal - via AFCS)
- C. CG FMFPAC 050026Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
PROPOSED CHANGE TO PH II REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST -- WILL BE
MODIFIED ON RECEIPT CINCPAC MODIFICATION
- D. CG FMFPAC 052019Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
CONCUR W/YR PROPOSED MSG W=MODIFICATIONS -- SEE A ABOVE
- E. CG FMFPAC 052331Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
TRANSIENT FACILITY -- OKINAWA -- AFTER PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT
- F. CG III MAF 061050Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON
RESPONDS TO MACV 301201Z ~~SEE~~ AUG69
- G. CG FMFPAC 100309Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR HYLAND, INFO CHAPMAN, BRINGLE, NICKERSON & SMITH FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING --- RLT-3 -- SHIPPING & EMBARK -- SUPPLIES & EQU.
- H. CG FMFPAC 102201Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR CHAPMAN, INFO NICKERSON, ROBERTSON, OWENS, HERBOLD, HOFFMAN,
& DWYER FROM BUSE
DEACTIVATION & CADRE OF 5TH MARDIV
- I. CG III MAF 110856Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR SIMPSON, JONES, THRASH & FEELEY FROM NICKERSON
PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT
- J. CMC 122124Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
DEACTIVATION OF 5TH MARDIV/5TH MEB
- K. CG III MAF 141450Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY
NEED ANSWERS TO FOL QUESTIONS
- L. CG FMAW 161045Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4* S&C DOCUMENT
HMH-462 REPLACE HMH 361

- M. ✓ CG FMFPAC ltr 3p/dba ser: 0002481 of 12Sep69 (III MAF S&C 12066)
Troop Lists (TS) *gp - not shown*
- N. ✓ COMUSMACV 170022Z SEP69 (S) *gp-3*
EXECUTE PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT
- O. ✓ CG FMFPAC ISN 170247Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
UPDATE ON PLANNING CONFERENCES ON FORCE REDUCTION PLANS
- P. ✓ CG FMFPAC 170301Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
ANSWERS SERIES OF QUESTIONS POSED BY III MAF'S 141450Z SEP
- Q. ✓ BGEN DULACKI'S MEMO FOR RECORD -- 18 SEP: MEMO COVERS GEN
DULACKI CONVERSATION WITH GEN WILSON -- 180300H SEP69 (S) *gp - not shown*
- R. ✓ CG III MAF 180006Z SEP69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR WILSON FROM DULACKI (ISN)
HERE ARE SOME THOUGHTS ON LATEST ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED
- S. ✓ BGEN DULACKI'S MEMO FOR RECORD - 18 SEP: MEMO COVERS GEN
DULACKI'S CONVERSATION W/GEN WILSON -- 181150H SEP69 (S) *gp - not shown*
- T. ✓ CG FMFPAC 172243Z SEP69 (TS) ISN (S&C 12068) *gp-4*
FOR DAVIS FROM SOPER
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE FAMREP DATA-Do not send embark rep
- U. ✓ CG FMFPAC 182001Z SEP69 (TS) (S&C 12069) *gp-4*
SPECIAL LANDING FORCES
- V. ✓ COMUSMACV 190823Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
ABRAMS TO ALL
REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (ATTENDEES)
- W. ✓ C/S MEMO FOR RECORD OF CONVERSATION W/GEN WILSON 190750H SEP
PAC HAS FAMREP DATA -- PLAN EMBARK 3D MARINES 1 OCT (S) *gp - not shown*
- X. ✓ 11F/408-40 [C/S memo to staff of 20Sep69], encl cy of S/S memo f/record of 19Sep69,
subj: C/S working Session, 13Sep to discuss Phase II Redeployment
- Y. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 191400Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
BEGAN MOVEMENT OF FSB'S RENDEZVOUS & BLAZE -- 3dMARDIV DEPLOYMENT
- Z. ✓ CG III MAF 191409Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR WILSON FROM DULACKI
III MAF REPS WILL ATTEND A+9 CONF -- KRAFT WANTS THE ASSISTANCE

- A. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 191450Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
EMPLOYMENT OF SLF OF THE 26TH MARINES
- B. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 191720Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
STAND DOWN OF 3D MARINES AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS
- C. ✓ BGEN DULACKI'S MEMO FOR THE RECORD -- 20SEP69; MEMO COVERS
BGEN DULACKI'S CONVERSATION WITH BGEN WILSON -191145H SEP69
gp - not shown
- D. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 201510Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARINE DIVISION
REDEPLOYMENT
- E. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 201620Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARDIV
- F. ✓ CG III MAF 210613Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS FROM NICKERSON
ADJUSTMENT OF FORCE DISPOSITIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIRD
MARDIV (-) REDEPLOYMENT
- G. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 211000Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
- H. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 211011Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARDIV
- I. ✓ CG FMFPAC 212012Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
INFORMAL STAFF NOTE ON FORCE REDUCTION
- J. ✓ CINCPAC 210905Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FORCE PLANNING
- K. ✓ CG FMFPAC 212014Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FORCE PLANNING
- L. ✓ COMUSMACV 220829Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4* LAND Gen BURKIE'S NSSM memo
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING
- M. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 220830Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
PROPOSED BOUNDARY TRACE SPLITS THE VILLAGE OF LOC THUY
- N. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 221045Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT

- O. ✓ COMUSMACV 220737Z/CG FMFPAC 230247Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
 REDEPLOYMENT OF 3D MARDIV -- IN CONN w/PROJ 703
 REQ EXACT DATES SHIPPING TO BE AVAIL -- MARINES STANDING DOWN
- P. ✓ BGEN DULACKI'S MEMO FOR THE RECORD OF 230930H -- PHONECON W/BGEN
 WILSON -- CONCERNS SHORTAGE OF MONEY AND PROBLEM OF
GARRISON PROPERTY (*uncl*)
- Q. ✓ CG III MAF 230348Z SEP69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE LIMDIS *gp-4*
 FOR ZAIS FROM NICKERSON
 DAVE LAMB STORY ABT 12 MONTH TOUR AND FORCE REDUCTION -- AND
 YOUR DISCUSSION WITH LAMB CONCERNING POST-DEPLOYMENT PLANS
- R. ✓ CG III MAF 260240Z SEP69 (C) *gp-4*
 FOR BARROW INFO BONNER AND CARNEY FROM DOOLEY
 SEND GRUNING, VELOTAS & GUY BACK TO DNG -- NEED URGENT
- ~~S. ✓ CG FMFPAC (FWD) 261117Z SEP69 (U)
 FOR DOOLEY INFO BONNER & CARNEY FROM BARROW
 GRUNING, VELOTAS & GUY ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO DANANG~~
- T. ✓ AC/S, J-3 MACV 271051Z SEP69 (C) *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM BAUTZ
 CLASSIFICATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANS
- U. ✓ COMUSMACV 000220737Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
 Phase II -- 3dMarDiv pullout
- V. ✓ CINCPAC 230407Z SEP69 (TS) *gp-4*
 Phase II -- 3dMarDiv pullout (same as "U")
- W. ✓ ADMIN FMFPAC 272228Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
 ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY NO. FOUR

HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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 P E R S O N A L M G E N T H R A S H F O R L T G E N N I C K E R S O N
 A. YOUR 310826Z AUG 69 (TS)

1. IN ANSWER TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS ARE SUBMITTED. PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON PLANNING INFORMATION THAT THE FIRST MARDIV WILL BE OPERATING IN AN EXPANDED TAOR SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. REDEPLOYING MAG-36 DURING PHASE II AND PHASING OUT PMAG-39 FROM NORTHERN I CORPS WILL LEAVE THE WING WITH THREE HELICOPTER SQUADRONS AND A VMO DET THAT MUST BE REASSIGNED TO MAG-16 AND RELOCATED SOUTH OF HAI VAN PASS NEAR THE MAG-16 H&MS MAINTENANCE FACILITY. FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO ACCOMMODATE HMH-361 (OH-53'S) IN THE SPACES VACATED BY HMH-165 DURING PHASE I. THE REMAINING SQUADRONS REQUIRING RELOCATION SITES ARE:

HML-367 (24 UH-1E)
 HMM-161 (21 CH-46D)
 HMM-262 (21 CH-46D)

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 VMO-2 (DET) (10 OH'S) REMAINDER REDEPLOY TO FUTEMA

2. IT IS NECESSARY THAT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS LISTED BELOW IN ORDER OF PRIORITY BE APPROVED TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE SQUADRONS BEING RELOCATED TO THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA.

A. THOSE SPACES NOW OCCUPIED BY THE ARMY AVIATION BATTALION AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FMAW. THIS PROPOSAL WILL PLACE ALL OF THE FMAW HELO ASSETS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FIRST MARDIV AND ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE AIR GROUND TEAM. A LIMITED AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL MATTING AND REVENMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN UNDER THIS PROPOSAL.

B. IN THE EVENT THE ARMY DOES NOT VACATE THE AREA OCCUPIED AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN REQUIRED SPACES COULD BE PROVIDED AT CHU LAI. THIS IS A LESS DESIRABLE SOLUTION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- (1) IT WOULD REQUIRE A DETACHMENT OF H&MS-16 MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL DEPLETING THE REQUIRED STRENGTH OF THE PARENT UNIT.
- (2) THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPLY SUPPORT FROM MAG-16 FOR THE SQUADRONS CONCERNED.
- (3) MATTING, REVENMENTS, AND BILLETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT CHU LAI.

3. IT IS DESIRED TO MOVE VMFA-542 (F4B) TO OCCUPY SPACES VACATED BY

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 VMFA-334 WHICH WAS DEPLOYED DURING PHASE I. THIS MOVE WOULD PROVIDE
 SUFFICIENT SPAC IN THE MAG-11 AREA OF DANANG TO PLACE A FIXED WING
 DETACHMENT OF MAG-16 (18 OV-10S/10 OIS). MOVING THE MAG-16 DETACHMENT
 TO DANANG WOULD PROVIDE SPACE AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN FOR ONE ADDITIONAL
 HELICOPTER SQUADRON.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT IF PRACTICABLE WE IMPLEMENT PROPOSAL CONTAINED
 PARAGRAPHS 2.A.

5. UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE II DEPLOYMENTS AND RELOCATIONS THE
 FOLLOWING ISMAW FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE:

A. DONG MA

B. QUANG TRI AIRFIELD

C. THE MAG-36 AREA AT PHU BAI

D. INTEND TO RELOCATE TOWER, HDC, AND TAFDS PRESENTLY
 AT VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE DURING LATTER PART OF PHASE II.

6. DETAILED LIST OF FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO BE
 VACATED WILL BE DELIVERED YOUR HDQTRS THIS AFTERNOON.

7. NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT FOR YOUR INFO. WITH 7TH MARINES
 CP AT LZ BALDY WE HAVE BY SEPARATE ACTION REQUESTED SIX RE-
 VETMENTS AND SIX SEA HUTS FOR THE LZ. INTEND TO PUT IN LIMITED
 TOWER FACILITIES, HDC FOR HELO CONTROL, GCA, TAFDS, LIMITED

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 FIELD LIGHTING, LIMITED HUEY REARMING CAPABILITY, AND LSA. PRESENT
 RUNWAY CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING KC-130'S WITH SOME REPAIR WHICH
 IS WITHIN CAPABILITY MCB, EST, TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE. INTENTIONS FOR
 LZ ROSS ARE EXTENSION AND RESURFACE OF MAT AND EXTENSION OF VIP MAT.
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FM COMNAVFORVREP DANANG

TO CG II MAF

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SENSITIVE EYES ONLY TO L GEN NICKERSON FROM RADM BONNER

1. (T/S) NO FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO BE VACATED BY COM-
NAVFORVREP, DNG AS RESULT PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS.2. (T/S) THIS HEADQUARTERS PREPARED PSUE VIGOROUSLY NECESSARY
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS UPON IDENTIFICATION FACILITIES TO BE
VACATED/TRANSFERRED BY APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS

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RHMAFA -T- CG USARV LBN
-T- CG 3D MAR DIV DGH

O 020400Z SEP 69

FM CG, XXIV CORPS, PHB

TO CG, III MAF, DNG RHMAFA

INFO: CG, USARV, LBN RHMAAVA

CG, 101ST ABN DIV (AM), CEE RUMLMJA

CG, 3D MAR DIV, DGH RUMHVP.

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

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FOR LTG NICKERSON, FOR LTG MILDREN, FOR MG WRIGHT, FOR MG JONES,
FROM LTG ZAIS

A. III MAF MSG 5224, DTG 310326Z AUG 69

1. (TS) THIS MESSAGE IDENTIFIES THOSE FACILITIES WHICH APPARENTLY WILL BE VACATED ENTIREL OR IN PART AS A RESULT OF UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS ASSUMED PER XXIV CORPS LOI 1-69 AND THE RESULTING ADJUSTMENTS OF US ARMY UNITS IN THE XXIV CORPS AP. IT ALSO DISCUSSES THE IMPACT OF POSSIBLE REDEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE 32D NCR DURING PHASE II.
2. (TS) VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE, FSB NANCY AND LZ SALLY WILL BE EXCESS TO US REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION OR OTHER ARVN FORCES NOW LOCATED IN NICTZ.

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3. (TS) DONG HA CB AND FSB SHARON AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED WILL ONLY BE PARTIALLY REQUIRED BY US FORCES. REDEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF 32D NCR WILL VACATE PORTIONS OF CAMP EVANS AND GIA LE. REDEPLOYMENT OF MAG 36 WILL VACATE PORTIONS OF PHU BAI BASE.

4. (TS) DONG HA CB WILL BE VACATED BY USMC UNITS AND MCB 62 CURRENTLY STATIONED THERE. US ARMY AND USAF ELEMENTS CURRENTLY LOCATED THERE WILL REMAIN. THE AREA CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY 3D MAR DIV HQ WILL BE UTILIZED BY 1ST BN, 11TH INF (1/5 MECH DIV). THE CLASS I SUPPLY POINT WILL BE RETAINED. THE DUEL BLADE STORAGE YARD OCCUPIED BY FLC SHOULD BE CLOSED OUT PRIOR TO REDEPLOYMENT OF FLC ELEMENTS.

5. (TS) FSB SHARON WILL RETAIN ONE MECH INF BN AND SUPPORTING UNITS OF 1/5 MECH DIV. THE SOUTHERN THIRD WILL BE AXESS TO US REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ARVN FORCES.

6. (TS) QUANG TRI CB WILL BE VACATED BY USMC UNITS CURRENTLY STATIONED THERE. US ARMY UNITS CURRENTLY STATIONED THERE WILL REMAIN. THE AREAS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY USMC UNITS WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE 3D SQD, 5TH CAV; 1ST BN, 77TH ARMOR; A BRIGADE OF THE 101ST ABNDIV (AM); ELEMENTS OF 44TH MEDICAL BDE; AND THE 2D BN, 94TH ARTY

7. (TS) REDEPLOYMENT OF MCB 11 AT CAMP EVANS OR MCG 133 AT GIA LE WILL RESULT IN PARTIAL EXCESSES AT THESE BASES. ONE OF THESE BASES

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AND PREFERABLY CAMP EVANS WILL BE UTILIZED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 14TH ENG
BN CURRENTLY LOCATED AT FSB NANCY. THE MOVEMENT OF THIS UNIT WILL
COMPLETELY VACATE NANCY OF US FORCES.

8. (TS) REDEPLOYMENT OF MAG 36 WILL PERMIT READJUSTMENT OF US FORCES
AT PHU BAI BASE TO PERMIT MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
POSSIBLE CURTAILMENT OF CERTAIN PROGRAMMED CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDER
REVIEW.

9. (TS) DETAILED STATIONING PLANS FOR DONG HA CB, QUANG TRI CB,
AND FSB SHARON ARE BEING DEVELOPED. PHASE OUT ACTIONS FOR VACATED
BASES WILL BE INITIATED AS PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING PROGRESSES.

10. (TS) 2D BN, 138TH ARTY CURRENTLY STATIONED AT GIA LE IS LISTED
AS A PHASE II UNIT AND IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER
AS AN OPERATION RETURN RESERVE UNIT. USARV INDICATES THAT THIS UNIT
WILL BE REPLACED.

11. (TS) COGNIZANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO FUTURE STATIONING OF THAT
ELEMENT OF THE DIVISION RESIDUAL FORCE TO BE LOCATED IN NICTZ. AS
INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 6, ABOVE, ONE BRIGADE OF THE 101ST ABN DIV
(AM) WILL BE LOCATED AT QUANG TRI CB WITH THE CAPABILITY OF MOVING TO
DONG HA CB IN THE FUTURE, IF REQUIRED.

12. (TS) TO RECAP:

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A. VANDEGRIFT CB- NO REQUIREMENT FOR US FORCES AS A BASE CAMP-
TURN OVER TO ARVN.

B. LZ SALLY-NO REQUIREMENT FOR US FORCES, TURN OVER TO ARVN.

C. FSB NANCY-NO REQUIREMENT FOR US FORCES, TURN OVER TO ARVN.

D. FSB SHARON- TWO-THIRDS UTILIZED BY US FORCES, ONE-THIRD
AVAILABLE TO ARVN.

E. DONG HA CB - TWO-FIFTYS REQUIRED FOR US FORCES, EITHER
REORGANIZE AND REDUCE PERIMETER OR REORGANIZE AND TURN OVER THREE-
FIFTHS TO ARVN.

F. QUANG TRI CB-REQUIRED FORNAS FORCES TO BE OCCUPIED
BY ELEMENTS OF CORPS ARTY, 101ST ABN DIV (AM) AND 1ST BDE, 9TH MECH.

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 O 020107Z SEP 69
 FM COMTHIRD MCB
 TO RHMAFA/CG THIRD MAF
 INFO RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV
 BT

TOP SECRET SPEC AT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 LTGEN NICKERSON INFO VADM ZUMWALT FROM RADM DILLON
 A. CG III MAF 310026Z AUG 69 (NOTAL)
 1. REF A REFERS. PHASE TWO FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS WILL MAKE THE
 FOLLOWING THIRD NCB CAMP FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE BY OTHERS
 SINCE THIRD NCB HAS NO REQUIREMENT FOR SAME AFTER THE OCCUPYING
 NMCB REDEPLOYMENT UNDER PHASE TWO TROOP WITHDRAWALS:

OCCUPYING UNIT	CAMP	LOCATION	APPROX DATE AVAIL
NMCB 5	HOOVER	DANANG	9-20-69
NMCB 11	HAINES	CAMP EVANS	10-15-69
NMCB 62	BARNES	DONG HA	11-22-69
NMCB 4	ADNEIR	DANANG EAST	12-6-69

ONE ADDITIONAL CAMP, YET TO BE DETERMINED, WILL BECOME AVAILABLE

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 APPROX 11-1-69 AT EITHER QUANG TRI, PHU BAI, OR CAMP EAGLE.
 2. EACH CAMP HAS THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:
 BERTHING: 25 OFFICER/750 ENLISTED
 GALLEY AND MESSING: OFFICER AND ENLISTED
 LAUNDRY
 SECURITY TOWERS AND BUNKERS
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 ALL FACILITIES ARE COMPLETELY OUTFITTED, SOME EQUIPPAGE/OUTFITTING
 CAN REMAIN WITH CAMP IF REQUIRED.

3. RELATED SUBJECT, PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE FOR
 THIRD NCB UNITS REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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From: Commanding General
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force
 Subj: Facility and Installation Transfer for Phase II Redeployment
 Ref: (a) CG II MAG 310826Z AUG69

1. Reference (a) requested recommendations for disposition of Installations and Facilities located in Northern I Corps in conjunction with the redeployment of the 3d Marine Division. This provides recommendations for the disposition of Force Logistic Command assets involved.
2. FLSG-B and 7th Motor Transport Battalion are the FLC units presently located in Northern I Corps. They provide full combat service support to the 3d Marine Division. This consists of supply support in all classes of supply, maintenance support through 3rd echelon, and Freight Transportation service in conjunction with TMA and NSA. Class I support is also provided to the 1st Brigade/15th MECH presently operating under 3d Marine Division control and elements of the 101st Airborne. Detachments of the 80th Support Group, U. S. Army Support Command provide all other support for army units located in NICTZ, north of FSB NANCY. FLSG-B presently maintains a manning level of 1410 personnel, 7th MT Bn has a manning level of 403. There are no FLC personnel in the Residual Force and no Marine Support Units will remain in NICTZ after Phase III.
3. The present concept of operation shows all of the 3d Marine Division redeployed in Phase II. An additional 90-120 days will be required to effect an orderly transition and phase out of the supply and maintenance support furnished the 3d Marine Division by FLSG-B. The materiel retrograded will be primarily Class II, VII and IX, with selected materiel of the other classes.
4. The following assumptions have been made in developing these recommendations:
 - a. Present Army Logistic Support will be of the same magnitude or slightly increased as a result of the redeployment.

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b. ARVN support will continue to be provided by ARVN Logistical elements.

5. The present status of operations and recommended dispositions are provided below:

a. Facilities

(1) Status - The FLSG-B Command Post and the major portion of the Command is situated at Quang Tri. Motor Transport and Engineer Maintenance Facilities are located at Dong Ha, as are the Ration Breakdown Point, a Grade 3 holding point for Class V and the Shipping and Receiving Section. The Class V Holding Point contains 450 S/T of 972 materiel. The Shipping and Receiving Section maintains personnel at the Dong Ha airfield and the Dong Ha Ramp. A Logistic Support Unit is also maintained at Vandegrift Combat Base. Quang Tri and Dong Ha facilities contain SEA huts, Butler Buildings and some hard stand for outdoor storage. Maintenance facilities are located in Butler Buildings (Metal) and contained some improvements such as concrete grease racks. Vandegrift Combat Base is strictly a Fire Support Base, and contains only temporary facilities and is presently manned by about 80 personnel. A Fuel Farm is maintained at Cua Viet, primarily for use as a bulk transfer point for fuel offloaded from Tankers.

(2) Disposition - All Marine maintenance and service support facilities utilize mobile organic equipment. This equipment will be redeployed with FLSG-B. The Army will occupy those permanent maintenance and storage structures that offer better use than those they are presently occupying. Temporary structures will only be occupied in-so-far-as they are located near permanent maintenance structures. Temporary structures presently occupied by the Army should be made available in a proportionate quantity to the permanent structures occupied. Vandegrift Combat Base will be available for use if required.

b. Class I

(1) Status - Class I support for all units in NICTZ north of FSB NANCY is provided by FLSG-B. Rations for the support of 35000 people are maintained for a 50 day period. Fifty S/T are distributed daily in support of this requirement. The Ration Breakdown Point is maintained at Dong Ha. There are 40,000 cubic feet of reefer space located at this site.

(2) Disposition - All Class I assets will be turned over to the Logistic Unit assuming support for NICTZ. 38,000 cubic feet of reefer space is on loan from the Army. This will remain. The 8,000 cubic feet organic to the Marine Corps will be retrograded.

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c. Class II, VII and IX

(1) Status - FLSG-B presently stocks about 5000 line items as part of the stock account of the Force Logistic Command.

(2) Disposition - All materiel on hand will be retrograded to Camp Books. A time schedule for the transfer of the storage facilities will be made with the Logistic unit to occupy the buildings as materiel is transferred.

d. Class IV

(1) Status - Class IV is presently maintained in a similar manner to Classes II, VIII and IX, with one exception. A certain amount of Class IV is designated for 972 use.

(2) Disposition - Class IV will be retrograded on a selective basis. All 972 materiel will be turned over to the Logistic Unit assuming control of the Area.

e. Class III

(1) Status - Six Fuel Farms are maintained by FLSG-B. Tanks are situated as follows:

NUMBER OF RUBBER TANKS (10,000 GAL TYPE)

	<u>DONG HA</u>	<u>VANDEGRIFT</u>	<u>CUA VIET</u>	<u>G-2 FUEL SITE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
AVGAS	3	0	6	0	9
JP-4	10	0	15	0	25
MOGAS	16	2	18	1	37
DIESEL	19	4	33	1	57
TOTAL	48	6	72	2	128

In addition, one 126,000 Gal. Steel tank is maintained at Dong Ha. This is Army owned. Total Capacity 1,408,000 Gal.

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The daily average issue rate is as follows:

AVGAS	3,600 Gal.
JP-4	30,400
MOGAS	39,600
DIESEL	104,200
TOTAL	177,800

(2) Disposition - All organic equipment to include rubber tanks wherever possible, will be retrograded with FLSG-B. This will be done on a phase basis as the Logistic Unit taking over is able to provide the required support. The steel tank is Army owned and will remain. All remaining Class III will be transferred to the Army. The Cua Viet Fuel Farm will be phased over to the Army or the Navy. Organic Marine Equipment will be retrograded.

f. Class V

(1) Status - The ASP at Quang Tri has a storage capacity of 8814 S/T of which 5766 S/T is for Marine Corps use and the remainder is for Army use.

The ASP at Vandegrift has a storage capacity of 1846 S/T. Present expenditure rates in NICTZ are 300 S/T per day - As mentioned previously 450 S/T of 972 materiel is held at Dong Ha.

(2) Disposition - All Class V including 972 materiel will be turned over to the Logistic Unit assuming control. Transfer of assets will be based on an in-kind transfer of like assets at either Danang or Chu Lai. There are a few DODIC's which are exclusive to Marine Corps use. These of which there are minimal quantities will be retrograded.

g. Shipping and Receiving

(1) Status - FLSG-B presently coordinates the Services Units at Dong Ha Ramp based on a joint agreement with the Army and the Navy.

(2) Disposition - This coordination responsibility will be transferred to the Logistic Support Unit assuming responsibility for the service support of NICTZ.

h. Maintenance

(1) Status - Maintenance facilities for Army Units operate independent to Marine Corps Facilities.

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(2) Disposition - Permanent structures will be transferred as the need for them is eliminated, based on the redeployment of the 3d Marine Division and the retrograde of organic equipment.

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B. CINCPAC 210917Z/AUG69 (TS/SENSITIVE) NOTAL

C. CG FMFPAC 220533Z/AUG69 (TS/SENSITIVE)

D. CG FMFPAC 220537Z/AUG69 (TS/SENSITIVE)

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1. (TS) BY REF A CINCPAC HAS MODIFIED THE MARINE
PORTION OF REF B (REF C APPLIES) TO REFLECT (1) THE
ADDITION OF A DETACHMENT FROM HQ III MAF (STRENGTH
62) TO THE REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST (FOR A GRAND TOTAL
PHASE II MARINE CORPS OF 18,457); AND (2) THE DESIRED
REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS (REF D APPLIES) WITH ONE
EXCEPTION. REF A INCORRECTLY INDICATES THAT THE

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DESIRED REDEPLOYMENT LOCATION FOR MASS-2 IS OKINAWA/
CONUS. IN ORDER TO RETAIN MACS-8 ON OKINAWA (BASED
ON A 4-2-1 PACOM POSTURE WITH AN OKINAWA CEILING OF
19.2 K) THE DESIRED REDEPLOYMENT LOCATION FOR MASS-2
SHOULD BE INDICATED AS OKINAWA/JAPAN.

2. (TS) ON 30 AUGUST 1969 CINCPAC ACTION OFFICER
NOTIFIED JCS COUNTERPART BY TELCOM TO MODIFY REF D
TO REFLECT OKINAWA/JAPAN AS THE DESIRED REDEPLOYMENT
LOCATION FOR MASS-2. REQUEST VERIFICATION OF THIS
DURING HQMC REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT CORRECT REDEPLOYMENT
LOCATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED. WARM REGARDS

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 B. TELECON MACV JB-03 ACTION OFFICER AND III MAF ACTION
 OFFICER, 28 AUG 69.
 C. CG III MAF 311112Z AUG 69 (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REFERENCE A REQUESTED CG III MAF PROVIDE PHASE 2 TROOP
 REDUCTION FROM HEADQUARTERS III MAF TALLING 100 SPACES.
 REFERENCE B ADVISED THAT A LESSER NUMBER, OF ABOUT 62 OR
 MORE, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. REFERENCE C REQUESTED 70
 SPACES FROM III MAF HEADQUARTERS BE ADDED TO PROPOSED US
 MARINE TROOP LISTS FOR PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENTS AND ALSO
 REQUESTED THIS CHANGE BE CONVEYED TO CG FMFPAC.

2. (TS) THE 70 SPACES SET FORTH IN REFERENCE C ARE ACCE PTABLE
 AS TOTAL HEADQUARTERS III MAF ALLOCATIONS FOR PHASE 2
 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LISTS.

3. (U) THIS ALSO CONSTITUTES NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO CG
 FMFPAC, AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE C.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.
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MEMORANDUM

From: Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans
 To: Chief of Staff
 Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: NSSM 36 Planning, Access to

1. As more and more details are requested and decisions are made by MACV vis-a-vis the NSSM 36 residual force, the infusion of HQ III MAF and HQ XXIV Corps and our recently approved Force Reduction Study, it becomes increasingly difficult to work behind the "T-Day facade". Heretofore, we have been generalizing about ICTZ residual forces and future locations; we must now be specific.

2. Accordingly, I recommend that the access list to phase 6/NSSM 36 planning be increased by a total of 15 members for HQ XXIV Corps and 101st Abn Div (AM) and by a total of five for DC/S, Plans. I further recommend that General Zais be given the authority to designate the personnel, starting with a minimum number and expanding to the 15 man level only as absolutely necessary.


 WM A. BURKE
 Brigadier General, USA

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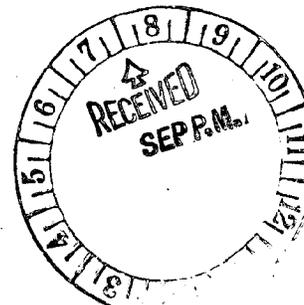
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1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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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 LEVELS, 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/FWNAF, 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
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6. WARM REGARDS

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: MAC 11346/301201Z AUG 69

PARA 3 REF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A MACV MOVEMENTS PLANNING
 CONFERENCE FOR PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS ON 5 SEPT. CONFERENCE
 WILL BE HELD ON 8 SEPT RPT 8 SEPT AT 0900 HOURS IN COMUSMACV
 CONFERENCE ROOM, HEADQUARTERS MACV. WHILE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE
 OF THE CONFERENCE IS MOVEMENTS SCHEDULING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT
 CONFEREES ALSO INCLUDE G3, G4, AND G1 REPRESENTATION.
 CONFEREES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR PLANNING BASED ON PHASE
 TWO REDEPLOYMENTS OF 25,000 AND 40,500. WARM REGARDS. GP-4

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A. CG III MAF 040957Z

1. REFERENCE A, PASEP TO YOUR HQS, CONTAINED INFORMATION CONCERNING A MACV MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENTS. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION DELAYED CONFERENCE UNTIL 8 SEP AND DIRECTED CONFEREES BE PREPARED FOR PLANNING BASED ON PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENTS OF 25,000 AND 40,500.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE MACV REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TRANSMIT THE BELOW MESSAGE TO MACV, SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL. YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED ASAP. REFERENCE B IN THE BELOW MESSAGE IS MACV APPROVAL, FOR PLANNING, OF A III MAF RECOMMENDATION TO COMBINE HQS XXIV CORPS AND III MAF; THE BASIC PLAN AND MACV APPROVAL ARE BEING FORWARDED YOUR HQS BY MAIL.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED III MAF MSG TO MACV
 QUOTE

FM: CG III MAF
 TO: COMUSMACV
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T O P S E C R E T / EYES ONLY / FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

A. COMUSMACV 301201Z

B. MACJ-3-022 LTR OF 25AUG69, SUBJ REDUCTION OF FORCES

1. IN REPLY TO REF A THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

A. PERSONNEL REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA

(1) NOVEMBER RTD'S WILL REDEPLOY IN OCTOBER, THEREBY REDUCING ROTATION TOUR LENGTHS TO 12 MONTHS.

(2) OCTOBER RTD'S FROM ALL PHASE 2 UNITS WILL ROTATE AS INDIVIDUALS.

B. DESIGNATION OF UNITS TO BE

(1) INACTIVATED IN VIETNAM - NONE

(2) REDEPLOYED AS UNITS TO SPECIFIED LOCATIONS:

HQ 3D MARDIV

OKINAWA

RLT 4

OKINAWA

1ST MAW (REAR)

OKINAWA

VMA (AW) 533

JAPAN

(3) REDEPLOYED WITHOUT PERSONNEL:

RLT-3 (700 CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL ONLY WILL REDEPLOY) CONUS

C. EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION. EQUIPMENT WILL BE RETROGRADED WITH REDEPLOYING UNITS.

D. PORTS OF DEBARKATION: ANY COMBINATION OF IWAKUNE, OKINAWA,

MAIL. @ COMUSMACV.



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

- (1) SPOE INCLUDE DANANG, CUA VIET, TAN MY AND CHU LAI.
- (2) APOE INCLUDE DONG HQ/QUANG TRI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

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

- (1) 7,900 PERSONNEL WILL BE REDEPLOYED AS INDIVIDUALS.

G. TIME PHASING OF MOVEMENT OF UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS: SIX EMBARKATION UNITS ARE ANTICIPATED AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	TIME	MODE
(1) EMBARK UNIT I	D-DAY	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(2) EMBARK UNIT II	D PLUS 7	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(3) EMBARK UNIT III	D PLUS 14	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(4) EMBARK UNIT IV	D PLUS 30	MAJORITY BY SURFACE
(5) EMBARK UNIT V	D PLUS 42	MAJORITY BY SURFACE
(6) EMBARK UNIT VI	D PLUS 55	MAJORITY BY SURFACE

H. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO BE MOVED WITHIN RVN BY COMMON SERVICE TRANSPORTATION (NON-ORGANIC): COMMON USER AIR WILL BE UTILIZED FOR IN-COUNTRY AND OUT OF COUNTRY AIRLIFT. MST'S SURFACE LIFT MAY BE USED DEPENDING ON COURSE OF ACTION SELECTED.

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I. FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

(1) FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO BECOME AVAILABLE AS A
 RESULT OF PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS ARE BASED ON FOLLOWING
 ASSUMPTIONS:

(A) CONSOLIDATION OF MARINE HELO ASSETS SOUTH OF HAI VAN
 PASS.

(B) ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND DANANG WILL PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT
 OF UNITS REMAINING IN NORTHERN I CTZ, LESS SEA TRANSPORTATION AND
 COMMON ITEM SUPPLY SUPPORT.

(C) UNITS REDEPLOYING WILL RETROGRADE ORGANIC EQUIPMENT
 AND SERVICE PECULIAR ITEMS. CLASS V WILL REMAIN IN POSITION WITH
 AN IN-KIND TRANSFER OF ASSETS BETWEEN SERVICES.

(2) LOGISTIC FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	INTENDED DISPOSITION
QUANG TRI	CP, FLSG-B	TURN OVER TO ARMY SPT COMD
	ASP (8814 S/T)	SAME
DONG HA	MT MAINTENANCE SHOP	SAME
	ENGR MAINTENANCE SHOP	SAME
	RATION BREAKDOWN POINT	SAME
	(38,000 CU FT REEFER)	
	CLASS V HOLDING POINT	SAME
	(452 S/T OF PROJ 972 MATERIEL)	
	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING STATION	SAME
CUA VIET	FUEL FARM (72X10,000 GAL TANKS)	PHASE OVER TO ARMY SPT COMD
VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE	ASP (1846 S/T)	TURN OVER TO RVNAF OR RETROGRADE, DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION

(3) AVIATION FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION
PHU BAI	AIRFIELD (60 A/C)	TURN OVER U.S. ASSETS TO XXIV CORPS WITH EXCESS TO RVNAF
QUANG TRI	AIRFIELD (76 A/C)	TURN OVER TO XXIV CORPS FOR RESIDUAL FORCE USE
DONG HA	AIRFIELD	TURN OVER TO RVNAF
VANDERGRIFT	COMBAT BASE AIR STRIP	TURN OVER TO RVNAF OR RETROGRADE, DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION



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(4) GROUND COMBAT, COMMAND/CONTROL, AND SUPPORT INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION
VANDEGRIFT	COMBAT BASE (2 MARINE REGT CP'S, TF HOTEL CP)	TURN OVER TO RVNAF, OR REDUCE DEPENDING UPON TACTICAL SITUATION
FSB NANCY	1ST BN, 77TH ARMOR CAMP, FSB	SAME
LZ SALLY	2D BDE 101ST ABN CP, INF BN CAMP, FSB	SAME
FSB SHARON	1ST BN, 11TH INF CAMP, FSB	TURN OVER SOUTHERN ONE-THIRD TO RVNAF
DONG HA	COMBAT BASE	TURN OVER THREE-FIFTHS TO RVNAF
CAMP EVANS	NMCB 11 CAMP	TURN OVER TO XXIV CORPS
CAMP HOOVER (DANANG)	NMCB 5 CAMP	TURN OVER TO 1ST MARDIV
CAMP BARNES (DONG HA)	NMCB 62 CAMP	TURN OVER TO RVNAF
CAMP ADNEIR (DANANG)	NMCB 4 CAMP	TURN OVER TO NAVY SUPPORT ACTIVITY COMMAND DANANG

(5) REF B APPROVED MY PROPOSAL TO COMBINE HQ III MAF AND HQ XXIV CORPS. ADDITIONAL ARMY AND MARINE CORPS FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL PROBABLY BECOME AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION.

(6) ONE ADDITIONAL NMCB CAMP, YET TO BE DETERMINED, WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AT EITHER QUANG TRI, PHU BAI OR CAMP EAGLE.

(7) MAX FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THIS SUBMISSION TO ALLOW FOR AN ASSUMED COMPOSITION AND BASING OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE. PENDING DECISIONS ON THE RESIDUAL FORCE MAY REQUIRE RECONSIDERATION. 2. THE ABOVE IS THE MOST PRECISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER ALTERNATIVES WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS PRIMARILY INVOLVING THE DESTINATION OF RLT-3. THESE OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDER RLT-3 REDEPLOYING AS A UNIT. UNQUOTE.

WARM REGARDS. LTGEN NICKERSON.

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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Reduction in Force (C)

Encl: (1) CG III MAF memo to COMUSMACV 26/dkd 5300
of 14 August 1969 (TS)
(2) C/S MACV ltr to CG, III MAF MACJ3-022
of 25 August 1969 (TS)

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for your information.

G. E. DOOLEY
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
 FPO San Francisco 96602

26/dkd
 5300
 14 August 1969

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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	(529) <u>1/</u>
USA	(350) <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 400±. Alternatively, MACV planning refinements might disclose that a strength of 350± 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 (879) 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.

H. NICKERSON, JR.

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM
 APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222



25 AUG 69

MACJ3-022

SUBJECT: Reduction in Force (C)

HEADQUARTERS II MACJ

#12052

Commanding General
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 FPO 96602

1. (U) Reference: III MAF Memorandum, subject as above, dated 14 August 1969.
2. (U) In accordance with your request, the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 of referenced memorandum is approved for planning.
3. (TS) As proposed, develop your plan of execution in coordination with HQ IIIIV Corps weighing carefully the command, control and communications aspects in light of the following guidance:
 - a. The combined headquarters will eventually become an augmentation to the 101st Airborne Division.
 - b. In order to reduce visibility of US personnel the combined headquarters should not be located in a large population center such as Da Nang.
 - c. Funds for construction of new facilities will be most difficult to obtain.
4. (U) Receipt of your plan within 30 days will facilitate our on-going residual support force planning. It is requested that you furnish an information copy to HQ USARV.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ELIAS C. TOMSHIED
 Major General, USA
 Chief of Staff

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A. III MAF G-3(EMMONS) TELECON TO FMFPAC OF 022251W
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B. MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV MSG (TS) 031221Z/SEP69

C. CG, FMFPAC SPECAT (TS) OF 030122Z/SEP69

1. (TS) REFERENCES A AND B NOTIFIED THIS HEADQUARTERS
OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP
LIST (I.E., HQ, III MAF REDEPLOYMENT INCREASE TO 70
AUTHORIZED SPACES VICE 62 SPACES). IN ADDITION,
REFERENCE A REQUESTED THIS HEADQUARTERS MODIFY
REFERENCE C ACCORDINGLY.

2. (TS) REFERENCE C WILL BE MODIFIED AFTER CINCPAC
RECEIPT OF MACV PROPOSED CHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT
MODIFICATION OF CINCPAC PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP

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- C. CG FMFPAC SPECAT 290107Z/AUG69 (TS)

1. (TS) CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED III MAF MSG TO MACV
 QUOTED IN REF A WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. PARA 1.A(1), CHANGE TO READ: QUOTE NOVEMBER RTD'S WILL
 REDEPLOY AS INDIVIDUALS IN OCTOBER AND BE CHARGED
 AGAINST THE UNIT REDEPLOYMENT TOTAL. THIS WILL REDUCE THE
 ROTATION TOUR LENGTH TO 12 MONTHS. UNQUOTE. THIS WILL PLACE
 EMPHASIS ON THE PURPOSE OF THIS PERSONNEL REDEPLOYMENT
 CRITERIA WHICH IS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBERS OF
 PERSONNEL FOR REDEPLOYMENT. THE RESIDUAL EFFECT IS AN
 OVERALL REDUCTION OF TOUR LENGTH TO 12 MONTHS.

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B. PAR 1.B(2), SHOW REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS FOR
 1ST MAW (REAR) ELEMENTS AS OKINAWA/JAPAN VICE OKINAWA,
 IN CONSONANCE WITH TROOP LIST A (4-2-1 POSTURE) PROVIDED
 BY REF B.

C. PAR 1.D, DELETE HAWAII AS A PORT OF DEBARKATION
 FOR REDEPLOYING UNITS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMC
 GUIDANCE REFLECTED IN REF C, (I.E., UNDER 4-2-1 OR 4-1-2 POSTURE
 THE INITIAL RLT REDEPLOYED WILL RETURN TO CONUS).

D. PAR 1.F(1), ADD: QUOTE BUT CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE UNIT
 REDEPLOYMENT TOTAL UNQUOTE. AFTER "AS INDIVIDUALS". THIS AGAIN
 EMPHASIZES THAT THIS NUMBER WILL COUNT AGAINST THE
 TOTAL REDEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT.

E. PAR 1.G, RECOMMEND THAT TIME PHASED MOVEMENT
 PROPOSAL BE REPHRASED TO CLEARLY INDICATE THAT IT IS
 SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION PENDING DECISION ON PACOM
 POSTURE (4-2-1 OR 4-1-2), AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION
 ASSETS AT TIME OF REDEPLOYMENT, AND INCORPORATION OF
 TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE IN
 THE CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLAN.

F. PAR 1, I, (5) - CHANGE TO READ: QUOTE REF B APPROVED FOR

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PLANNING MY PROPOSAL TO COMBINE HQ III MAF AND HQ XXIV
CORPS, UNQUOTE. IN CONSONANCE WITH PAR 2, REF B.

G. PAR 2 - DELETE SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES.
UNDER BOTH ALTERNATIVE POSTURES BEING CONSIDERED (I.E.,
4-2-1 AND 4-1-2), RLT-3 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR RETURN
TO CONUS. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2
TRANSIENT FACILITY (U)

1. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLANNING FOR AN INTERIM MARINE CORPS POSTURE IN PACOM, FOLLOWING PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN, HAS IDENTIFIED THE POSSIBILITY THAT CONSTRAINTS OF A STRENGTH CEILING FOR OKINAWA COULD NECESSITATE TRANSFER OF ALL OR PART OF THE CURRENT TRANSIENT FACILITY FROM OKINAWA TO CONUS.

A. AS OF 28 AUGUST APPROXIMATELY 3,998 MARINES WERE EITHER ASSIGNED TO TRANSIENT FUNCTIONS (196 TO THE TRANSIENT FACILITY, MCB, CAMP BUTLER AND 61 TO THE BAGGAGE FACILITY 3D FSR) OR IN A TRANSIENT (1940), CASUAL (601) OR PATIENT ON ROLLS OF CASUAL

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COMPANY (1208) STATUS. THE PATIENTS WERE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN HOSPITALS AS FOLLOWS: OKINAWA 4, JAPAN 618, PHILIPPINES 23, GUAM 540 AND HAWAII 23.

B. IF TRANSIENTS, CASUALS AND/OR PATIENTS ARE TO BE CHARGED AGAINST AN OKINAWA CEILING, UP TO APPROXIMATELY 3,000 OF THE AUTHORIZED CEILING SPACES COULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE RETENTION OF THE TRANSIENT (FACILITY) ON OKINAWA DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. ADDITIONALLY, APPROXIMATELY 1,900 BILLETING SPACES AND 4 WAREHOUSES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE THE FACILITY.

2. (S) IN CONSIDERING THE MOVEMENT OF THE TRANSIENT FACILITY THE LARGEST IMMEDIATE SAVINGS IN PERSONNEL SPACES ON ISLAND WOULD INVOLVE TRANSFER OF THE CASUAL COMPANY TO AN AREA NOT CONSTRAINED BY THE DEPLOYMENT CEILING. EITHER HAWAII OR CONUS QUALIFIES BUT THE FORMER IS GENERALLY OUT OF THE PERSONNEL CHAIN TO WESTPAC AND WOULD POSE NO SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION SAVINGS.

3. (C) THE TRANSFER OF CASUALTY AND CASUAL ADMINIS-

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 TRATION TO CONUS OR SPECIFICALLY
 TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON WOULD REQUIRE THE
 FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO PRE-
 SENT PROCEDURES:

A. TRANSFER THE CASUALS PRESENTLY ON BOARD
 CAMP BUTLER TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON. THESE CA-
 SUALS INCLUDED ON 21 AUG:

9	LEGAL HOLD
287	PHYSICAL PROFILES
89	RELATIVE IN RVN
69	TWICE/THRICE WOUNDED
2	UA (BY SERVICE RECORD)
14	CONFINED
11	EMERGENCY LEAVE (BY SERVICE RECORD)
22	MISCELLANEOUS ADMIN CATEGORIES
65	PRESENTLY AWAITING TRANSPORT UNTIL RETURN TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS

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B. TRANSFER BY SERVICE RECORD ALL PATIENTS
 LOCATED IN PACOM HOSPITALS TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON:
 (1208 MARINES AS OF 21 AUG).

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C. INSTRUCT ALL - IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS TO RETURN
 IMMEDIATELY DIRECT TO CONUS ANY MARINE WHO IS
 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A COMBAT DISQUALIFYING STATUS
 I.E., RELATIVE IN RVN, TWICE/THRICE WOUNDED, SOLE
 SURVIVING SON, ETC.

D. INSTRUCT IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS TO DROP TO
 MCB CAMP PENDLETON ALL CASUALTIES EVACUATED
 FROM RVN ON DAY OF EVACUATION.

E. INSTRUCT PACOM HOSPITAL LIAISON SECTIONS TO
 HOLD MARINES DISCHARGED FROM TREATMENT, INFORM
 CMC, AND REQUEST DISPOSITION.

F. ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING, INQUIRIES,
 BELREPS, AND CONGRINTS CONCERNING CASUALS OR
 CASUALTIES TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON.

G. INSTRUCT ALCON TO EXCLUDE MCB, CAMP BUTLER
 AND INCLUDE MCB CAMP PENDLETON AND CMC ON ALL
 CASUAL AND CASUALTY MESSAGES.

H. TRANSFER 31 PERMANENT PERS ASSOCIATED WITH
 CASUAL COMPANY TO OTHER WESTPAC COMMANDS AND
 BRIDGE MCB, CAMP BUTLER W/L ACCORDINGLY

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4. (C) THE SECOND LARGEST SAVING WOULD RESULT FROM THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY OF SCREENING, PROCESSING, AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON:

A. THIS WILL REQUIRE MCB, CAMP PENDLETON TO STAGE WESTPAC REPLACEMENTS AIRCRAFT LOADS BY DESTINATION I.E., OKINAWA, RVN, JAPAN. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE WEST COAST MOVEMENT COORDINATION CENTER TO INCLUDE CONTROL OF ALL PERSONNEL PORT CALLED THRU MB, TREASURE ISLAND. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION WOULD OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REDEPLOYMENT.

B. COORDINATION OF RETURN TRANSPORTATION TO CONUS AND INTRA-THEATER MOVEMENT WILL BE RETAINED BY MCB, CAMP BUTLER.

C. WESTPAC COMMANDS RECEIVING MARINES NOT QUALIFIED FOR OVERSEAS/COMBAT ASSIGNMENT WILL RETURN THAT MARINE IMMEDIATELY TO CONUS.

D. ALL REPORTING TO CMC CONCERNING TRANSIENTS

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INCLUDING WESTPAC ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO MCB, CAMP PENDLETON.

E. ACTIONS TO REGULATE DEPLOYMENT CEILING STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COORDINATED BY MCB, CAMP PENDLETON WITH COMMANDS CONCERNED, CMC, AND CG FMFPAC.

F. WESTPAC COMMANDS WILL JOIN REPLACEMENTS ON ARRIVAL AND DROP ROTATILES ON DEPARTURE FROM MAJOR COMMANDS VICE PRESENT DEPARTURE FROM WEST COAST AND CAMP BUTLER.

G. LOCATION TIME PROGRAM WILL TERMINATE AT WEST COAST OR JOINING COMMAND VICE CAMP BUTLER.

H. RECOVERY OF SEA CLOTHING, SEARCHES FOR CONTRABAND, AND ISSUE OF UNIFORM ITEMS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BY WESTPAC MAJOR COMMANDS. REMAINDER TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONUS.

I. SCREENING OF PERSONNEL FOR NOMINATION FOR ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS, I.E., MB, FORT MEAD, MB, EIGHTH AND EYE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONUS.

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J. MEDICAL AND CAREER ADVISORY SERVICES
NOW DONE AT CAMP BUTLER TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN
CONUS.

K. DIVERSIONS TO MEET EMERGENCY COMBAT
CASUALTY DEMANDS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY
WESTPAC PERSONNEL LIAISON SECTION, CAMP PENDLETON,
VICE TRANSIENT FACILITY.

L. MPC CURRENCY CONTROL CARDS FOR MARINES
DESTINED FOR RVN TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AT MCB,
CAMP PENDLETON.

M. TRANSFER 196 PERMANENT PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSIENT FACILITY TO OTHER WESTPAC

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COMMANDS AND REDUCE MCB, CAMP BUTLER'S W/L
ACCORDIBLY.

5. (C) TRANSFER OF THE BAGGAGE FACILITY OF THIRD
FSR IS NOT PARTICULARLY REMUNERATIVE IN PERSONNEL.
FURTHER, A FACILITY OF THIS TYPE WILL BE REQUIRED
IN WESTPAC AS LONG AS MARINES ARE SERVING IN BOTH
RVN AND OKINAWA/JAPAN. STEP UP OF SPLIT TOURING
WILL SERVE TO INCREASE THIS REQUIREMENT. IT SHOULD
BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE TRANSIENT FACILITY
WERE MOVED TO CONUS, PRESENT BAGGAGE HANDLING
AND STORAGE POLICIES COULD COME UNDER CLOSE
EXAMINATION TOGETHER WITH AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION,
AND A RESULTING NEED FOR A DUPLICATE BAGGAGE
FACILITY IN CONUS OR RVN MIGHT DEVELOP.

6. (S) IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SERVICES
INVOLVED AND THE ADVANTAGES INHERENT IN ITS PRESENT
LOCATION AND ASSUMING A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION TO
THE QUESTION INT. TRANSIENTS, CASUALS, AND PATIENTS
WILL BE CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE OKINAWA AUTHORIZED
CARRYING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRANSIENT

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 FACILITY BE RETAINED ON OKINAWA. IF, HOWEVER,
 PERSONNEL IN THESE CATEGORIES MUST, IN FACT, BE
 COUNTED AGAINST THE OKINAWA CEILING THEN IT IS
 CONSIDERED THAT THE PSACES INVOLVED (APPROX
 3,000 ESTIMATED DURING THE COMING INTERIM PERIOD)
 CANNOT BE AFFORDED CONSISTENT WITH MORE DEMANDING
 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. UNDER THESE CIRCUM-
 STANCES MOVEMENT OF THAT FACILITY TO CONUS AND
 THE ATTENDANT SHIFT OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO HQMC
 AND MCS, CAMP PENDLETON MUST BE CAREFULLY
 PHASED SO AS TO BE THE LEAST DISRUPTIVE OF ADEQUATE
 CONTROL S DURING IMPENDING REDEPLOYMENTS.
 7. (S) AS A DIRECTLY RELATED MATTER IF THE
 RECOMMENDATION TO RETAIN THE TRANSIENT FACILITY
 ON OKINAWA IS APPROVED, IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED
 THAT CG, FMFPAC BE GRANTED THE TRANSFER AUTHORITIES
 SHOWN BELOW. WITH THIS AUTHORITY IT IS ESTIMATED THAT
 THE CASUAL POPULATION ON OKINAWA COULD BE CUT
 APPROX 50 PERCENT--FROM 600 TO 300.
 A. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER CASUAL MARINES IN

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 RECEIPT OF PCS ORDERS OR ON THE MASTER ASSIGNMENT
 ROSTER TO CONUS WITHOUT REGARD TO RTD.

B. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER MARINES REMOVED
 FROM RVN AS A RESULT OF 2 OR 3 WOUNDS AND WHO HAVE
 COMPLETED 6 MONTHS OF THEIR TOUR IN WESTPAC.

C. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER TO CONUS MARINES WHO
 HAVE A COMBAT DEVELOPED PROFILE WHO WILL NOT
 RETURN TO COMBAT UNITS WITHIN 30 DAYS.

D. AUTHORITY TO RETURN TO CONUS MARINES WHO
 ARE EXEMPTED FROM COMBAT BECAUSE OF A RELATIVE
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A. COMUSMACV 301201Z

B. MACJ-3-022 LTR OF 25AUG69, SUBJ REDUCTION OF FORCES

1. IN REPLY TO REF A THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED.

A. PERSONNEL REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA

(1) NOV RTD'S WILL REDEPLOY AS INDIVIDUALS IN OCT AND BE
CHARGED AGAINST THE REDEPLOYMENT TOTAL. THIS WILL REDUCE THE
ROTATION TOUR LENGTH TO 12 MONTHS.

(2) OCTOBER RTD'S FROM ALL PHASE 2 UNITS WILL ROTATE AS
INDIVIDUALS.

B. DESIGNATION OF UNITS TO BE

(1) INACTIVATED IN VIETNAM - NONE

(2) REDEPLOYED AS UNITS TO SPECIFIED LOCATIONS:

HQ 3D MARDIV

OKINAWA

RLT 4

OKINAWA

1ST MAW (REAR)

OKINAWA/JAPAN

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JAPAN

(3) REDEPLOYED WITHOUT PERSONNEL:

RLT-3 (700 CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL ONLY WILL REDEPLOY)
CONUS

C. EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION. EQUIPMENT WILL BE RETROGRADED WITH
REDEPLOYING UNITS.

D. PORTS OF DEBARKATION: ANY COMBINATION OF IWAKUNI, OKINAWA,
OR CONUS.

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

(1) SPOE INCLUDE DANANG, CUA VIET, TAN MY AND CHU LAI.

(2) APOE INCLUDE DONG HA/QUANG TRI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

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

(1) 7,900 PERSONNEL WILL BE REDEPLOYED AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT
CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE UNIT REDEPLOYMENT TOTAL.

G. TIME PHASING OF MOVEMENT OF UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS: THE
FOLLOWING EMBARKATION UNITS ARE ANTICIPATED HOWEVER THIS IS
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS PENDING DECISION ON PACOM POSTURE,
AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION ASSETS AT TIME OF REDEPLOYMENT,
AND INCORPORATION OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS/MOVEMENT
SCHEDULE IN THE CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLAN.

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UNIT	TIME	MODE
(1) EMBARK UNIT I	D-DAY	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(2) EMBARK UNIT II	D PLUS 7	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(3) EMBARK UNIT III	D PLUS 14	PERSONNEL BY AIR, EQUIPMENT BY SURFACE
(4) EMBARK UNIT IV	D PLUS 30	MAJORITY BY SURFACE
(5) EMBARK UNIT V	D PLUS 42	MAJORITY BY SURFACE
(6) EMBARK UNIT VI	D PLUS 55	MAJORITY BY SURFACE

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO BE MOVED WITHIN RVN BY COMMON SERVICE TRANSPORTATION (NON-ORGANIC): COMMON USER AIR WILL BE UTILIZED FOR IN-COUNTRY AND OUT OF COUNTRY AIRLIFT. MSTIS SURFACE LIFT MAY BE USED DEPENDING ON COURSE OF ACTION SELECTED.
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I. FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

(1) FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO BECOME AVAILABLE AS A
RESULT OF PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS ARE BASED ON FOLLOWING
ASSUMPTIONS:

(A) CONSOLIDATION OF MARINE HELO ASSETS SOUTH OF HAI VAN
PASS.

(B) ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND DANANG WILL PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT
OF UNITS REMAINING IN NORTHERN I CTZ, LESS SEA TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMON ITEM SUPPLY SUPPORT.

(C) UNITS REDEPLOYING WILL RETROGRADE ORGANIC EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICE PECULIAR ITEMS. CLASS V WILL REMAIN IN POSITION WITH
AN IN-KIND TRANSFER OF ASSETS BETWEEN SERVICES.

(2) LOGISTIC FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	INTENDED DISPOSITION
QUANG TRI	CP, FLSG-B	TURN OVER TO ARMY SPT COMD
	ASP (8814 S/T)	SAME
DONG HA	MT MAINTENANCE SHOP	SAME
	ENGR MAINTENANCE SHOP	SAME
	RATION BREAKDOWN POINT	SAME
	(38,000 CU FT REEFER)	
	CLASS V HOLDING POINT	SAME
	(452 S/T OF PROJ 972 MATERIEL)	
	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING STATION	SAME
CUA VIET	FUEL FARM (72X10,000 GAL TANKS)	PHASE OVER TO ARMY SPT COMD
VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE	ASP (1846 S/T)	TURN OVER TO RVNAF OR RETROGRADE, DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION

(3) AVIATION FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION
PHU BAI	AIRFIELD (60 A/C)	TURN OVER U.S. ASSETS TO XXIV CORPS WITH EXCESS TO RVNAF
QUANG TRI	AIRFIELD (76 A/C)	TURN OVER TO XXIV CORPS FOR RESIDUAL FORCE USE
DONG HA	AIRFIELD	TURN OVER TO RVNAF
VANDERGRIFT	COMBAT BASE AIR STRIP	TURN OVER TO RVNAF OR RETROGRADE, DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION

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(4) GROUND COMBAT, COMMAND/CONTROL, AND SUPPORT INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION
VANDEGRIFT	COMBAT BASE (2 MARINE REGT CP'S, TF HOTEL CP)	TURN OVER TO RVNAF, OR REDUCE DEPENDING UPON TACTICAL SITUATION
FSB NANCY	1ST BN, 77TH ARMOR CAMP, FSB	SAME
LZ SALLY	2D BDE 101ST ABN CP, INF BN CAMP, FSB	SAME
FSB SHARON	1ST BN, 11TH INF CAMP, FSB	TURN OVER SOUTHERN ONE-THIRD TO RVNAF
DONG HA	COMBAT BASE	TURN OVER THREE-FIFTHS TO RVNAF
CAMP EVANS	NMCB 11 CAMP	TURN OVER TO XXIV CORPS
CAMP HOOVER (DANANG)	NMCB 5 CAMP	TURN OVER TO 1ST MARDIV
CAMP BARNES (DONG HA)	NMCB 62 CAMP	TURN OVER TO RVNAF
CAMP ADNEIR (DANANG)	NMCB 4 CAMP	TURN OVER TO NAVY SUPPORT ACTIVITY COMMAND DANANG

(5) REF B APPROVED, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, MY PROPOSAL TO COMBINE HQ III MAF AND HQ XXIV CORPS. ADDITIONAL ARMY AND MARINE CORPS FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL PROBABLY BECOME AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION.

(6) ONE ADDITIONAL NMCB CAMP, YET TO BE DETERMINED, WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AT EITHER QUANG TRI, PHU BAI OR CAMP EAGLE.

(7) MAX FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THIS SUBMISSION TO ALLOW FOR AN ASSUMED COMPOSITION AND BASING OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE. PENDING DECISIONS ON THE RESIDUAL FORCE MAY REQUIRE RECONSIDERATION.

2. THE ABOVE IS THE MOST PRECISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM MYLAND; INFO GEN CHAPMAN,
 ADM BRINGLE LIGEN WICKERSON AND VADM SMITH FROM LIGEN GUSE
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WILL BE NO MODIFI-
 CATION TO THE PLANNED EXECUTION DATES OF 30SEP-30NOV FOR PHASE
 II REDEPLOYMENTS MY STAFF IN COORDINATION WITH YOUR STAFF AND
 COMPHIBPAC HAVE BEEN EXAMINING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION
 WHICH WOULD MEET THE ESSENTIAL CRITERIA FOR REDEPLOYMENT, AS
 PRESENTLY KNOWN. THE TWO MOST OVERRIDING REQUIREMENTS AS WE
 SEE THEM ARE TO RETURN RL1-3 PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
 TO CONUS BY 30OCT, AND TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING WESTPAC
 REDEPLOYMENTS OF THE 3D MARDIV (-) AND SELECTED 1ST MAW UNITS

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 TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN BY 30NOV. FURTHER COMPLICATING AND RE-
 STRICTING OUR CHOICE OF OPTIONS IS THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE THE
 REDEPLOYMENT OF RL1-3 UNDERWAY PRIOR TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE
 REMAINDER OF THE 3D DIVISION AND THE 1ST MAW UNITS.

2. (TS) FROM STAFF LIAISON CITED ABOVE ONE COURSE OF ACTION
 HAS EMERGED AS THE MOST FEASIBLE. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING
 MOVEMENT PLAN IS PROPOSED BASED ON THE LATEST EMBARK DATA
 AVAILABLE:

A. COMMERCING 10CT EMBARK RL1-3 IN PHIBRON-3 AUGMENTED
 BY ONE LPA, ONE LKA, AND THREE WESTPAC, 1196 CLASS LST'S. 7TH
 FLT ASSETS UTILIZED WOULD INCLUDE:

IMO JIWA LPM-2

WHEYSTONE LSD-27

COLONIAL LSD-18

BEXAR LPA-237

VASNBURN LKA-168

UNION LKA-106

THREE 1196 CLASS LST'S

B. UPON THE COMPLETION OF EMBARKATION AND SAILING OF
 RL1-3 FOR CONUS, COMMENCE EMBARKATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE

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 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW UNITS UTILIZING THE ASSETS OF THE REMAIN-
 ING ARG AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL 7TH FLT AMPHIBOUS ASSETS THAT
 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN WESTPAC. ON THE ARRIVAL OF PHIBRON-9,
 IN MID NOVEMBER, ACCELERATE THE REMAINING REDEPLOYMENTS AS
 NECESSARY TO COMPLETE MOVEMENT FROM RVN AND ARRIVAL OKINAWA/
 JAPAN BY 30 NOVEMBER. IF SUFFICIENT ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE TO
 COMPLETE THE LIFT OF REMAINING ELEMENTS BY 30 NOVEMBER WITHOUT
 THE NECESSITY TO UTILIZE PHIBRON-9 RECONSTITUTE ONE ARG/SLF
 IMMEDIATELY FROM PHIBRON-9. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WESTPAC
 REDEPLOYMENTS THE SECOND ARG/SLF WOULD BE RECONSTITUTED AS
 RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. (TS) THE ABOVE PROPOSAL WOULD MEET THE PHASE II REDEPLOY-
 MENT REQUIREMENTS AND PRECLUDE THE COSTLY USE OF MSTs AND ALL
 BUT A MINIMUM OF MAC AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER
 TO EXECUTE THE ABOVE PLAN FOR THE RETURN OF RLT-3 TO CONUS,
 AUTHORITY WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A. STAND DOWN AND OFF-LOAD THE SLF EMBARKED ABOARD THE
 PHIBRON-3 ARG IN ORDER TO EMBARK RLT-3 AND ACCEPT THE RESULTANT
 LOSS IN CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT SPECIAL AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.
- B. AUGMENT THE PHIBRON-3 ARG WITH THE UNION (LKA-106) AND

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 THE BEXAR (LPA-237) FOR THE SUBSEQUENT REDEPLOYMENT OF RLT-3
 TO CONUS.

C. AUGMENT PHIBRON-3 WITH THREE WESTPAC L156 CLASS LST'S
 FOR A ONETIME TURN-AROUND LIFT TO CONUS WITH ELEMENTS OF RLT-3
 EMBARKED.

D. OUT CHOP PHIBRON-3 AND AUGMENTING SMIPS TO CONUS SIX
 TO SEVEN WEEKS AHEAD OF SCHEDULED REDEPLOYMENT.

4. (TS) IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE
 REMAINDER OF THE 3D MARDIV AND SELECTED 1ST MAW UNITS TO
 OKINAWA AND JAPAN WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION TO:

A. STAND DOWN AND OFFLOAD THE SECOND ARG/SLF IN ORDER TO
 UTILIZE THE PHIBRON ASSETS FOR THE SHUTTLE OF THE REMAINING
 UNITS TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN.

B. UTILIZE ALL OTHER AVAILABLE WESTPAC AMPHIB RESOURCES TO
 COMPLETE THE MOVEMENT BY 30 NOV.

5. (TS) MY PLANNERS HAVE EXAMINED MANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE
 PLANS WITH YOUR STAFF. SHOULD THERE BE ANY AUTHORIZED DELAY
 IN THE EXECUTION DATES BEYOND 1 OCT SUCH ALTERNATIVES WOULD
 OPEN OTHER POSSIBILITIES THAT MIGHT RELIEVE THE NECESSITY TO
 EMPLOY ARG SHIPPING. URMN REGARDS. GP-4

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 1. (TS) REF A SET FORTH MY CONCEPT FOR DEACTIVATING
 5TH MARDIV (-) (REIN) AND REALIGNING EASTPAC FMF FORCES IN
 COORDINATION WITH PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS. REF B AUTH
 INITIATION OF ACTION TO CADRE ONE RLT OF FIFTH MARDIV
 (-) AND 1ST LAAM BN.

2. (TS) INTEND CADRE 1ST LAAM BN IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 REF C EFFECTIVE 25 SEP 1969, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

3. (TS) FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE IN REF B AND REMAINING
 CONSONANT WITH REF A, ON 15 SEP 1969, UNLESS OTHERWISE
 DIRECTED, I INTEND TO CADRE FOLLOWING UNITS OF 5TH MAR-
 DIV (-) (REIN), EQUATING TO AN RLT, PREPARATORY TO DEACTIVATION

ON 15 OCT 1969

HQ CO (-), 27TH MAR

1ST BN, 28TH MAR

2DBN, 27TH MAR

3DBN, 27TH MAR

13TH MAR (-)

HQ BTRY (-), 13TH MAR

D/S BN, 13TH MAR

G/S BN (-), 13TH MAR

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5TH AT BN (-)
 H&SCO (-), 5TH AT BN
 AT CO, 5TH AT BN
 5TH ENGR BN (-)
 H&SCO (-), 5TH ENGR BN
 ENGR CO, 5TH ENGR BN
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 5TH RECON BN (-)
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 5TH SP BN (-)
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 SPCO, 5TH SP BN
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 HQ CO (-), 13TH ENGR BN
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 5TH FORCE RECON CO (-), FMF
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 1ST SEARCHLIGHT BTRY, FMF
 (PRESENTLY AT ZERO STRENGTH)
 17TH DENTAL CO (-)
 19TH C & TM

4. (TS) FOLLOWING 5TH MARDIV (-) (REIN) UNITS REMAIN
 ACTIVE SUBSEQUENT TO 15 SEP 69 TO SUPPORT RETURN RL1-5:

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5TH SVC BN (-), 13TH ~~ENGR~~ BN (-) 5TH MP BN (-), CO D 13TH ENGR
 BN (-) REMAINS ACTIVE TO SUPPORT MCB 29 PALMS. PRESENT PLANS
 INDICATE POSSIBILITY CADRE THESE UNITS EFF 20 NOV 69.

5. (TS) FOLLOWING 5TH MARDIV (-) (REIN). UNITS PLANNED
 FOR 5TH MEB FORCE STRUCTURE:

A. 5TH MARDIV

28TH MAR (-)

HQ CO 28TH MAR

2D BN, 28TH MAR

3D BN, 28TH MAR

D/S BN (-) (REIN), 13TH MAR

D/S BN (-), 13TH MAR

DET HQ BTRY, 13TH MAR

G/S BTRY (REIN), 4TH BN, 13TH MAR

G/S BTRY, 4TH BN, 13TH MAR

DET HQ BTRY, 4TH BFLN 13TH MAR

DET, 5TH SERVBN

AT CO (-) (REIN), 5TH AT BN

RECON CO (-) (REIN), 5TH RECON BN

MED CO (-) (REIN), 5TH MED BN

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ENGR CO (-) (REIN), 5TH ENGR BN

MT CO (-) (REIN), 5TH MT BN

SP CO (-) (REIN), 5TH SP BN

B. FORCE TROOPS

DET, 15TH DEN CO, FMF

13TH CI TM, FMF

21ST IT TM, FMF

13TH INTERP TM, FMF

9TH SSC TM, FMF

ENGR CO, 13TH ENGR BN, FMF

RECON PLY (REIN), 5TH FORCE RECON CO, FMF

AMIRAC CO (-) (REIN), 5TH AMIRAC BN, FMF

TK CO (-) (REIN), 5TH TK BN, FMF

C. ABOVE UNIT LISTING CONSIDERS BLT 1/27 (NOW

PART OF 1ST MARBDE) AS APPROX 1/3 SLICE RLT-28

6. (TS) INTEND TO DEACTIVATE 5TH MARDIV HQ (HQBW (-)

5TH MARDIV) AND ACTIVATE HQ 5TH MEB ON OR

AFTER 1 DEC 69.

7. (TS) TO FACILITATE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ACTIONS

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 MAJGEN ROBERTSON, MAJGEN OWENS, BGEN HERBOLD, BGEN
 HOFFMAN AND BGEN DWYER, FROM LTGEN BUSE, DELIVER DUR-
 ING WAKING HOURS.

REQUESTED:

A. RESPONSE EARLIEST TO PARS 4.B, D, AND E OF
 REF A.

B. APPROPRIATE RELIEF FROM THE 1529 MARINE FMF
 ASSISTANCE DIRECTED BY REF D.

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 1360 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 C. DELAY/CANCELLATION OF MARINE CORPS ON-SITE
 DISBURSING SURVEY TEAM SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD 13 OCT TO
 14 NOV 69 AS DIRECTED BY CMC LTR CD-MLD 7253 OF 19 JUN
 69. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG FMPAC 102201Z SEP69 (TS SPECAT)
1. MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO REF A:
PAGE FIVE, LINE ONE (6TH WORD) AA 13TH AB BN
TO RD: MT RPT MT VICE ENGR.

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 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FIRST MAW
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN JONES, MAJGEN THRASH AND BGEN FEELEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT

1. THE MOST RECENT ALTERNATIVE FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES DURING PHASE 2 PROPOSED BY CG FMFPAC WOULD ESTABLISH 2 RLT'S AND DIV HQ IN OKINAWA AND 1 RLT IN CONUS. FIRST MAW UNITS WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.
 2. THIS ALTERNATIVE ALSO ENVISIONS REDUCING WESTPAC TOUR LENGTHS TO 12 MONTHS BY ROTATING NOV RTDJS DURING OCT. THE FOLLOWING METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS REDEPLOYMENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED:

A. RLT-3 WILL REDEPLOY INITIALLY IN A CADRE STATUS. 700 KEY PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMPANY RECORDS, EQUIPMENT AND FLAGS TO CONUS.

B. THE REMAINDER OF THE TROOP REDEPLOYMENT TO CONUS WILL BE MADE UP OF RTD'S (III MAF AND OTHER WEST PAC UNITS) ROTATING DURING OCT AS INDIVIDUALS, APPROX 7,900 PERSONNEL.

C. FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF RLT-3, DIV HQ, RLT-4 AND DET FLC WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA AT STRENGTHS TO BE ESTABLISHED BY CG FMFPAC.

D. FIRST MAW UNITS WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN AT STRENGTHS TO BE DETERMINED BY CG FMFPAC.

E. PERSONNEL REMAINING FROM RLT-3 WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED WITHIN III MAF AS REPLACEMENTS FOR NOV RTD'S IN REMAINING UNITS.

3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS.

A. THIRD MARDIV

(1) IDENTIFY 700 KEY PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY RLT-3 TO CONUS. SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE PROPER SECURITY OF RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT. SELECTEES WILL HAVE OVER SEVEN MONTHS IN WESTPAC EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN SPECIALISTS ARE MANDATORY.

(2) BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER THOSE RLT-3 PERSONNEL WITH RTD'S BEYOND NOV WHO ARE NOT DESIGNATED AS KEY PERSONNEL TO OTHER III MAF UNITS AS DIRECTED.

(3) PREPARE TO REASSIGN PERSONNEL FROM RLT-3 TO RLT-4 TO MEET REDEPLOYMENT STRENGTHS WHEN DETERMINED.

B. FIRST MARDIV

(1) PREPARE FOR THE LOSS OF NOV RTD'S DURING OCT.

(2) PREPARE TO RECEIVE PERSONNEL REASSIGNED FROM THIRD

MARDIV.

C. FIRST MAW. PREPARE FOR THE LOSS OF NOV RTD'S DURING OCT.

D. FLC

(1) PREPARE TO REDEPLOY 400 PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THOSE REQUIRED BY PROV SERVBN TO SUPPORT THIRD

MARDIV (-) ON OKINAWA.

(B) REMAINDER TO CONUS.

(2) PREPARE FOR THE LOSS OF NOV RTD'S DURING OCT.

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1. (TS) REF A PROVIDES AMPLIFICATION OF REF B WHICH SET FORTH YOUR CONCEPT FOR DEACTIVATING THE 5TH MARINE DIVISION (-) AND REALIGNING EASTPAC FMF FORCES IN COORDINATION WITH PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN.

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(2) (TS) REF C IN GENERAL CONCURS IN YOUR REF B CONCEPT EXCEPT RETENTION OF V MEF, AND PROVIDES INFORMATION REQUESTED BY PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF B. ADDITIONALLY REF C CONTAINS A TROOP LIST FOR THE 5TH MEB HEADQUARTERS AND THE REMAINING EAST/MID PAC RLI; A COMPLETE LISTING OF 5TH MARDIV (-) UNITS TO BE DEACTIVATED/REDUCED IN STRENGTH AS A RESULT OF PROJECT 703; AND A PROVISIONAL T/O FOR THE 5TH MEB HEADQUARTERS.

3. (S) YOUR CADRE PLAN AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2, 3, AND 4 OF REF A IS CONCURRED IN, AS IS YOUR 5TH MEB FORCE ORGANIZATION EXCEPT IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE IT DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH THE RLI TROOP LIST CONTAINED IN REF C.

4. (TS) THE PROPOSAL, CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF A, TO DEACTIVATE 5TH MARDIV HQ AND ACTIVATE HQ 3TH MEB ON OR AFTER 1DEC69, IS NOT CONCURRED IN. ALL PROJECT 703 DEACTIVATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE ON OR BEFORE 30NOV69. THE 5TH MEB HQ WILL BE ACTIVATED AND BUILT UP, CONCURRENT WITH YOUR CADRE AND DEACTIVATION EFFORTS SO THAT THERE WILL BE AS OOTH TRANSITION AND A FULL 5TH MEB HQ BY 30NOV69. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE REF C T/O FOR 5TH MEB HQ CONTAINS

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 57 MARINE OFF AND 229 MARINE ENL. IT IS NOT PLANNED AT
 THIS TIME TO ACTIVATE THE FIELD MAINTENANCE PLATOON. A
 MANNING LEVEL IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR 55 OFF AND 197 ENL.
 WHEN APPROVED THIS MANNING LEVEL WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU
 5. (S) INFORMATION CONCERNING GARDEN PLOT RESPONSIBILITIES
 DURING PHASED DEACTIVATION PERIOD AND THOSE TO BE ASSIGNED
 5TH MEB IS CONTAINED IN REF D.
 6. (U) YOUR REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM FME ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS
 AND THE ON-SITE DISBURSING SURVEY WILL BE THE SUBJECTS OF
 SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.
 7. (U) REF E PROVIDES RELIEF FROM CERTAIN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

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A. CG FMFPAC 220337Z

B. CG, FMFPAC LTR SER: 0002355 TO CMC OF 11 AUG 69; SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING

1. (TS) SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE PLANNING FOR
 FORTHCOMING PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENTS.2. (TS) IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANSWERS BE PROVIDED TO THE FOLLOWING
 QUESTIONS BASED ON TROOP LISTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCES A AND B:

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

✓ (1) 3D BRIDGE CO (-) 123

✓ (2) 7TH COMM BN (-) 383

? (3) 11TH ENGR BN (-) 725

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

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

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

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

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

G. WHAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF
 THOSE PERSONNEL IN RL1-3 THAT WILL NOT ROTATE OR REDEPLOY AS PART
 OF THE 700 KEY PERSONNEL? NATURALLY A PORTION OF THESE PERSON-
 NEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO RL1-4 TO OFFSET ROTATION LOSSES, WITH THE
 REMAINDER BEING REDISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINING IN-COUNTRY
 UNITS. GUIDANCE IS NEEDED AS TO STRENGTH RL1-4 WILL BE REQUIRED
 TO DEPLOY PRIOR TO DETERMINATION OF EXCESS PERSONNEL TO BE RE-
 DISTRIBUTED.

H. WILL A TRANSFER OPTION BE GRANTED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS

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

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PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT

1. REQUEST THAT HMH-462 REPLACE HMH-361 ON THE PROPOSED PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE.
2. THIS REQUEST DUE TO HMH-361 COMING IN COUNTRY VICE DEPLOYING TO OKINAWA AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

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(b) CG FMFPAC ltr Ser: 0002355 dtd 11 August 1969

Encl: (1) Troop List A (4-2-1 Posture) of 5 September 1969
(2) Troop List B (4-1-2 Posture) of 5 September 1969
(3) Readjustment/Redeployment Summary (4-2-1 Posture) of 8 September 1969

1. (TS) By reference (a), CMC approved the alternative force planning troop lists submitted by reference (b) with certain exceptions.
2. (TS) Enclosures (1) and (2) are revised alternative force planning troop lists reflecting CMC guidance contained in reference (a).
3. (TS) Enclosure (3), in accordance with enclosure (1), summarizes planned readjustment of authorized spaces on Okinawa/Japan and Phase II redeployments from RVN to Okinawa, Japan and CONUS. Strength figures shown in enclosure (3) reflect USMC strengths only.
4. (U) Enclosures (1) thru (3) are provided for your planning guidance.

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TROOP LIST A (2/3 MEF WESTPAC-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>2/3/</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
IF TM	11		11
INTERP TM	6		6
INTERP TM	6		6
TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	5,326	124	5,450

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SLF AFLOAT 3/</u>			40
SLF HQ	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>			
MAG (VH)			
H&MS	345		345
MABS	405	11	416
HMH	257	8	265
HMM	258	4	262
VMO (-)	210		210
VMGR (-)	124	2	126
MATCU	68		68
MACS	234	3	237
DET MASS	39		39
TOTAL MAW (REAR) UNITS	1,940	28	1,968
<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
USNAVINVEST SERV	1		1
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	116		116
<u>TOTAL OKINAWA 4/</u>	19,249	1,058	20,307

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SUBIC BAY 3/</u>			
<u>BLT</u>			
INF BN	1070	68	1138
D/S ARTY BTY	133	3	136
MT PLT	41		41
ENGR PLT	43		43
RECON PLT	24	2	26
SP PLT	30		30
DET FSR	21		21
DET SVC BN	52	1	53
DET MED BN	9	27	36
TOTAL SUBIC BAY	1,423	73	1,524
<u>JAPAN</u>			
<u>MAW (REAR) (-)</u>			
MAW HQ	251	36	287
DET MWHG	102	19	121
DET MACG	60	4	64
MASS (-)	137	2	139
<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	295	2	297
CI TM	16		16
SSC TM	6		6
TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-)	2,779	126	2,905
<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 EMB TOKYO	10		10
FSAO YOKOSUKA	13		13
WESTPAC LN SEC	17		17
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	684		684
<u>TOTAL JAPAN 5/</u>	3,997	295	4,292
<u>MIDPAC/EASTPAC 6/</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
BRIDGE CO (-)	82	1	82
TOTAL RLT	5,905	330	6,234
<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
MATCH	<u>68</u>		<u>68</u>
TOTAL MAG (COMP)	2,092	62	2,154
TOTAL BRIGADE	8,164	340	8,563

NOTES:

- 1/ One BLT Afloat (SLF)
- 2/ One BLT at SLF Camp SUBIC or Afloat
- 3/ Initially 2 SLF's will be maintained Afloat, both from RLT-9 pending realignment/training of RLT-4 on Okinawa. However, budgetary limitations and programmed reductions in amphibious shipping will likely result in only one SLF being maintained Afloat in the future.
- 4/ Includes SLF in TOTAL.
- 5/ 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.
- 6/ Detailed composition of MIDPAC/EASTPAC Forces under a 4-2-1 posture is not firm as of this date. However, it has been determined that a BDE (1-BLT) will be maintained in MIDPAC and BDE(2-BLT's) will be maintained in EASTPAC during the interim period following Phase II redeployment.

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TROOP LIST B (1/3 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 MAB/CTF 79</u>			
MAB/ CTF 79 HQS	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 (-) <u>1/</u>	2426	119	2545
D/S ARTY BN (REIN)	490	15	505
DET HQ BTY	21		21
BTY, G/S ARTY BN	88		88
DET SVC BN	369	5	-374
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
CO, AT BN	77	1	78
TOTAL	4,906	263	5,326

SLF AFLOAT 2/

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	41		41
TOTAL SLF	1,907	87	1,994
<u>MAW (REAR) UNITS</u>			
MAW (REAR) HQ	251	36	287
DET MWGH	102	19	121
DET MACG	60	4	64
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
H&MS DET 5/	219		219
MABS DET 5/	269	5	274
HMM	258	4	262
VMGR	419	4	423
MATCU	68		68
MACS	234	3	237
HMH	257	8	265
DET VMO (60V-10,3UH1)	69		69
REDEYE PLT	45		45
DET MASS (ASRT)	23		23
TOTAL MAW (REAR)	2,607	88	2,695
DET FSR	2,025	46	2,071
TOTAL FSR	2,025	46	2,071
<u>BASE SPT 3/</u>			
MCB BUTLER	1006	67	1073
SUPT CO	466	11	477
H&HS FUTEMA	171	60	231
TOTAL BASE SPT	1643	138	1781
TRANSIENTS AND CASUALS	1500		1500
TOTAL TRANSIENTS AND CASUALS	1500		1500
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>			
D CO MAR SPT BN	62		62
NAF NAHA	53		53
USNAVINST SERV	1		1
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	116		116

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL OKINAWA	14,704	622	15,326
<u>JAPAN</u>			
MAG (VF/VA)			
H&MS (REIN)	579		579
MABS	295	48	343
VMFA (F4J)	333	5	338
VMA (AW)	304	5	309
MATCU	68		68
CI TM	16		16
SSC TM	6		6
TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-)	1,601	58	1,659
<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 LN SEC	17		17
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	654		654
TOTAL JAPAN	2,789	227	3,016
<u>MIDPAC/EASTPAC 4/</u>			
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

MAW (REAR) UNITS

<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

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<u>COUNTRY/UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HMH			
VMO (-)	120		120
MASS (-)	<u>153</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>155</u>
TOTAL MAW (REAR)	2,827	69	2,896
TOTAL MIDPAC/EASTPAC	20,508	1,063	21,571

NOTES:

- 1/ One BLT Afloat (SLF)
- 2/ If two ARG/SLF's are maintained afloat, both would be provided from Okinawa resources.
- 3/ Transient Center Facility would be retained on Okinawa.
- 4/ Detailed composition of MIDPAC/EASTPAC Forces under a 4-1-2 posture is not firm as of this date. However it has been determined that a BDE(1-BLT) will be maintained in MIDPAC and a MEF (Div HQ (-), 1-RLT, and 1-RLT (-)) will be maintained in EASTPAC during the interim period following Phase II redeployments.
- 5/ Units to be organized from withdrawn MAW (REAR) (-) total resources as a PROV MAG.

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READJUSTMENT/REDEPLOYMENT SUMMARY

(4-2-1 POSTURE)

	ADJUSTED AUTH 1/	PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS		INTERIM AUTH
		TO WESTPAC	TO CONUS	
<u>OKINAWA</u>				
MEF HQ	126			126
DATA PROC PLT	24			24
TOTAL MEF HQ	150 2/			150 11/
<u>MAR DIV (-)</u>				
HQ BN	354	708	436	1062
INF REGT (-)		3352	400	2282
INF REGT (-)	1212 3/			2282
ARTY REGT (-)	402	1188	782	1590
ENG BN (-)	158	341	159	499
MED BN (-)	33	86	24	119
MT BN (-)	74	41	68	115
RECON BN (-)	33	309	143	342
SP BN (-)	84	228	84	312
SVC BN (-)	592 4/			592
TOTAL MAR DIV (-)	2942	6253	2096	9195 11/
<u>FORCE TROOPS</u>				
PLT, BRIDGE CO		41		41
TANK BN (-)	207 4/	485		692
AMTRAC BN (-)	591 4/			591
COMM BN (-)	198 5/	190	193	388
ENG BN (-)	355	136	589	491
CI TM	16			16
SSC TM	6			6
DENTAL CO (-)	1	3		4
MT BN (-)	130	171	91	301
FSR (-)	2720		400	2720
PLT ARMD AMPHIB CO	42 6/			42
IT TM		11		11
IT TM		11		11
INTERP TM		6		6
INTERP TM		6		6
TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	4266	1060	1273	5326 11/

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	ADJUSTED AUTH 1/	PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS		INTERIM AUTH
		TO WESTPAC	TO CONUS	
<u>SLF AFLOAT 7/</u>				
SLF HQ	40			40
BLT				
INF BN	1070			1070
D/S ARTY BTY	133			133
107mm MORT BTY	88			88
ENG PLT	43			43
RECON PLT	24			24
SP PLT	30			30
MT PLT	41			41
DET MED BN	9			9
DET SVC BN	52			52
AVIATION				
HMM(21-CH46)	258			258
DET VM0(5-UH1)		32		32
FORCE TROOPS				
PLT TK BN	22			22
PLT AMTRAC BN	35			35
DET FSR	41			41
TOTAL SLF	1886	32		1918 11/
<u>MAW(REAR) UNITS</u>				
<u>MAG(VH)</u>				
H&MS	21	324	164	345
MABS		405	89	405
HMH 8/		233		257
HMM		258	8	258
VM0 (-) 8/		234	8	210
VMGR (-)	124			124
MATCU	68			68
MACS	234			234
DET MASS		39		39
TOTAL MAW (REAR) UNITS	447	1493	269	1940 11/
<u>BASE SPT</u>				
MCB BUTLER	516			516
H&HS FUTEMA	88			88
TOTAL BASE SPT	604			604
<u>DOD SPECIAL</u>				
D CO MARSPT BN	62			62
NAF NAHA	53			53
USNAVINVEST SERV	1			1

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	ADJUSTED AUTH 1/	PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS		INTERIM AUTH
		TO WESTPAC	TO CONUS	
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	116			116
TOTAL OKINAWA 9/	10411	8838	3638	19249
<u>SUBIC BAY 3/</u>				
<u>ELT</u>				
INF BN	1070			1070
D/S ARTY BTRY	133			133
MT PLT	41			41
ENG PLT	43			43
RECON PLT	24			24
SP PLT	30			30
DET FSR	21			21
DET SVC BN	52			52
DET MED BN	9			9
TOTAL SUBIC BAY	1423			1423 <u>11/</u>
<u>JAPAN</u>				
<u>MAW (REAR) (-)</u>				
MAW HQ		251		251
DET MWHG		102		102
DET MACG		60		60
MASS (-)		137	26	137
<u>MAG (VF/VA)</u>				
H&MS (REIN)	510	69		579
MABS	295			295
VMFA (F4J)	333			333
VMFA (F4J)	333			333
VMA (AW)		304		304
MATCU	68			68
DET VMGR	295			295
CI TM		16		16
SSC TM		6	4	6
TOTAL MAW (REAR) (-)	1834	945	30	2779 <u>11/</u>
<u>BASE SPT</u>				
H&HS IWAKUNI	517			517
FUJI DET, MCB BUTLER	17			17
TOTAL BASE SPT	534			534

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	ADJUSTED AUTH 1/	PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS		INTERIM AUTH
		TO WESTPAC	TO CONUS	
<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 LN SEC	17			17
TOTAL DOD SPECIAL	684			684
<u>TOTAL JAPAN</u>	3052	945	30	3997
<u>ADD CONUS (REDEPLOY)</u>				
INF REGT			3752	
BRIDGE CO (-)			82	
DET HQ III MAF <u>10/</u>			62	
HMM			249	
OOCNE			861	
TOTAL ADD CONUS (REDEPLOY)			5006	
TOTAL REDEPLOYED		9783	8674	
			(18,457)	

NOTES:

- 1/ Modified WESTPAC strength authorization following completion of Phase I redeployments, excluding transients and casuals.
- 2/ HQ 9TH MAB deactivated and resources used to form I MEF HQ.

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NOTES:

- 3/ Initially 2 SLF's will be maintained Afloat, both from RLT-9 pending realignment/training of RLT-4 on Okinawa. However, budgetary limitations and programmed reductions in amphibious shipping will likely result in only one SLF being maintained Afloat in the future.
- 4/ Reconstituted on OKINAWA.
- 5/ 9th COM SPT CO deactivated on OKINAWA and resources used to augment redeploying COMM BN (-).
- 6/ Flag of AMRD AMPHIB Co (CADRE) returned to CONUS.
- 7/ Until 3D MAR DIV (-) is redeployed to OKINAWA, SLF(S) will continue to be furnished from 26 MAR resources.
- 8/ Includes 24 additional spaces to offset HMH interim auth personnel deficiencies on OKINAWA.
- 9/ INTERIM WESTPAC posture following Phase II Redeployment will require transfer of TRANSIENT CENTER to CONUS, if transients and casualties are to be charged to the 19.2 K ceiling for OKINAWA.
- 10/ Revised 8/30/69 based on MACV revised Troop List.
- 11/ Development of detailed manpower requirements may require minor adjustments in authorized unit strength not affecting structure.

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 RUMUJLB/CG OMAC CAN THO
 RUMLHPK/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
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 RUEAANA/CNO WASHINGTON
 RUEFHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON
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 RUEADWS/NSA WASHINGTON
 RUEJDCA/DCA WASHINGTON
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 RUADKHA/COMSTSPF YOKAHAMA JAPAN
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S E C R E T SPT93 (U) SECTION 1 OF 3
 SUBJ: COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 182-69 (A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE
 REDUCTION OF US FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM PRIOR TO
 CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES) (S)
 1. (S) EXECUTE COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 183-69 FOR PHASE 2 REDE-
 PLOYMENT OF A 40,500 FORCE, EFFECTIVE 17 SEPTEMBER 1969,
 WHICH IS DESIGNATED C-DAY FOR PHASE 2. D-DAY IS 15 OCTOBER 1969.

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2. (S) SUBJECT OPLAN IS FORWARDED BY MACV LETTER OF PROMULGATION SERIAL 00564389, 10 AUGUST 1969, TO ALL ADDRESSEES.
 3. (S) THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES CHANGE 1, COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 183-69. THE FOLLOWING TROOP LISTS CONSTITUTE PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP SPACE REDUCTIONS AND ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE BASIC PLAN AS APPENDIX I (TROOP LIST) TO ANNEX A (REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCE) TO COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 183-69.

A. US ARMY.

UIC	FRN	PR	UNIT	STR	LOC	CTZ
565	805C032	1	238 CS CO	175	BDC	IV
524	805C043	2	172 TC CO	183	CRH	II
5TG	805C055	3	842 OR CO	233	ONT	I
SMX	805C028	4	826 OD CO	223	LBH	III
580	805C033	5	513 CS CO	275	PHB	I
800	805C049	6	1002 CS CO	244	PHB	I
66J	805C001	7	107 SC CO	350	LBH	III
SMN	805C027	8	295 OD CO	223	CHL	I
FGH	526H394	9	500 TC HHD	56	CRB	II
DFE	526H089	10	53 CS MHC	95	LBH	III
RGS	805C039	11	448 AG DET	29	PMT	II

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D55	804E001	12	20MD HSP	122	PHB	I
027	526H413A	13	24 TC PLT	37	VTO	III
60C	805C065	14	534 CS PLT	47	DAN	III
H89	7010195	15	29 MD HSP	300	LYY	IV
8N5	7010197	16	529 MD CO	73	CHL	I
3TA	526H511	17	45 MD DET	7	LBH	III
D2J	517P0390	18	28 TC PLT	41	AVK	III
5L6	202B0291	19	292 MED DET (DISP)	16	LBH	III
CP4	202B041	20	61 TC CO	167	CRB	I
6J1	099Z001N	21	8 TC HHC	56	VTO	III
667	805D010	22	274 CS PLT	47	DNG	I
BLH	526H075	23	541 MED DET (DISP)	15	LBH	III
CG0	099Z029	24	362 SC CO RR UHF	46	DLT	II
1X6	526I179A	25	30 DET	40	NHA	II
SM9	805C034	26	244 CS CO	183	CRB	III
12R	099Z001J	27	81 HQS SPT COMD	50N	30	LBH III
BTU	526H506	28	240 MD DET	7	PKU	II
AD5	526H495A	29	54 FA HHS	141	LBH	III
EDH	7010019	30	188 FA HHS	127	DHA	I
FTT	701005E	31	1787 IN CO	139	LBH	III

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CUF	2020016	32	272 GP CO	122	NHA	II
14S	526I180A	33	30 DET	15	DNG	I
FNB	517P066A	34	487 TC DET	6	VTO	III
FNC	517P066B	35	488 TC DET	6	VTO	III
C'B	5020031A	36	507 TC GP	30	SON	III

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GRN	417P06SF	83	45 PI DET	5	PLO	III
DBF	805P016	84	405 AS DET	BDE	SPT	77 PLO III
C64	805P009	85	58 SC CO	102	PLO	III
OP7	526I181A	86	SC DET	193	PLM	III
DEQ	526H281	87	551 CS CO	183	L60	III
314	407F007	88	553 CS CO	213	LBH	III
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CB4	805P009	85	58 SC CO	102	PLD	III
OP7	526I181A	86	SC DET	193'	FLM	III
DEQ	526H281	87	551 CS CO	183	LGO	III
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RHMAFA/CG III MAF DANANG

RUMLMQA/CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG

RUMUFGA/CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH

RUMUJLB/CG DMAC CAN THO

RUMLBPN/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI

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RUEFHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON

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RUEADWS/NSA WASHINGTON

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M3110	99K003C	1	1ST BN, 3D MARINES	1166	VCB	I
M3404	99K003U	2	CO B (REIN) 3D ENGR BN	177	QT	I
M3024	99K003W	3	CO C (REIN) 3D MED BN	25	QT	I
M3313	99K003P	4	BTRY A 1ST BN 12TH MAR	133	DH	I
M21335	99K025	5	3D BRIDGE CO	82	PHB	I
M3120	99K003D	6	2D BN 3D MARINES	1166	VCB	I
M3101	99K003B	7	HQ CO (-) 3D MARINES	230	VCB	I
M3310	99K003P	8	1ST BN (-) 12TH MAR	396	DH	I
M3310A	99K003N	9	DET HQ BRRT 12TH MAR	15	DH	I
M3001A	99K003A	10	DET HQ BN 3D MAR DIV	100	QT	I
M21384	99K012	11	CO B 11TH ENGR BN	175	DH	I
M3130	99K003E	12	3D BN 3D MARINES	1166	VCB	I
M3315	99K003P	13	BTRY C 1ST BN 12TH MAR	133	DH	I
M3101A	99K003B	14	DET HQ CO 3D MARINES	24	VCB	I
M3653	99K003X	15	CO B 3D MT BN	79	QT	I
M3553	99K003Y	16	CO B 3D SP BN	102	QT	I
M3600A	99K033	17	DET FLC	150	DNG	I
M3702	99K003V	18	CO A (REIN) 3D RECON BN	95	QT	I
M21635A	99K015	19	COM CO 7TH COM BN	235	DNG	I
M3160	99K003G	20	1ST BN 4TH MARINES	1166	VCB	I

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M1650	99K003X	21	3D MT BN (-)	30	QT	I
M3020	99K003W	22	3D MED BN (-)	85	QT	I
M3400	99K003U	23	3D ENGR BN (-)	323	QT	I
M3001B	99K003A	24	DET HQ BN 3D MAR DIV	200	QT	I
M3301	99K003N	25	HQ BRRT (-) 12TH MAR	229	DH	I
M21430	99K017A	26	3D TK BN (-)	205	QT	I
M21635	99K015	27	7TH COM BN (-)	148	DNG	I
M3333	99K003R	28	BTRY G 3D BN 12TH MAR	133	DH	I
M21383	99K012	29	CO A (REIN) 11TH ENGR BN	175	DH	I
M3170	99K003H	30	2D BN 4TH MARINES	1166	VCB	I
M3151	99K003F	31	HQ CO (-) 4TH MARINES	230	VCB	I
M3001	99K003A	32	HQ BN (-) 3D MAR DIV	644	QT	I
M28023	99K009	33	CO B 9TH MT BN	85	DH	I
M3660B	99K033	34	DET FLC	250	DNG	I
M21335A	99K025	35	PLT 3D BRIDGE CO	41	PHB	I
M3330	99K003R	36	3D BN (-) 12TH MAR	396	DH	I
M3550	99K003Y	37	3D SP BN (-)	210	QT	I
M95986	99K035F	38	15TH ITT	11	QT	I
M95987	99K035G	39	17TH ITT	11	QT	I
M95993	99K035E	40	9TH ITT	6	QT	I

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M95957	99K037E	42	15TH CIT	16	QT	I
M95977	99K038A	43	1ST SSCT	10	DH	I
M21432	99K017A	44	CO A 3D TK BN	140	QT	I
M3180	99K003I	45	3D BN 4TH MARINES	1166	VCB	I
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M28020	99K009	48	9TH MT BN (-)	177	DH	I
M3340	99K003S	49	4TH BN 12TH MARINES	402	DH	I
M3700	99K003V	50	3D RECON BN (-)	357	QT	I
M21380	99K012	51	11TH ENGR BN (-)	375	DH	I
M3333	99K003R	52	BTRY I 3D BN 12TH MAR	133	DH	I
M20063	99K030	53	3D DENTAL CO (-)	3	QT	I
M21433	99K017A	54	CO B 3D TK BN	140	QTH	I
M20128A	99K001A	55	DET HQ III MAF	70	DNG	I
M3000	99K102	56	00CNE	724	DNG	I
M3660	99K102	57	00CNE	14	DNG	I
M2960	99K040A	58	HQ STAFF MACV	18	SGN	III
TOTAL GROUND				15,368		

C. U.S. MARINE CORPS AIR

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UIC	FRN	PR	UNIT	STR	LOC	CTZ
M01158A	05J039	1	1ST MAW HQ (REAR) (PROV MAG 39)	200	DNG	I
M00982	05J042	5	MASS-2	202	QT	I
M01175	05J034	3	HMM-164	266	SLF	I
M01265	05J035	4	HMM-265	249	SLF	I
M01533	99K075	5	VMA (AW)-533	304	CL	I
M01038A	99K058	6	DET H&MS-12	69	CL	I
M01026A	99K079	7	DET MABS-36	110	PB	I
M0143A	05J040	8	DET H&HS-18	60	DNG	I
M01361	99K087	9	HMH-462	233	PB	I
M01026	99K079	10	MABS-36 (-)	384	PB	I
M01024	99K077	11	H&MY-36 (-)	488	PB	I
M01031	99K089	12	VMO-6	274	QTH	I
M01158B	05J039	13	1ST MAW HQ (REAR) (PROV MAG 39)	133	DNG	I
M0101A	99K102	14	00CNE	123	DNG	I
TOTAL AIR				3,115		
TOTAL GROUND & AIR				18,483		

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-	17M013M	1	US NAVY W/3D MAR DIV	916	-	I
-	17M013N	2	US NAVY W/1ST MAW	24	-	I
N55115	050010	3	NMCB 5	748	DNG	I
N55121	050010	4	NMCB 11	749	QT	I
N55493	050010	5	NMCB 53	749	DNG	I
N55114	050010	6	NMCB 4	748	DNG	
N55450	950010	7	NMCB 62	749	DH	
N55287	990079	8	30TH NCR	31	DNG I	
N55466	990078	9	THIRD NCB	25	DNG	I
N65110	050001	10	NSA DANANG	355	DNG	I
N65110	050001	11	NSA DANANG	145	DNG	I
-	050021	12	PATRON DET (VP SQD)	68	CRB	II
NA2065	050025	13	VQ-1	60	CRB	II
N57624C	990026	14	COMSEVENTHFLT DET C	34	TSN	III
N0514300	04F024	15	HQ STAFF MACV	18	SGN	III
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USAF TOTAL 2595

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F. SUMMARY

US ARMY	24603
US MARINE CORPS	10483
US NAVY	5419
US AIR FORCE	2895
FORCE TOTAL	43390

4. (S) APPENDIX II (MOVEMENT SCHEDULE) TO ANNEX A (REDEPLOYMENT

PAGE 5 RHMSMVA 3824 SECRET OF FORCES) TO COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 100-69 WILL BE ISSUED UPON RECEIPT FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

5. (S) A SPECIAL TROOP LIST CARD FOR PERSONNEL AND OR MATERIEL WILL BE SUBMITTED BY UIC AND IF CARD ID NUMBER AS FOLLOWS: UIC

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(COL 1-6) UIC SUFFIX (COL 7) 'F' CARD ID NUMBER (COL 10-12). FOR PROGRAM CONTROL (COL 78-80) ENTER SAA. TROOP LIST CARDS FOR ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MACV, DMA NOT LATER THAN COB 28 SEPTEMBER 1969. TROOP LIST CARDS FOR MATERIEL ARE REQUESTED NOT LATER THAN COB 27 SEPTEMBER 1969.

6. (U) ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS TO THE SPECA FILE SHOULD BE MADE WITH SPECIAL 'C', 'F', AND 'K' CARDS AS REQUIRED AND SUBMITTED TO MACV, DMA, TOGETHER WITH TROOP LIST CARDS. FORMAT FOR ALL CARDS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCPACINST 5230.9 (FAMREP) AND CINCPAC LETTER 5156, SER 001170 DATED 13 MAY 1969. FOR PIN NUMBER (COL 7-10) ENTER 5067. FOR REPORT TYPE (COL 76-77) ENTER WA. FOR SPECIAL 'C' CARDS ENTER UIC IN COLUMNS 19-24.

7. (S) TO IDENTIFY UNITS OR PARTS OF UNITS WHICH WILL REDEPLOY FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, AT DIFFERENT TIMES, THROUGH DIFFERENT POE/APOES, OR TO DIFFERENT PODS, THE SPECIAL 'F' CARD WILL BE PREPARED. DATE UNIT READY TO LOAD (CARD COLUMNS 65-68) WILL USE

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PHASE, PRIORITY, AND INSERT ENTRIES. PHASE (CARD COLUMN 65) WILL BE IN 15 DAY BLOCKS E.G., PHASE I C TO C PLUS 15. PRIORITY (CARD COLUMNS 60 AND 62) WILL BE UNITS LISTED IN ORDER OR PRIORITY OF MOVEMENT WITHIN EACH PHASE. INSERT (CARD COLUMN 68) WILL BE USED BY CINCPAC TO CHANGE PREVIOUS ENTRIES OF PHASE OR PRIORITY. THEREFORE LEAVE BLANK.

8. (U) TO IDENTIFY OUTSIZE CARGO OR SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIREMENTS THE SPECIAL 'K' CARD WILL BE USED.

9. (U) SUMMARY. EACH UNIT WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY SPECIAL 'C' AND A SPECIAL 'F' CARD. IF BY VIRTUE OF LOCATION, MODE, DESTINATION, OR TIME THE MOVEMENT OF PARTS OF THE UNITS IS TO BE DIFFERENT, THEN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL 'F' CARDS WILL BE PREPARED. IF THE UNIT HAS SPECIAL CARGO REQUIREMENTS, THE SPECIAL 'K' CARD WILL BE USED.

10. (S) THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 183-69 IS CHANGED FROM SECRET NOFORN TO SECRET NOFORN EXCEPT AUST, ROK, RVN, NZ AND THAI. CONTENTS OF OPLAN 183-69 CAN BE RELEASED TO RVN AND FVMAF ON A STRICT NEED TO KNOW BASIS. ACTION ADDRESSEES WILL INSURE THAT ONLY THOSE PORTIONS OF THE OPLAN ARE RELEASED THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR COORDINATION AND PLANNING PURPOSES.

11. (U) DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN SERVICES AND UNITS INVOLVED IN THE

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EXECUTION OF PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED.

12. (U) COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 183-69 SUPERSEDES COMUSMACV OPLAN NO. 182-69 WHICH MAY BE DESTROYED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICE REGULATIONS, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

13. (S) COMPONENT COMMANDERS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH FIELD FORCE COMMANDERS WHERE APPROPRIATE, WILL IDENTIFY AND SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS THOSE FIRE SUPPORT BAGES, BASE CAMPS AND MAJOR INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TURNOVER TO

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INFORMAL STAFF NOTE FROM FMFPAC CHIEF OF STAFF BGEN WILSON TO
 III MAF CHIEF OF STAFF BGEN DOOLEY
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 130744Z/AUG69(TS)(SPECAT)

B. CG FMFPAC 100309Z/SEP69(TS)(SPECAT)

1. (S) THE PURPOSE OF THIS INFORMAL STAFF NOTE IS TO UPDATE
 YOU ON PLANS FOR REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING CONFERENCES TO BE HELD
 HERE IN HAWAII AND TO PROVIDE YOU WITH LATEST INFO ON THE
 COURSES OF ACTION BEING CONSIDERED FOR PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT.
 2. (TS) LATEST INFO PASSED TO US FROM CINCPAC IS THAT A PHASE
 II REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD HERE ON
 APLUSHINE AND APLUSTEN (ABOUT 25 SEPT) PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS PERS
 MOVEMENT, PERS POLICIES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PSYCHOLOGICAL OPS, ADP
 APPLICATION AND PROGRAM 7 REDUCTIONS. THIS CONFERENCE WILL THEN
 BE FOLLOWED BY A CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE ON

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APLUSIXTEEN WHICH WILL MATCH THE PERSONNEL AND CARGO MOVEMENT
 REQUIREMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITIES AND PUBLISH THE
 MOVEMENT PROGRAM. I CAN FORESEE CONFLICTS IN THE APLUSIS CONFERENCE
 IN THAT RL1-5 SHOULD BE EMBARKING ABOARD AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT
 SHIPPING FOR MOVEMENT TO CONUS ABOUT THAT TIME. THUS, IT
 WOULD APPEAR THAT WE WILL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER WITH NAVY
 REPS AND YOUR PLANNERS HERE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT
 WE GIVE THE NAVY ADEQUATE TIME TO ISSUE SAILING ORDERS TO
 THE SHIPS SIMILAR TO THAT REQUIRED FOR KEYSTONE EAGLE. UNLESS
 YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS RECOMMEND A REP FROM III MAF WITH
 BEST EMBARK DATA AVAILABLE DEPART FOR THIS HQ EARLIEST. I
 THINK WE CAN SETTLE THE ENTIRE PACKAGE IN A FEW DAYS AND
 RELEASE YOUR REPS TO RETURN TO RVN. WE CAN CERTAINLY COVER
 FOR THE APLUSHINE AND APLUSIS CONFERENCE IF WE HAVE YOUR
 EMBARKATION DATA. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS.

3. (TS) A G-4 REP ATTENDED A BRIEFING FOR CINCPACFLT (ADM
 NYLAND) ON 15 SEP, WHICH BRIEFED TWO COURSES OF
 ACTION, (A) COM 7TH FLT'S AUGUST PLAN, AND (B) FMFPAC'S
 PROPOSAL WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY CONTAINED IN REF B. AS YOU
 KNOW, 7TH FLEET'S PROPOSAL IS PRIMARILY BASED ON THE RESULTS

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 OF THE LAST QUARTERLY 7TH FLT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING
 CONFERENCE HELD IN YOKO 4-8 AUGUST AND THIS PROPOSAL IS
 OUTLINED IN REF A. THIS OPTION DOES NOT MEET THE JCS IMPOSED
 REQUIREMENT TO RETURN RL1-3 TO CONUS BY 30OCT69. WHILE OUR
 PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE A DEGRADATION IN THE CAPABILITY TO
 CONDUCT SPECOPS, WE FEEL THAT THIS IS THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION
 WHICH WILL SATISFY JCS AND CMC AND KEEP EXPENDITURES TO AN
 ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. CINCPACFLT MADE THE DECISION TO GO FORWARD
 TO CINCPAC RECOMMENDING THE 7TH FLEET PLAN IF, REPEAT IF,
 CINCPAC CAN CONVINCE THE JCS TO FALL BACK ON THE REQUIREMENT
 TO HAVE RL1-3 CLOSE CONUS BY 30OCT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE THEY
 WILL PROPOSE THE FMFPAC PLAN WHICH MEETS THE JCS AND CMC
 REQUIREMENTS BUT REQUIRES STANDING DOWN BOTH ARG/SLF'S FOR
 VARYING PERIODS OF TIME DEPENDING ON THE MOVEMENT ALTERNATIVE
 SELECTED.

4. (1S) TO KEEP YOU ABREAST OF OUR LATEST PLANNING THE
 FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED:

A. COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN REF B (ALT 1)

(1) STAND DOWN THE ARG/SLF ABOARD PHIBRON 3 SHIPS AND
 UTILIZE PHIBRON 3 AUGMENTED WITH 1 LPA, 1 LKA, AND 3-4 WESTPAC

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 1ST'S TO EMBARK RL1-3 ABOUT 1-6 OCT. ARRIVAL IN CONUS WOULD
 BE ABOUT 30 OCT. PERSONNEL OF RL1-3 FOR WHICH NO BERTHING
 SPACE IS AVAILABLE, AND THE 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW CASUALS AND
 ROTATEES, WOULD BE AIRLIFTED TO CONUS COMMENCING ABOUT 7 OCT
 AND EXTENDING UNTIL 22 OCT. WE ESTIMATE 19 MAC MISSIONS WOULD
 BE REQUIRED FOR THIS LIFT.

(2) SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ABOVE, ABOUT 1-2 OCT, THE
 SECOND ARG/SLF WOULD STAND DOWN AND COMMENCE EMBARKATION OF
 THE REMAINDER OF THE 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW FOR THE SHUTTLE TO
 OKINAWA AND JAPAN. BASED ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
 WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN EMBARKATION UNITS ARE REQUIRED
 IN THE SHUTTLE. THESE EMBARKATION UNITS WOULD SAIL 2 OCT, 6OCT,
 19 OCT, 2 NOV, 4 NOV, 12 NOV, AND 23 NOV. ACTUAL COMPOSITION
 OF THE EMBARK TEAMS AND SCHEDULING ARE BEING REFINED AS THE
 G-3 DEVELOPS THE TROOP LIST.

B. COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN REF B (ALT 2)

(1) STAND DOWN THE PHIBRON-3 ARG/SLF AND EMBARK RL1-3
 AS DISCUSSED IN 4.A.1 ABOVE. THE AIRLIFT OF SEALIFT EXCESS
 AND THE 3D MARDIV/1ST MAW CASUALS AND ROTATEES WOULD BE
 ACCOMPLISHED IN THE SAME MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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(2) THE STAND DOWN OF THE SECOND ARG/SLF WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL 30 OCT AT WHICH TIME THE SHUTTLE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN WOULD COMMENCE. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF PHIBRON-9, ESTIMATED FOR 9-10 NOV IF AN INCREASED SCA IS AUTHORIZED, THE TEMPG OF THE SHUTTLE WOULD BE INCREASED TO THE MAXIMUM AVAILABILITY OF SHIPS IN AN EFFORT TO COMPLETE THE MOVE BY 30 NOV.

5. (TS) UNDER BOTH OF THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE FMFPAC PLAN THERE WOULD BE A STAND DOWN OF ONE OR BOTH ARG'S. ALT ONE WOULD STAND DOWN BOTH FROM APPROX 1 OCT UNTIL 10 NOV. ALT TWO WOULD STAND DOWN ONE ARG/SLF 1 OCT AND DELAY THE STAND DOWN OF THE SECOND UNTIL 30 OCT, AT WHICH TIME BOTH ARG'S WILL PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RECONSTITUTE THE SLF'S UNTIL 20 NOV-DECEMBER. THE CHOICE OF ALTERNATIVES WILL HINGE ON WHICH IS MORE PALATABLE TO GEN HICKERSON AND COMUSMACV. FROM A PURELY EMBARKATION POINT OF VIEW THE 1ST ALT EASES THE LOAD ON YOU BY SPREADING THE LOADING/EMBARKATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE DIVISION AND WING OVER A TWO MONTH PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD REDUCE THE SATURATION AT THE POD'S IN OKINAWA AND JAPAN, AS STATED PREVIOUSLY THERE IS NOT MUCH CHOICE IN STANDING DOWN THE ARG/SLF'S.

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ITS MERELY A QUESTION OF WHEN, AND ITS EFFECT ON YOUR OPERATIONS. THE NAVY IS HURTING IN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING AND IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE AS THE PROJECT 703 REDUCTIONS TAKE EFFECT. WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXHAUST EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT WILL EASE YOUR BURDEN. I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THINGS DEVELOP. WARM REGARDS.

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1. (TS) THIS RESPONDS TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS
 POSED IN REFERENCE A, SPECAT TO BGEN WILSON
 FROM BGEN DOOLEY AND IS OF TIMELY INTEREST AND
 CONCERN TO INFO ADDEES. REFERENCE B PROMULGATED

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 A REVISED LIST (4-2-1 POSTURE) AND AN ASSOCIATED
 REDEPLOYMENT/READJUSTMENT
 SUMMARY, WHICH ARE SOURCES FOR FIGURES USED IN
 THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE (SPACES REFERRED TO ARE
 FROM PROGRAM 7):

A. PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS OF PROGRAM SPACES
 FROM RVN TO OKINAWA, JAPAN AND CONUS ARE
 SUMMARIZED IN ENCLOSURE (3) TO REFERENCE B.
 SPECIFICALLY:

(1) 3D BRIDGE COMPANY (-) WILL REDEPLOY TO
 CONUS WITH 82 SPACES. ONE PLATOON OF 41 PERSONNEL
 AND SPACES WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA. BOTH THE
 3D BRIDGE COMPANY (-) AND THE BRIDGE PLATOON WILL
 REDEPLOY WITH ON ROLLS PERSONNEL AND ALL ON-HAND
 T/E EQUIPMENT AND OP STOCKS LESS THAT INSTALLED
 TACTICAL BRIDGING WHICH CG, III MAF DETERMINES
 WILL REMAIN IN COUNTRY.

(2) 7TH COMM BN (-) WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA
 WITH 190 USMC PERSONNEL AND SPACES. 9TH COMM
 SUPPORT CO, WHICH WILL BE DEACTIVATED ON OKINAWA

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 AND RECONSTITUTED IN CONUS, WILL AUGMENT REDEPLOYING
 7TH COMM BN (-) WITH 198 PERSONNEL. 7TH COMM
 BN (-) WILL REDEPLOY TO OKINAWA WITH ALL ON-HAND
 T/E EQUIPMENT AND OP STOCKS LESS THOSE ASSETS
 REQUIRED BY ELEMENTS OF THE BATTALION REMAINING
 IN COUNTRY. ADDITIONALLY, 193 7TH COMM BN (-) SPACES
 WILL BE RETURNED TO CONUS FOR DELETION FROM
 ACTIVE STRUCTURE.

(3) 11TH ENGINEER BN (-) WILL REDEPLOY TO
 OKINAWA WITH 136 USMC PERSONNEL AND SPACES.
 ENGINEER CO (REIN), 11TH ENG BN (-) WILL REDEPLOY
 TO CONUS WITH 199 SPACES. THE ENGINEER BN (-) AND
 ENG CO (REIN) WILL REDEPLOY WITH ALL ON-HAND
 T/E EQUIPMENT AND OP STOCKS. ADDITIONALLY,
 490 11TH ENG BN (-) SPACES WILL BE RETURNED TO
 CONUS FOR DELETION FROM THE ACTIVE STRUCTURE.

(4) ALL SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (T/E PA960)
 ASSETS HELD BY 3D BRIDGE CO (-), 7TH COMM BN (-)
 AND 11TH ENGINEER BN (-) WILL BE SCREENED/
 REDISTRIBUTED IAW GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFERENCE

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(5) DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF PERSONNEL
 STRENGTH BY GRADE AND SKILL TO BE REDEPLOYED
 WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

B. THE DET FSR/FLC (400 SPACES) WILL BE RE-
 DEPLOYED FROM RVN TO CONUS DURING PHASE II.
 HOWEVER, A LISTING OF FLC T/E EQUIPMENT ASSETS
 REQUIRED TO ENABLE THE PROVSRVBN ON OKINAWA
 TO ASSUME SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV (-), IF ADDITIONAL
 ASSETS ARE REQUIRED, WILL BE OBTAINED BY CG,
 III MAF, IAW PAR 3D OF REF C THROUGH DIRLNAUTH WITH
 CG, NINTH MAB WHEN IMPLEMENTED. WHEN DIRECTED,
 FLC T/E ASSETS REQUIRED BY PROVSRVBN, 9TH MAB
 WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT
 REDUCING TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL THE COMBAT
 SERVICE SUPPORT FOR III MAF FORCES REMAINING IN
 COUNTRY.

C. THE DETACHMENT OF FLC SCHEDULED FOR
 RETURN TO CONUS WILL REQUIRE THE IDENTIFICATION
 OF 400 PROGRAM 7 SPACES, WHICH IS TO SAY 400 GRADES

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 AND SKILLS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE FLC MANNING LEVEL.
 NO FLC T/E EQUIPMENT OR OP STOCKS ARE
 SCHEDULED FOR REMOVAL WITH THIS DETACHMENT
 AND IN CONSEQUENCE NO KEY PERSONNEL WILL BE
 REQUIRED. THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL NEEDED TO
 REPRESENT A PROGRAM 7 STRENGTH REDUCTION
 EQUIVALENT TO THE 400 WILL BE SATISFIED BY THE
 REDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM THE EARLY ROTATION OF
 NOVEMBER RTD'S.

D. THE R&R PROGRAM IS A III MAF MANAGED
 PROGRAM AND I DEPER TO CG III MAF'S JUDGEMENT AS TO THE
 BEST TIME FOR ITS CUTOFF WITH RESPECT TO
 REDEPLOYING UNITS. GENERALLY SPEAKING THE
 MAGNITUDE OF THE PERSONNEL TRANSFERS ATTENDANT
 TO A PROBABLE SHIFT TO A 12 MONTH TOUR POLICY (SEE PARA
 1E BELOW) SHOULD NECESSITATE VERY PROMPT ACTION.
 IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE
 SUSPENDED FOR ALL PERSONNEL PRESENTLY IN CONUS
 BOUND UNITS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PERSONNEL IN
 THOSE UNITS, WHO ARE TO REMAIN IN RVN, ARE

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 REASSIGNED TO THEIR NEW UNITS. AT THAT TIME THEY
 SHOULD BE RESCHEDULED INTO THE PROGRAMS OF THEIR
 NEW UNITS. ACCORDINGLY, IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO ADJUST
 QUOTAS UPWARD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER FOR OTHER
 THAN PHASE II REDEPLOYING UNITS IN ORDER THAT PERSONNEL
 TRANSFERRED OUT OF US BOUND REDEPLOYING UNITS, BUT REMAINING
 IN RVN AND HAVING MISSED A SCHEDULED OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
 R&R WITH THEIR OLD UNITS, WILL BE PROVIDED QUOTA
 OPPORTUNITIES ONCE REASSIGNED.

E. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO STATE THAT A
 CONTINUING 12 MONTH TOUR POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED,
 AN INITIAL STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL WILL BE MADE WITH
 THE RETURN OF ALL WESTPAC NOVEMBER ROTATEES IN
 ASSOCIATION WITH THE OCTOBER CONUS REDEPLOYING
 UNITS. BASED ON PLANS NOT YET FINALIZED AS A GENERAL
 SCHEDULE: KEY PERSONNEL (700) AND 1540 NOV RTD'S (NOT
 TO INCLUDE 2400 NOV RTD'S ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELEASE
 WHO MAY RETURN BY AIR) FROM RVN COMMANDS WILL
 DEPART RVN BY SURFACE IN EARLY OCT TO ARRIVE IN CONUS
 BY 30 OCT CXU HAS AIR/SEA TRANSPORTATION QUOTAS UNDER STUDY.
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 OCT RTD'S FROM RVN COMMANDS (4535) WILL
 RETURN BY AIR BETWEEN 1 OCT AND 25 OCT. OCT RTD'S
 FROM OKINAWA/JAPAN WILL RETURN BY AIR BETWEEN 1
 OCT AND 30 OCT. REMAINDER OF THE NOV RTD'S FROM
 RVN COMMANDS (160) WILL RETURN BY AIR BETWEEN 25 AND
 30 OCT. NOV RTD'S FROM OKINAWA/JAPAN (1029)
 WILL RETURN BY AIR IN EARLY NOV. IF, IN FACT, THE
 12 MONTH TOUR POLICY IS APPROVED, EFFECTIVE BY
 EARLY NOV-DEC RTD'S WILL CLEAR WESTPAC BY 30

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 NOV AND ON 1 DEC ALL RTD'S WOULD BE ADVANCED BY
 30 DAYS, IF, HOWEVER, DUE TO PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS,
 SUCH A POLICY CANNOT BE EFFECTED AT THAT TIME,
 THERE WILL PROBABLY BE NO REPLACEMENTS
 IN OR ROTATEES OUT OF WESTPAC DURING NOVEMBER.

F. REPLACEMENT INPUT TO CONUS DEPLOYING
 UNITS WILL BE TERMINATED AND REPLACEMENTS TO
 UNITS DESTINED FOR OKINAWA/JAPAN WILL BE DIVERTED
 TO THOSE LOCATIONS. REPLACEMENTS TO OTHER IN
 COUNTRY UNITS WILL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF
 GAINS FROM PERSONNEL REASSIGNED FROM DEPLOYING
 UNITS (PERSONNEL WITH DEC 69 RTD'S OR LATER).

G. REDISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL NOT ROTATING
 OR REDEPLOYING AS PART OF THE 700 KEY PERSONNEL
 WITH RLT 3 WILL BE MADE TO WESTPAC UNITS IN
 GENERAL PROPORTION TO THE NOVEMBER RTD LOSSES
 FROM THOSE UNITS. PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS TO
 OKINAWA AND JAPAN WILL BE AT STRENGTHS AS SHOWN
 IN ENCLOSURE 3 OF REFERENCE B. IN TOTAL THAT
 REDEPLOYMENT IS 9783.

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 H. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO UNITS REDEPLOYING TO
 OKINAWA SHOULD ACCOMPANY THOSE UNITS. NO
 TRANSFER OPTION IS CONTEMPLATED FOR PERSONNEL
 WHO HAVE EXTENDED THEIR OVERSEAS TOURS.
 2. (S) THE CONCEPT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MIX-
 MASTER IS THAT WESTPAC PMS WILL BE THE PRIMARY
 TOOL AND THE COORDINATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED
 AT THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH III MAF PROVIDING ADVICE
 AND ASSISTANCE. WE PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES
 FROM THE PERSONNEL AND EMBARK SECTIONS OF THIS
 HEADQUARTERS ARMED WITH THE DATA AND REASSIGN-
 MENT AUTHORITY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MORE RAPID
 RESPONSE. EVENTS OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS SHOULD
 HELP TO CLARIFY MATTERS. IN THE INTERIM I AM
 HOPEFUL THAT THE ABOVE WILL ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING.
 OBVIOUSLY WE WILL BE LEFT WITH VERY LITTLE TIME
 TO SET A VERY COMPLEX OPERATION IN MOTION. WE
 INVITE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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Subj: TELECON, G-3 III MAF w/BGen WILSON, C/S FMFPAC
180300H Sep69

1. MACV msg 170022Z Sep69 sets D-Day at 15 October. JCS directed that RLT-3 close CONUS by 31 October. CINCPAC is going to JCS requesting relief in this regard but doubt if relief can be obtained. The early date was dictated for the following reasons: Saves Marine Corps 2 1/2 million dollars per month; Forces required by 5th MarDiv; The image (withdrawing large forces almost immediately). Doubt if any decision will be made in this regard prior to the return of Admiral McCain on 18 September.
2. Understand III MAF preference for Alternative II. Will attempt to sell.
3. The concern about ARG/SLF availability is primarily Navy. They want to be able to keep at least one ARG/SLF for contingency purposes.
4. FMFPAC has not yet received the embarkation data submitted by III MAF. Will check to see if it is adequate or if an embark rep is still required to come to FMFPAC. Gen WILSON inquired as to whether same data was provided to MACV. (✓)
5. General WILSON had talked with General PLATT. Saving money is the big thing. All ships possible will be used to reduce the number of personnel flying. About 5,000 USMC personnel will go via ship and approximately 3,000 by air.
6. CMC has deferred decision on prolonging the reduction of O/S tour to 12 months. The 12 months will still apply to the November RTD's. Problems of input due to low recruiting and draft. ALMAR on early releases will be promulgated. Will be the same as current ALMAR in this regard.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON, C/S FMFPAC
FROM BGEN DULACKI, G-3 III MAF.

INFORMAL STAFF NOTE

FORCE PLANNING

A. CG FMFPAC 170247Z SEP 69 TS SPECAT

B. CG III MAF 120346Z SEP 69 (AUTODIN TRANSMISSION OF
FAMREP DATA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AND OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR RLI-3 MUST MEET CONUS
REQUIREMENTS AND 1 OCT READY DATE IS EXTREMELY SHORT.
(3) STANDDOWN OF TWO RLI'S AND THE WING ELEMENTS WOULD
REQUIRE AN ACCELERATION OF ARMY TAKEOVER OF THESE
FACILITIES FASTER THAN THAT PLANNED FOR, AND MIGHT
CAUSE SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF NORMAL OPERATIONS
IN THE AREAS AFFECTED. (4) INCREASED BURDEN ON 3RD
MARDIV AND SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

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

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

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

(3) THIS WOULD EFFECT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF EMBARK
UNITS AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SORTIES, THUS ENHANCING
THE PROBABILITY OF COMPLETION WITH MINIMUM SCHEDULE CHANGES.
(4) THE TIME REMAINING BETWEEN 25 NOV AND 15 DEC WOULD ACT
AS A BUFFER TO ASSURE COMPLETION BY 15 DEC. SUCH A BUFFER
IS CONSIDERED ALMOST A NECESSITY IN VIEW OF THE ONCOMING
MONSOON WEATHER.

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

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

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

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

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1. FMFPAC had not received the FAMREP data transmitted by III MAF on 12 Sep; G-4 informed; will retransmit. Upon receipt of this data, will decide whether or not it is necessary for embark rep to proceed to FMFPAC. In any case, the meeting between III MAF and FMFPAC (prior to the A plus 9 CINCPAC meeting) might be held at Yokosuka.
2. G-3 informed BGen WILSON that BGen KRAFT stated that he definitely desires III MAF reps at the A plus nine meeting in CINCPAC. BGen WILSON stated that he has no objection. Believe the emphasis will be on G-4 items at this meeting.
3. For planning purposes, BGen WILSON states that we can go ahead with Alternative #2, i.e., RLT-3 embark 1-6 October and remainder of Division would begin shuttling about 30 October. This is, of course, subject to change.
4. Guidance on units redeploying: There will be lean years ahead; bring out all the gear possible; e.g., it will be necessary to fix up a base camp at Subic.
5. Will not know for a couple of days as to whether or not there will be any relief from JCS on the requirement for the early departure of RLT-3.

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INFORMAL STAFF NOTE FROM G-4 COL SUPER
TO G-4 COL DAVIS

REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 120346Z/SEPT69 (AUTODIN)
B. TELECON BGEN WILSON WITH BGEN DULACKI 171000Z
SEPT69.

C. CG FMFPAC 176247Z/SEPT69 (TS) (ISN)
D. CG FMFPAC 180309Z/SEPT69 (TS) (SPECAT)

1. (U) THE FAMREP DATA TRANSMITTED BY REF A AND REFERRED TO BY GEN DULACKI DURING REF B HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED HERE ACCORDING TO OUR DPI. WE HAVE REQUESTED YOUR CMD CENTER TO RETRANSMIT.
2. (TS) IN REGARD TO SENDING YOUR EMB REP TO THIS HQ, AS CITED IN REF B AND C, DO NOT SEND RPT DO NOT SEND. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO HAVE CINCPACFLT DIRECT CONSEQUEN-

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THFLT TO HOLD EMBARKATION PLANNING CONF AT YOKOSUKA ON A PLUS 6 OR A PLUS 7. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL DO SO WITHOUT OUR FORMAL REQUEST. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR FULL ANALYSIS OF REQUIREMENTS VERSUS ASSETS, AND ASSURE THAT INPUT TO COMUSMACV AND SUBSEQUENT CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLAN WERE ACCURATE AND SYNONYMOUS. A MEETING AT YOKOSUKA WAS OUR INITIAL DESIRE BUT COMSEVENTHFLT'S LACK OF UNDERSTANDING THAT THE 8 AUG SCHED CONF PROGRAM WAS OBE HAS COMPLICATED THINGS WITH CINCPACFLT AND WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ENOUGH TIME FOR YOKO CONF. TODAY CINCPACFLT FINALLY TOLD COMSEVENTHFLT OF THE JCS CHANGES AND THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF D. PARA 3 OF REF C REFERS.

3. (TS) ON THE SURFACE DO NOT RECOMMEND PLANNING FOR DELETION OF ANY AVAILABLE ASSAULT SHIPS UNTIL AFTER YOKOSUKA CONF. ALSO, THE NEW WORD FROM CMC IS THAT WE SHOULD FULLY UTILIZE RETURNING SHIPS FOR PERSONNEL LIFT; THEREFORE, THE LPA ESPECIALLY WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS.
4. (U) WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDED AT ANY TIME. WARM REGARDS

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SPECIAL LANDING FORCES (SLF'S) (U)

A. CG FMFPAC LTR 3P/DBA OF 12SEP69 SER 0322481 (NOTAL) - att

B. CMC 051042Z/SEP69 (TS) (NOTAL) *not held*

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDES ALTERNATIVE FORCE PLANNING TROOP LISTS REFLECTING CMC GUIDANCE. REF B, IN PART, APPROVES REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE HMM FROM WESTPAC TO CONUS AS PART OF PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE.
2. (TS) PRESENT PLANNING ANTICIPATES RVN OFFLOAD OF BLT 1/26 AND REDEPLOYMENT OF HMM-265 (LESS AIRCRAFT) TO CONUS WITH BLT-3 ELEMENTS ABOARD PHIBRON THREE SHIPPING IN EARLY OCTOBER. HMM-265 WILL OFFLOAD CH-46A'S AT MCAF, FUEMA FOR REJECTION THAT LOCATION AND WILL BE PROVIDED CH-46D'S UPON ARRIVAL 3D MAF

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3. (S) PLANNING FORECAST INDICATES HMM-164 WILL REMAIN EMBARKED AND CONTINUE SCHEDULED SPECIAL OPERATIONS WITH BLT 2/26 FOR DURATION OF PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT UNLESS ARG BRAVO ASSETS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT PHASE II. SHOULD THIS LATTER EVENTUALITY OCCUR, BLT 2/26 WOULD OFFLOAD RVN. IF ALL LPH SPACE WERE REQUIRED, HMM-164 WOULD TEMPORARILY OFFLOAD.

4. (S) PHIBRON NINE UPON ARRIVAL WESTPAC IN EARLY NOV69 IS SCHEDULED TO ASSIST IN PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE FORCES. DURING THE LATTER PORTION OR UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS, IT IS INTENDED TO RECONSTITUTE SLF'S FROM OKINAWA ASSETS; SPECIFICALLY, TWO BLT'S OF RLT-9 AND HMM-164 AND HMM-165. RLT-26 WILL THEN HAVE ITS THREE BLT'S IN-COUNTRY.

5. (S) REQUEST THEREFORE THAT YOU COMPLETE NECESSARY TRAINING AND LOGISTIC PREPARATION OF TWO BLT'S OF RLT-9 AND HMM-165 BY 1 NOVEMBER IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY, ON ORDER, ASSUME SLF RESPONSIBILITIES SUBSE-

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 FROM OKINAWA ASSETS WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO
 THE 1ST MAW FOR CH-46A SUPPORT, A FULL CH-46A IMA
 CAPABILITY AT FUTEMA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AS SOON AS
 POSSIBLE.

6. (U) MORE FINITE INFORMATION ON UTILIZATION OF
 ARG SHIPPING FOR PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE
 PROVIDED WHEN KNOWN.

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 GEN BROWN CMDR 7AF
 LTG MILDREN DEPCG SARV

LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (U)

REFERENCE: A. CINCPAC KRA 4011/171140Z SEPTEMBER 1969 NOTAL. *NOT HELD*
 B. CINCPAC KRA 4012/171142Z SEPTEMBER 1969 NOTAL. *NOT HELD*

1. (S) REF A AND B REQUESTED NAMES, GRADE, SECURITY CLEARANCE, BILLETING REQUIREMENTS AND ETA OF MACV PERSONNEL SELECTED TO PRE-REDEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AT CINCPAC HEAD-QUARTERS 24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 1969.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE MACV AND COMPONENT COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCES SET FORTH IN REFERENCE A AND B.

A. MACV

NAME	RANK		CLEARANCE	MACV AGENCY
KRAFT	BG	(USA)	TS	J3
HANKET	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-03
GERRITY	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-03
FLESHMAN	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-02
ADKINS	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-11
CUTRONA	COL	(USA)	TS	MACOI
BLACK	COL	(USAF)	TS	J4
WILSON	LTC	(USMC)	TS	J3-03
MCDERMOT	LTC	(USMC)	TS	J3-06
HOLY	LTC	(USAF)	TS	J5-ADP
CHILDRESS	LTC	(USA)	TS	J1
BILLINGS	LTC	(USAF)	TS	MACOI
SAVOLDI	LTC	(USA)	TS	MACDC
SCHAFFER	MAJ	(USAF)	TS	J4
GIBSON	MAJ	(USA)	TS	TMA
WASSERBURGER	MAJ	(USA)	TS	TMA
KENINER	LTC	(USAF)	TS	J44
ANGLE	MAJ	(USA)	TS	J6
CLARK	LT	(USN)	TS	J2

B. USARV

READ	COL	(USA)	TS	USARV
FOSTER	COL	(USA)	TS	USARV
SINKO	LTC	(USA)	TS	USARV
MORICAN	MAJ	(USA)	TS	USARV
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	MAJ	(USA)	TS	USARV

C. III MAF				
ROBINSON	LTC	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
BORJESON	MAJ	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
HAYES	CAPT	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
GUY	ILT	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
D. NAVFORV				
WHITE	CMDR	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV
FLIKEID	LTCMDR	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV
ELSESSER	LT	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV
E. 7TH AF				
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EMANUEL	LTC	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
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3. (S) ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IS 1100, 23 SEPTEMBER 1969 (HAWAII TIME) ON BRANIFF FLIGHT B2A2.

4. (U) REQUEST AREA CLEARANCE, BILLETING, AND TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED. FURTHER REQUEST THAT RETURN TRANSPORTATION BE ARRANGED FOR ON OR ABOUT 28 SEPTEMBER 1969. REQUEST REPLY BE TRANSMITTED VIA FRONT CHANNEL.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: TELECON Acting C/S w/BGen WILSON, C/S FMFPAC
190750H Sep69

1. Asked BGen WILSON to help expedite BGen FEELEY's award.
2. Gen WILSON stated that he believed G-1 and G-4 representative was proper for A+8 and A+9 conference. Gen WILSON will be FMFPAC representative.
3. FMFPAC planning for 3d Marines to go via Okinawa to pick up gear. Suggested sending BGen BARROW roster in order that he could have gear ready.
4. FAMREP data is at FMFPAC and is being looked at now. Do not send III MAF embark officer to FMFPAC at this time. Will notify if he is needed.
5. Should be planning for embarking 3d Marines on 1 October.


L. E. POGGEMEYER
Chief of Staff
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19 Sep 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: C/S Working Session 1545, 13 September 1969, held
to discuss Phase II Redeployment Problems

Encl: (1)✓ Agenda for 13 September 1969 C/S Conference
(2)✓ 1st MAW Briefing Notes of 14 September 1969

1. Subject conference considered matters related to planning actions required for Phase II redeployments. Chief of Staff opened meeting by stating that the President's meeting with top military leaders was over and that Phase II would probably go as scheduled. Purpose of meeting was to determine problems to be solved, where we stand, and who will be tasked to obtain the answers. Following items listed will refer to the appropriate problems (1 through 6) listed in enclosure (1).

PROBLEM #1: (G-3/G-4 COG): There was much discussion relative to this point, but it was agreed that the 1st MAW brief, scheduled for 1400 the following day, would answer most of the questions.

G-3 Comment/Recommendation

Comment: Redeployment of the Army aviation units at Marble Mountain is not feasible since they are in the residual force. Chu Lai and Phu Bai are considered as appropriate alternate bases for relocation from which the 1st MarDiv can be supported. Aviation support for the ARVN in NICTZ from the 101st AbnDiv(AM) and security for redeployed squadrons is under study by the 1st MAW.

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Recommendation: That two squadrons relocate to Marble Mountain Air Facility and that the two remaining squadrons redeploy as determined by the study being made by 1st MAW. Further recommend that two ASRTs remain in present location.

G-4 Comments

- a. Withhold comment pending briefing by 1st MAW on requirements to III MAF staff, 141400H Sep.
- b. It is understood that 212th Army Aviation Bn will not be required to move from Marble Mountain.
- c. Construction of three squadron operating areas will be required south of the Pass. Location pending Wing Briefing.

1st MAW Brief Notes -- Enclosure (2)

PROBLEM #2: (G-4 COG)

G-4 Comments: The question related to logistic support for NICTZ units after redeployment of TMD and FLSG-B were discussed. However, definitive replies to all questions will not be available until further planning guidance is received. Generalized replies were as follows:

- a. Navy Common Support will continue as required in NICTZ, however, Army units remaining will have to provide for distribution from Navy drop points to units requiring support. Army Support Command has adequate facilities and is aware of the task.

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b. The turnover will take place where Marine combat forces have withdrawn.

c. Decisions on supplies to be retrograded and turned over to other agencies will be based on guidance received from FMFPAC and direct liaison between FLC and Army Support Command.

d. Marine Corps retrograde supplies and equipment will come into FLC via harbor craft and the Red Beach Causeway. This can be completed rapidly after combat units are out.

e. Logistic support equipment to remain in place will be determined in conference with Army Support Command after residual requirements are firmly established.

CAP COMMENT: We need to examine cross-servicing arrangements for CAG in NICTZ.

SupO Comment: We can start attriting from first day. Convoys can retrograde each time.

C/S Comment: Be ready to go in 72 hours. What is best way to publish information to 3d MarDiv? Answer (G-4) — Publish an Annex to our 183 Plan: we can update with an appendix or message.

PROBLEM #3: (G-3/G-1 COG)

G-3 Comment: CG FMFPAC was requested to provide guidance in this area. (by message on 14 September)

G-4 Comment: AC/S, G-4 will determine by request to CG FMFPAC what equipment and personnel are required to fill

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out ProvServBn 9th MAB to support 3d MarDiv (-) on Okinawa.
(message is in staffing)

G-1 Comments:

- a. Regarding strength level of RLT-4 upon re-deployment, this question will be addressed in a message to CG FMFPAC, who will specify the deploying strength. (G-3 has drafted a message utilizing G-1 input as necessary.)
- b. If RLT-3 redeploys with 700 Marines, remaining personnel will be redistributed within III MAF as replacements for November RTD's.
- c. With regard to splitting of troops (type detachment) in units destined for Okinawa/CONUS or Okinawa/Japan, this question will be answered by G-3 in accordance with guidance received from FMFPAC.
- d. Guidance has been requested from FMFPAC concerning how much additional service support (skills and equipment) will be required from FLC to support the 3d MarDiv on Okinawa.

Other Comments:

C/S to G-1: Add problem of R&R into message to FMFPAC w/G-3 and G-4. Keep questions simple and short.

General Discussion: Where 3d Bridge Company would go? Answer — 1 platoon to Okinawa; remainder to CONUS. What about the 400 from FLC? Answer — Probably all to CONUS. Should we split up -- part to Okinawa and part to CONUS? Answer — Latest word from PAC is unclear.

C/S: Include all of these in query to FMFPAC.

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Comment: Upon notification of Phase II Redeployment, HMM-265 will be immediately redeployed to Okinawa so that ARG ALPHA shipping can be made available for further lifts. ARG BRAVO will continue to support the SLF until RLT-4 lift commences. At this point there will be no SLF supporting III MAF. On the completion of the lift of RLT-4 when shipping again becomes available the SLF will be reconstituted from 3d MarDiv assets. CG FMFPAC has instructed 9th MAB to prepare two battalions of the 9th Marines for SLF duty. III MAF will not have an SLF for a period of approximately one month. HMM-164 has now been moved to a later embarkation unit and will redeploy with RLT-4 thus retaining an SLF on station for the longest possible time.

G-4 Comment: AC/S, G-4 will work with G-3 on shipping required during Phase II.

C/S to Staff: Try to influence situation so that 3/26 is part of the SLF to the very end. 26th Marines shift of SLF to 3d MarDiv will solve itself. ARG shipping will be required all the way. Two SLF's cannot be maintained through redeployment, but we may be able to have one. Depends on when PHIBRON 9 arrives. CG guidance was "don't give up on shipping". III MAF has operational requirement to keep SLF available.

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G-3 Comment: This problem is currently the subject of a study being made by the G-3 which will be completed on 16 September.

Other Comments:

C/S: Add SCAMP (Special Control and Management Platoon) to the list of Force units requiring relocation in NICTZ (50 men).

G-2: 3d Force Recon Co will stay under OPCON of 101st AbnDiv(AM).

C/S-G-4: Plt(Rein) 3d Bridge Co will move to Danang. Discuss with Engineer and have answers on 17th.

G-3: Will look into XXIV Corps and 3d MarDiv requirements for artillery support.

PROBLEM #6: (CAP COG)CAP COMMENTS:

a. CAPs can and should remain in present locations, providing fire support and logistical support can be furnished by Free World Military Forces.

b. The future status of the Combined Action Program should not and cannot be determined without the concurrence of Commanding General I Corps.

c. Phased redeployments may necessitate some re-alignment of fire support and logistical support for the CAPs.

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d. Redeployment of the 3d Marine Division will necessitate institution of a cross-service agreement with the Commanding General, XXIV Corps for logistical support for the 4th CAG.

e. Expansion of CAPs cannot be effected under present manning levels.

f. Expansion or relocation of CAPs cannot be effected without concurrence of Commanding General I Corps.

2. C/S posed an additional agenda item before closing the meeting:

"What happens to Dong Ha?" -- DISCUSSION

Plans: It will be turned over to the ARVN; the rest will go to the Danang Support Command. Camp Evans to XXIV Corps; Phu Bai Airfield to XXIV Corps; other assets to RVNAF. Quang Tri Airfield to XXIV Corps; Combat Base -- not sure.

C/S: Are we being definitive enough? Answer: NO

C/S: What we need is a facilities planning conference with XXIV Corps. In effect, what is turned over to who?

G-4: There will be much excess either way.

Overall: Staff feels this is a MACV/JGS problem -- not a local one.

G-4: Tasked to set up a Facilities Planning Conference that was subsequently held on 16 September at III MAF Hqs.

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3. C/S offered the following guidance for the Facilities Planning Conference:

- a. 1st step is meeting with 1st MAW tomorrow (1st MAW requirements).
- b. Determine helo requirements south of the Pass.
- c. We need info from G-3 regarding NICTZ artillery.
- d. CAPs will stay.
- e. Final step is to work out the timing. G-3 pick up for action after 1st MAW brief tomorrow.
- f. Must fill void in security at Phu Bai when MAG-36 leaves. (Decide at Facilities Planning Conference.)
- g. Determine additional requirements for sensors. Normal staff action to follow. (Plans -- no problem)
- h. Look at ASPs up north.
- i. Disposition of 972 gear. Will it be a problem?
- j. G-4 to come up with a time-phased plan that supports Phase II redeployments. Translate facilities plan into a Sea Bee construction effort. Check 1st MAW briefing on moving of revetments.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Staff Secretary
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Special Chief of Staff Conference on Phase 2 Redeployment Problems

Encl: (1) Agenda Items for subject conference

1. Subject conference will be held at 1015-1215, 13 September 1969, in the COC Conference Room #2. The purpose of the conference is to establish fixed deadlines and staff cognizance for resolution of key problem areas relative to Phase 2 Redeployments. Enclosure (1) is distributed to allow attendees to familiarize themselves with the key issues to be discussed.

2. Attendees are requested to acknowledge receipt of this memorandum and enclosure (1) by calling the Staff Secretary's office at extension 5352 or 5425 this date.

C. G. Cooper
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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Problem areas for Phase 2 Redeployments

Encl: (1) - (5) Problem 1-5 Phase 2 Redeployment

1. The attached problems 1 thru 5 (Encl 1-5) require decisions for planning on phase 2 redeployment.
2. There are other problems which will come up at the time of the basic decision on timing and ultimate destination of units. These encompass embarkation and shipping requirements primarily.

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1. PROBLEM - During Phase 2 redeployment the following 1st MAW units will be required to relocate south of the Hai Van Pass:

HML - 367 (24 UH-1E)

HMM - 161 (21 CH-46D)

HMM - 262 (21 CH-46D)

VMO - 2 (Det) (10-01's)

Primary
Staff COG

Date
Decision Required

Will the Army move the aviation Bn from Marble Mountain?

What other location is acceptable for relocation?

Will further building be required?

Where is helo support most needed south of the Hai Van Pass?

Decision

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2. PROBLEM - At the completion of the redeployment of the 3rd MarDiv, Logistic Support to NICTZ units provided by FLSG-B will be turned over to Army or Navy support units.

Primary
Staff COG

Date
Decision Required

What logistic support will be required to support NICTZ units subsequent to Phase 2? Who will take over the logistic support?

When will the turnover take place?

What classes and quantity of supply will be retrograded?

What classes and quantity of supplies will be turned over to the unit assuming log support?

Where will retrograded supplies be relocated?

By what means will retrograde be made?

When will retrograde of supplies be completed?

What logistic support equipment will be left in place, if any?

Decision

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3. PROBLEM - Strengths at which units are to redeploy must be determined. Based on both a 4-2-1 posture and a 4-1-2 posture.

Primary
Staff COG

Date
Decision Required

What strength level will RLT-4 redeploy to Okinawa?

If RLT-3 redeploys with 700 Marines, how will the remainder of RLT-3 be reassigned?

What should be the split of troops (type detachment) in those units destined for both Okinawa/CONUS or Okinawa/Japan? (3rd Bridge Co(-)-123) (FLC-400) (7th Comm Bn(-) - 383) (11th Engr Bn(-) - 725) (MASS-2 - 202).

How much additional service support (skills and equipment) is required from FLC to support 3rd MarDiv on Okinawa?

Decision

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4. PROBLEM - During Phase 2 the 3rd MarDiv will take over the responsibility for the SLF from 9th MAB.

Primary
Staff COG

Date
Decision Required

At what point will 26th Marines be debarked and SLF responsibility be shifted to 3rd MarDiv?

Will ARG shipping be required to support redeployment?

If shipping is required, how long will it be required?

Can two (one) SLF(s) be maintained on station throughout the redeployment? If not, when do gaps occur?

Decision

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5. PROBLEM - Force units in NICTZ not redeploying will require relocation. These include the following units:

5th 175 Gun btry

1st 8" How btry

Platoon Rein 3rd Bridge Co

1st Force Recon Co

Primary
Staff COG

Date
Decision Required

Will these units be required to support ARVN/U.S. Army in NICTZ?

If required in NICTZ can they be supported logistically?

If not utilized in NICTZ, where should they be utilized?

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6. PROBLEM - The future status, strength, and disposition of USMC sponsored CAP units in I Corps has not been fully considered in relation to Phase II redeployments:

<u>Primary</u> <u>Staff COG</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Decision Required</u>
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What is the future of the CAP Program in ICTZ?

What effect will phased re-deployments have on CAP units, if maintained at present level?

What is the possibility of CAPS being expanded to fill tactical gaps in marginally secure areas left to ARVN control?

Decision

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PROBLEM

To Best Locate
Remaining FMAW Helo
Units After Phase
II Redeployments

ASSUMPTIONS

1. 3rd MARDIV Will Depart RVN
2. MAG 36 Will Depart RVN
3. VMA(AW)-533 Will Depart RVN
4. No U.S. Army Facilities Will Be Made Available To U.S.M.C.
5. SLF HMM Will Not Operate Ashore From Marble Mountain
6. Marble Mt. And Chu Lai Will Be Needed For Forseeable Future

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Existing Facilities Will Be Utilized To Maximum Extent Possible
2. MAG-16 Will Be Supporting 9 Tactical Squadrons
3. MABS Type Support Should Be Provided By Fixed Wing MAGS Where Practicable
4. Helos Should Be Located To Provide Optimum Support To 1st MARDIV
5. Speed, Range, Endurance of Each Type Helo Must BE Considered

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RECOMMENDED PHASE TWO
IN-COUNTRY RELOCATIONS

FROM	TO			
	D-DAY	D+15	D+30	D+45
PHU BAI				
HMM-361	Marble Mt			
HMM-367	Marble Mt			
QUANG TRI				
VMO-6		Phu Bai		
H&MS-39		Phu Bai		
HMM-161		Phu Bai		
HMM-262		Phu Bai		Chu Lai
MATCU-62		Phu Bai		Chu Lai

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES
REQUIRED AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN

1. One Hanger 18,000 SF (CH-53)
2. 42,000 SY Parking Apron*
3. 2,160 LF Revetments*
4. Billeting
 - a. Officer - 3 BOQ
 - b. Enlisted - 60 SEA Huts
5. Admin Space - 2 Mod Butlers
6. Miscellaneous - Heads, Showers, Water, Power, Etc.

* Projects for Like Amount Have Been Approved And Funded. Relocation Approval Required.

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ADDITIONAL FACILITIES
REQUIRED FOR CHU LAI

1. Two (2) Hanger/Sheds (CH-53)
2. 100,000 SY Parking Apron
3. 25,000 SY Taxi Ways
4. Billeting
 - A. Officer 7TAC, 1 SEA Hut
 - B. Enlisted 34 SEA Huts
5. 5,000 LF Revetment
6. Messing - None*
7. Four (4) Soft Covered Revetments
8. Supply Bldgs - One 4000SF Butler
Two SEA Huts

* Assuming MAG-12 O' Mess Completed

RELOCATION
FMAN ASSETS

1. Marble Mountain \$1,781,045
2. Marble Mountain
LZ Baldy (Matting) \$2,576,460
3. Marble Mountain
LZ Baldy (Penaprime) \$672,960

REVTMENTS

<u>ALTERNATIVE</u>	<u>MAN HRS</u>	<u>COST</u>
1. Relocate Old ARMCO	187,500	\$40,000
2. Erect New AMMI	131,250	\$60,500

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S E C R E T / FOR BGEN WILSON CHIEF OF STAFF FROM BGEN DULACKI AC/S G-3
III MAF

SUBJ: REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (S)

A. UR 170247Z SEP69

B. COMUSMACV 190823Z SEP69

1. (S) YOUR OFFER TO COVER FOR III MAF AT THE APLUSNINE CONFERENCE APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, BGEN KRAFT, SENIOR MACV REP, BELIEVES THAT HE NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OF III MAF REPS. FOR THAT REASON THE III MAF REPS LISTED IN REF B WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: Reduction in Force (C)

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Commanding General
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 FPO 96602

1. (U) Reference: III MAF Memorandum, subject as above, dated 14 August 1969.
2. (U) In accordance with your request, the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 of referenced memorandum is approved for planning.
3. (TS) As proposed, develop your plan of execution in coordination with HQ XXIV Corps weighing carefully the command, control and communications aspects in light of the following guidance:
 - a. The combined headquarters will eventually become an augmentation to the 101st Airborne Division.
 - b. In order to reduce visibility of US personnel the combined headquarters should not be located in a large population center such as Da Nang.
 - c. Funds for construction of new facilities will be most difficult to obtain.
4. (U) Receipt of your plan within 30 days will facilitate our on-going residual support force planning. It is requested that you furnish an information copy to HQ USAFV.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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A. PHB 1724, DTG 300950Z AUG 69. (BEING PROC.)

1. REFERENCE OUR CONVERSATION THIS DATE PERTAINING TO EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF OF THE 26TH MARINES, THE FOLLOWING ARE MY VIEWS:

A. MY REFERENCE IS TO EMPLOY THE SLF IN THE 3D MAR DIV AO TO ASSIST IN COVERING THE STANDDOWN OF THE DIVISION. THE DIVISION WILL BE MARGINALLY COMBAT EFFECTIVE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND SUBSEQUENT THERETO UNTIL EMBARKATION IT WILL BE NON-COMBAT EFFECTIVE. I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET TO COVER THIS PRECIPITOUS WITHDRAWAL, THE SPEED OF WHICH WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ME. UPON DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MAR DIV I WOULD BE PREPARED TO RELEASE THE SLF.

B. THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE THE SLF IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF MY AO AND CHANGE THE BOUNDARY ACCORDINGLY CREATES MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVES. CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF PHU LOC DISTRICT AND THUA THIEN PROVINCE FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVINCE PRESENTS BOTH OPERATIONAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY AFFECTING PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES.

C. THIS BOUNDARY CHANGE WOULD MAKE THE COORDINATION NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THE AREA EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. LIAISON, COORDINATION AND TACTICAL CONTROL DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE INCREASED BY THE ADDITION OF A FIFTH HEADQUARTERS (1ST MAR DIV IN ADDITION TO THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM), 1ST ARVN DIV AND THE THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND PHU LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS).

D. AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE A, PHU LOC DISTRICT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BY THIS HEADQUARTERS BECAUSE OF THE TERRAIN, THE MAJOR HIGHWAY AND RAIL LOC'S THAT TRAVERSE THE AREA AND BECAUSE OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES AND INCIDENTS IN THE AREA. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM) AND ONE ARVN BATTALION PLUS NUMEROUS CAP'S OPERATING IN THIS DISTRICT. THESE FORCES KNOW THE AREA AND THE PEOPLE, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SHORT AND LONGRANGE PACIFICATION EFFORTS. INJECTING A TRANSITORY UNIT IN THIS AREA AT THIS TIME WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THIS EFFORT AND THE RAPPORT THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY UNITS PRESENTLY LOCATED THERE.

2. IF MY EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE DOES NOT MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL THEN I RECOMMEND THAT THE SLF BE EMPLOYED SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

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 STAND DOWN OF THIRD MARINES AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS IN CONNECTION
 WITH THIRD MARINE DIVISION REDEPLOYMENT

A. CG III MAF MSG 181432Z SEPT 1967

B. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 260008Z JULY 1967

1. AS DIRECTED BY REF (A) THE THIRD MARDIV WILL REDEPLOY TO DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN PHASE II OF THE REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES FROM RVN. TO IMPLEMENT THAT REDEPLOYMENT A STAND DOWN OF DIVISION UNITS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO PARTS: PHASE II A INVOLVES THE STAND DOWN OF THE 3RD MARINE REGIMENT AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTING ELEMENTS. PHASE II B INVOLVES THE STAND DOWN OF THE REMAINDER OF THE 3D MARDIV. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE PHASE II A STAND DOWN AND RELATED REDEPLOYMENTS.

A. TASK ORGANIZATION

RLT 13

3D MARINES

1ST BN 12TH MARINES

DET. HQ BTRY 12TH MARINES

CO B 3D ENGR BN

CO B 11TH ENGR BN

CO C 3D MED BN

CO B 3D MT BN

CO A 3D RECON BN

CO B 3D SP BN

CO B, 7TH MT BN

DET, 7TH COMM BN

3D BRIDGE CO (-)

DET, FOR LOGOCD

DET, HQ BN

B. PHASE II A STAND DOWN SCHEDULE.

20-21 SEPT. 3RD MARINES AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS STAND DOWN, AND MOVE TO STAND DOWN AREAS VIC D HCB AND QTCB. 2D BN 3D MAR WILL BE RELIEVED BY 3D BN 4TH MAR, WHICH WILL ALSO RELIEVE 1ST BN 3D MAR.

3D BN 3D MAR WILL BE RELIEVED BY 2D BN 4TH MAR, WHICH WILL HAVE ITS CP AT ELLIOT COMBAT BASE. HEADQUARTERS, 3D MARINES WILL STAND DOWN, DISPLACING ITS CP FROM ELLIOT COMBAT BASE TO QUANT TR COMBAT BASE, CLOSE HILL 950.

22 SEPT. CLOSE FSB RUSSEL.

23 SEPT. CLOSE FSB CATES.

2. RECOMMEND YOU DESIGNATE BATTALION SIZE REACTION FORCE FROM FORCES NOT OPCON THIS COMMAND FOR PROJECT DELTA IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

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 PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
 4. CG III MAF MSG 190740Z SEP68 (S)
 1. BLESSED WITH EXCELLENT FLYING WEATHER STAND DOWN OF UNITS
 ASSIGNED TO PHASE IIA REDEPLOYMENT AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A
 HAS PROGRESSED SUCCESSFULLY SURPASSING THE RELOCATIONS PLANNED
 FOR 20 SEPT 1968. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED.
 2. AT THIS TIME APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF THE 3D MARINE REGI-
 MENT HAS STOOD DOWN FROM OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AT QTCB. THIS
 FIGURE INCLUDES 3D BN, 3D MARINES AND TWO COMPANIES EACH FROM
 THE 1ST AND 2D BATTALIONS. IN ADDITION BTRY B, 1ST BN, 12TH
 MARINES HAS ARRIVED AT ITS STAND DOWN AREA AT DONG HA.
 3. THE FIXED POSITION ON HILL 950 WHICH PROVIDED A RADIO RE-
 LAY AND INTERCEPT SITE AND SENIOR READ OUT STATION HAS BEEN
 EVACUATED AND DESTROYED. I ANTICIPATE THE EVACUATION AND DE-
 STRUCTURE OF FSB RUSSELL ON 21 SEPT FOLLOWED BY FSB CATES ON
 THE 22ND.
 4. TO REPLACE ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES
 HAS SHIFTED ITS CP TO ECB AND RELIEVED 3D BN, 3D MARINES. 3D
 BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE RELIEF OF 3D MARINE UNITS ON THE
 21ST. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL OPERATE FROM VCB AS SECURITY
 UNTIL THAT INSTALLATION IS CLOSED.
 5. GIVEN THE SAME FINE WEATHER ON THE 21ST, I HAVE EVERY CON-
 FIDENCE OF COMPLETING THE STAND DOWN OF RLI-3 ON THAT DATE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Telecon AC/S G-3 with BGen WILSON, C/S, FMFPAC, 1145H 19 Sep

1. The decision on the two alternatives for moving 3d MarDiv elements has not yet been made. CMC, LtGen VAN RYZIN, Admiral HOLLAND and others are trying to sort this out. I informed him that we are at the "end of the whip" and that we cannot delay further. On the basis of FMFPAC's original guidance, we are planning for RL3 to embark 1-6 October and the remainder of the 3d MarDiv to embark late in October. He stated the problem is one of the Navy trying to maintain one or both ARG/SLF's. Informed him that RL3 was commencing to stand down today, that we could not delay any further. He inquired as to who is "filling in the gap to be left by RL3". I informed him that although some of RL4 would be "covering" the redeployment of RL3, in effect, there is no one to "fill the gap".
2. BGen WILSON stated that a LtCol JULLIAN and a Lieutenant GARDNER would arrive in III MAF from FMFPAC. They are G-1 representatives and would have authority to write orders "by direction" for those personnel of RL3 who are to be transferred to other units.
3. Further stated that there will be no transfers (other than from RL3) from any units scheduled for Okinawa or Japan to in-country units.
4. FMFPAC has recommended that split tours be authorized between Okinawa and in-country units. Not yet approved by CMC.
5. Replacements for RL3 are being terminated as of today.
6. I informed him that FMAW may have a problem as a result of Nov RTD's departing in October, i.e., since they have no units deploying to U.S. (except for one helo squadron), they are not able to replace the Nov RTD's. Stated he will investigate to see if replacements cannot be moved up.

LEO J. DOLACKI

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 THRASH
 SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARINE
 DIVISION.

1. SIGNIFICANT AIR OPERATIONS, ARC LIGHTS AND ARTILLERY IN SUP-
 PORT OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION DURING THE PREPARATION AND PHASE
 DOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIXED WING. AN INTENSIVE AIR ASSAULT WAS PLACED INTO EFFECT
 AT 0500 ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1969 AGAINST 27 TARGETS IN A 1000 X 2000
 METER AREA CENTERED ON LZ SIERRA. THREE A6 INTRUDERS DROPPED 1000
 AND 2000 POUND BOMBS ON THE TARGET BEFORE THE PLAN WAS CANCELLED
 BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF RADAR CONTACT BY THE TPQ-10'S CONTROLLING
 THE STRIKES DUE TO THUNDER STORM INTERFERENCE. A SECOND STRIKE IS
 PLANNED FOR 0900 ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1969. THIS WILL OCCUR AFTER ARC
 LIGHTS HAVE TAKEN ADJACENT TARGET COMPLEX UNDER ATTACK.

B. HELICOPTERS. ON 20 SEPTEMBER 672 MEN OF THE THIRD MARINE
 AND 7 MEN OF THE FOURTH MARINES WERE REPOSITIONED BY HELICOPTERS.

C. ARC LIGHTS. QT 10104 WAS STRUCK ON 200905H WITH FOUR AIR-
 CRAFT. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS AIR DIVERTED DUE TO PILOT/CREW ERRORS. QT
 10382 WAS STRUCK ON 201620H WITH SIX AIRCRAFT. QT 10383 WAS STRUCK
 ON 201825H AND UTILIZED FIVE AIRCRAFT WITH ONE AIRCRAFT BEING AIR
 DIVERTED DUE TO FAULTY COMMUNICATIONS ON BOARD. THE THREE ARC LIGHT
 STRIKES COVERED THE FOLLOWING GRID SQUARES XD 931638, XD 931618,
 XD 61638 AND XD 931 618 IN THE SIERRA/MUTTER'S RIDGE AREA.

PLANNED FOR FUTURE STRIKES ARE THE FOLLOWING TARGETS: QT
 10384 TARGET 202110H UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN THE XD 9663
 AND XD 9662 GRID SQUARES. AT 10362 TARGET 202320H UTILIZING THREE
 AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ IN GRID SQUARES
 XD 266 AND XD 9265. QT 10361 TARGET 210150H UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT
 LOCATED IN THE XD 366 AND XD 365 GRID SQUARES. QT 10385 TARGET
 210630H UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT. TARGET LOCATION INTERSECTS THE
 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ AND ENCOMPASSES THE FOLLOWING GRID
 SQUARES: YD 0067, YD 0066, AND YD 0065.

THIS HEADQUARTERS NOW HAS NOMINATED FIVE ADDITIONAL ARC LIGHT
 STRIKES. QT 10314, QT 10313, QT 10296, QT 10297, QT 10299. THE FIVE
 STRIKES ARE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ AND ENCOMPASS
 THE AREA FROM YD 00 TO YD 06 OF THE NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE. ALL
 TARGETS ARE EITHER ENTIRELY IN THE DMZ OR PARTIALLY LOCATED IN THE
 DMZ. AS OF YET THESE TARGETS HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO'S BY
 HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

D. ARTILLERY. A LARGE BODY OF NVA WERE SIGHTED BY AN A6 AT
 11330H IN GRIDS 91-02 AND 93-02. A TOTAL OF 1245 ROUNDS OF ALL
 AVAILABLE ARTILLERY WERE FIRED ON THIS TARGET.
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 ADJUSTMENT OF FORCE DISPOSITIONS IN CONNECTION WITH 3D MARINE
 DIVISION (-) REDEPLOYMENT (S)

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 B. CG XXIV CORPS 191450Z SEP 69

1. (S) REFERENCE A AND OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF 19 SEP CONCERNED A III MAF PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY ONE BATTALION OF THE 26TH MARINES IN THE PHU LOC DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND EXPANDING THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR NORTHWARD ACCORDINGLY.

2. (S) DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND SO LONG AS AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING IS AVAILABLE, IT IS MY INTENT TO MAINTAIN ONE BATTALION OF THE 26TH MARINES AS A MOBILE RESERVE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN ICTZ WITH PRIORITY TO NICTZ IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION DURING THE DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MARDIV.

3. (S) ALTHOUGH A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER, IN SOME LINE DUTIES OR WHILE THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MARDIV, AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WILL BE LOCALLY AVAILABLE IN THE PHU LOC DISTRICT (ESPECIALLY AREA 1 COMBAT); CG SENSITIVE, SLETS WILL ALSO BE LOCALLY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE 26TH BATTALION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS ONE BATTALION AND NOT ON A DUALITY BASIS.

4. (S) AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DECISION IN REGARD TO OPERATIONS IN THE A SHAU WAS THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MARDIV. THIS FACTOR DICTATED THAT WE CONSOLIDATE OUR FORCES. CONSISTENT WITH THIS MOVE, THE DEPLOYMENT OF ANOTHER AVAILABLE BATTALION NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS WOULD PERMIT FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF YOUR FORCES IN NICTZ.

5. (S) I APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE ADVANTAGES OF MILITARY BOUNDARIES COINCIDING WITH POLITICAL BOUNDARIES. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE PARAMOUNT IN THIS CASE, THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HAI VAN LAND MASS, WHICH SERVES AS AN ENEMY APPROACH ROUTE INTO THE DANANG AREA, TO A SINGLE MILITARY COMMAND. THE PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION AND LIAISON CAN CERTAINLY BE OVERCOME AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN OTHER AREAS IN THE PAST.

6. (S) ANOTHER CONSIDERATION, JUST AS IT WAS IN THE RETURN OF THE 1ST BDE 101ST ABN, IS UNIT INTEGRITY WITH ITS OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES.

7. (S) FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, WHEN THE BATTALION OF THE 26TH MARINES BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT ASHORE ON A PERMANENT BASIS, IT IS MY INTENTION TO EMPLOY IT IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF PHU LOC DISTRICT AND ASSIGN THAT PORTION OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE TO THE 1ST MARDIV. YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED ON THE ACTUAL TRACE OF THE BOUNDARY AS PROPOSED IN REFERENCE A.

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PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
1. STAND DOWN OF RLT-3 NEARS COMPLETION. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.
2. THE 3D MARINES HAVE CLOSED QUANG TRI AND ARE STANDING DOWN.
3. FSB RUSSELL CLOSED. BTRY H PRESENTLY IN POSITION ON FSB FULLER.
4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BTRY C, 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES IS STANDING DOWN
AT DHCB. BTRY C WILL RETURN TO DHCB AND STAND DOWN TOMORROW.
5. PRELIMINARY TO OCCUPATION OF CAMP CARRILL, 2D ARVN REGT CONDUCTED
A RECON OF THE AREA TODAY. INITIAL ELEMENTS OF 2D ARVN REGT WILL MOVE
TO CAMP CARRILL TOMORROW.
6. WITH THE CLOSING OF FSB GATES AND THE STAND DOWN OF REMAINING
SUPPORT UNITS OF RLT-3 ON THE 22ND THE INITIAL STEPS FOR REDEPLOYMENT
PHASE IIA WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
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4. SIGNIFICANT AIR AND ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS DURING THE PHASE
DOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIXED WING. COMMENCING AT 210715H SEP 69 AN AIR ASSAULT
WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST 27 TARGETS IN A 1000 X 2000 METER AREA
CENTERED ON LZ SIERRA. TWENTY-TWO SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY
MIX OF A4, A6, AND F4 AIRCRAFT, DELIVERING 500, 1000 AND 2000
POUND BOMBS STRIKES WERE CONTROLLED BY FORWARD
AIR CONTROLLER (AIRBORNE).

ONE A6 AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT 210740H WHILE ON BOMBING
RUN. AIR CREW EJECTED, WAS RECOVERED BY HELICOPTERS, AND WAS
MEDEVACED. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT IS NOT KNOWN BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
AIR ASSAULT ENDED AT 211113H.

B. HELICOPTERS. ON 21 SEPTEMBER APPROXIMATELY 365 MEN FROM 3D
MARINES AND 535 MEN FROM 4TH MARINES WERE REPOSITIONED BY HELI-
COPTERS. HEAVY LIFTS OF RETROGRADED SUPPLIES AND UNIT EQUIPMENT
WERE EFFECTED

C. ARC LIGHTS.

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THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS RECEIVED ONE ADDITIONAL ARC LIGHT
STRIKE, GT 10314, WHICH HAS BEEN RPAG FOR 221155H. THIS ARC
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FORCE PLANNING (U)1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF JCS 201806Z/SEP69 (TS) TO
CINCPAC, INFO COMUSMACV, WHICH IS PROVIDING FOR INFO.

QUOTE:

1. (TS) JCS 052318Z/SEP69 (TS) PROVIDED LIST OF ITEMS PROPOSED BY SERVICES FOR REDUCTIONS UNDER PROJECT 703.
2. (TS) ACHIEVEMENT OF MARINE CORPS PROJECT 703 GOALS IS KEYED TO PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE RLT, 3D MARDIV, TO CLOSE CAMP PENDLETON BY 30 OCT 69.
 - B. REDEPLOYMENT OF 3D MARDIV (LESS TWO RLTS PREVIOUSLY REDEPLOYED) TO OKINAWA BY 30 NOV 69.
 - C. REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST MAW (REAR) TO OKINAWA/JAPAN BY 30 NOV 69.
3. (TS) SEVENTHFLT ARG SHIPPING CAN BE USED FOR MC REDEPLOYMENTS WITH ALL MOVEMENTS COMPLETED BY 30 NOV 69. THIS PLAN WOULD MAINTAIN ONE ARG/SLF IN SEVENTHFLT IN A 24-HOUR REACTION TIME STATUS. AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN WOULD BE TO REDEPLOY RLT-3 TO CONUS BY 30 OCT 69, USING ONE ARG. THE OTHER ARG WOULD BE USED AS A SHUTTLE FOR MC REDEPLOYMENTS IN WESTPAC. THIS PLAN WOULD INCREASE THE RESPONSE TIME FOR THAT ARG IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. MSTIS/MAC TRANSPORTATION COULD BE USED TO RETURN RLT-3 TO CONUS BY 30 OCT 69 BUT COST OF THIS APPEARS PROHIBITIVE. IT IS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE TO DEPLOY AN EASTPAC ARG AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE INVOLVED TO THE NAVY AND THE IMPACT ON NAVAL PERSONNEL.
4. (TS) A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULED FOR EARLY RELEASE IS INCLUDED IN THE RLT RETURNING TO CONUS. CHANGE IN SEQUENCE OR SLIPPAGE IN COMPLETION DATES COULD RESULT IN A DEFICIT OF UP TO 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ACHIEVING MARINE CORPS PROJECT 703 GOALS.
5. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME FISCAL RESTRAINTS, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE NAVY/MC PROBLEM IS TO ACCEPT THE ARG/SLF STANDOWN IN SEVENTHFLT AND ACCOMPLISH

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RETURN OF RLT-3 BY ARG TO CONUS BY 30 OCT 69.

6. (U) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS.

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A. CINCPAC 210905Z/SEP69 (TS) (PASEP)

B. JCS 201806Z/SEP69 (TS) (NOTAL)

C. JCS 052318Z/SEP69 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REF A, IN RESPONSE TO REF B, REAFFIRMS THAT PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OF 3RDMARDIV(-)/1ST MAW (REAR) WILL BE COMPLETED AS FOLLOWS:

A. RLT-3 TO CAMP PENDLETON BY 30 OCT 69.

B. 3DMARDIV (-)/1ST MAW (REAR) ELEMENTS TO OKINAWA/JAPAN BY 30 NOV 69.

2. (TS) REFS A AND B AUTHORIZE UTILIZATION OF ARG AMPHIB ASSAULT SHIPS TO ACCOMPLISH TASK IAW CLOSURE

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DATES CITED REF, C AND PAR 1 ABOVE.

3. (TS) CG FMFPAC REP, LTCOL RINEY, WILL HAVE CINCPACFLT/CG FMFPAC PLANNING DATA AT COMSEVENTHFLT REDEPLOYMENT CONF YOKOSUKA 23 SEPT 69.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. JCS 8361/052318Z SEP 69

B. JCS 9493/201806Z SEP 69 (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROVIDED LIST OF ITEMS PROPOSED BY SERVICES FOR REDUCTIONS UNDER PROJECT 703. REF B DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES TO ACCOMPLISH PHASE II 3RD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENTS AND REQUESTED COMMENTS.
2. ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING THOSE DISCUSSED IN REF B, HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED. A PRIMARY CINCPAC CONSIDERATION DURING THESE PHASE II REDEPLOYMENTS IS CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH STATE OF SLF/ARG READINESS.
3. THROUGH JUDICIOUS RESCHEDULING OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING,

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INCLUDING THE USE OF A WESTPAC SHUTTLE, THE ENTIRE 3RD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT CAN BE COMPLETED EXPEDITIOUSLY, ECONOMICALLY AND WITH A MINIMUM DEGRADATION IN SLF/ARG READINESS IN WESTPAC.

4. CINCPAC PLAN ADHERES TO THE PRESCRIBED CLOSURE DATES CITED IN REF A. IT WILL NOT APPRECIABLY DEGRADE THE SLF/ARG READINESS IN WESTPAC, THUS RETAINING A REQUIRED PACOM CAPABILITY.

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REF: VIETNAMIZING THE WAR, A MISSION COORDINATED PLAN
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MACV, 20 JULY 1969 (NOTAL)

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO BROADEN THE PLANNING EFFORT
WITH REGARD TO REF ABOVE, TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE
STAFF PARTICIPATION BY XXIV CORPS IN ALL ASPECTS OF
VIETNAMIZATION PLANNING, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE
SECURITY SAFEGUARDS AND GUIDELINES. THIS AUTHORIZATION
EXTENDS TO PLANNING CURRENTLY UNDERWAY REGARDING THE
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Ref: a. JCS 9493/201806Z Sep 69 JCS SENDS
b. CINCPAC 210905Z Sep 69

- (S) Ref a set forth alternative courses of action for accomplishing Phase Two redeployment of 3d Marine Division in consideration of Project 703 constraints. In ref b CINCPAC comments on ref a.
 - (TS) 3d Marines are standing down today, 22 September, in preparation for embarkation starting on 1 October.
 - (TS) Request exact dates on which amphibious shipping is to be available.
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THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY TRACE SPLITS THE VILLAGE OF LOC THUY (ZD 144015), A FIVE HAMLET COMPLEX. RECOMMEND A BOUNDARY TRACE AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT CORPS BOUNDARY (ZC 196947) NORTHWEST ALONG WESTERN SLOPE OF RIDGE TO ZC 169979, THEN NORTH-NORTHEAST TO STREAM AT ZC 172988; FROM THERE ALONG STREAM TO ZC 169995 AND NORTHEAST ALONG STREAM TO ZD 175002; NORTHWEST ALONG STREAM TO ZD 157026; THEN ALONG SOUTHERN BANK OF SONG BU LU RIVER NORTHEAST TO ITS TERMINUS AT ZD 185064.

THIS BOUNDARY TRACE FOLLOWS THE HIGH GROUND AND THEN EASILY DEFINED TERRAIN FEATURES, AVOIDS INTERSECTION WITH POPULATED AREAS, AND TAKES FULL ADVANTAGE OF ARTILLERY RANGE FROM FSB ROY.

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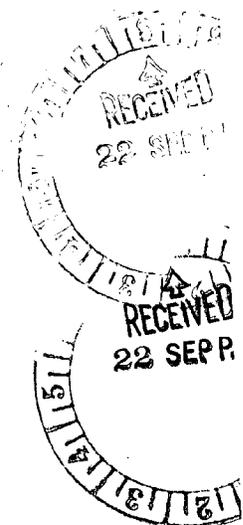
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PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT

- 1. RL1-3 HAS COMPLETED STAND DOWN.
- 2. FSB CATES CLOSED. BTRY G, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES LEFT
FSB CATES AND RELIEVED BTRY C, 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES ON
ELLIOT COMBAT BASE, COMPLETING THE STAND DOWN OF 1ST BN,
12TH MARINES.
- 3. SECOND BN, 2D ARVN COMPLETED MOVEMENT TO CAMP CARRILL
AT 221500H AND COMMENCED ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THAT
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C. COMUSMACV 53881/220737Z SEP 69 (PHEP) ← A-5-3

1. REF A SET FORTH ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION TO ACCOMPLISH PHASE II 3RD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENTS IN CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT 703 CONSTRAINTS. REF B NOTED CONSIDERATIONS OF CINCPAC PLAN FOR ACCOMPLISHING REDEPLOYMENTS. IN REF C COMUSMACV CITED 22 SEP AS 3RD MARDIV STAND DOWN DATE AND REQUESTED DATES OF REDEPLOYMENT SHIPPING AVAILABILITY.

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2. CINCPAC OBJECTIVE RELATIVE TO REDEPLOYMENT OF 3RD MARDIV IS EXPRESSED IN REF B. ADVISE ALCON SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE EXACT DATES SHIPPING WILL BE AVAILABLE. GP-4.

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FM CG III MAF DNG

TO CG XXIV CORPS PHB

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM
LTGEN NICKERSON LINDIS1. BASED ON OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS
MORNING THE FOLLOWING IS THE ARTICLE WHICH DAVE
LAMB FILED:

QUOTE DANANG, VIETNAM, UPI---THE U.S. MARINE
CORPS HAS REDUCED THE VIETNAM TOUR FOR ITS TROOPS
FROM 13 TO 12 MONTHS, INFORMED MILITARY SOURCES SAID
MONDAY. THE ORDER WILL AFFECT ALL MARINES SENT TO
VIETNAM IN THE FUTURE AND MOST OF THE 72,000
LEATHERNECKS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE WAR ZONE.
THE MARINES CLOSED DOWN THEIR DESOLATE FIRE SUPPORT
BASES SUNDAY AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED TO QUOTE
STAND DOWN UNQUOTE IN A SEMI-DEFENSIVE POSTURE.
ABOUT 18,000 LEATHERNECKS ARE INVOLVED IN THE
PULLOUT. SOURCES SAID THE 3D MARINE REGT WHICH IS

PAGE 2 RHMMFA2935 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
HEADED FOR THE U.S. WILL LEAVE VIETNAM BY OCT 15.
THE 4TH REGT WILL ARRIVE ON OKINAWA BY OCT 31. THE
3D DIVISION (GARBLE) WILL REPORT TO NEW (GARBLE),
SOURCES SAID. THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PENTAGON
EARLIER THIS MONTH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE
12-MONTH PERIOD IS MEASURED FROM THE DAY A SOLDIER
LEAVES THE U.S. TO THE DAY HE RETURNS. HUNDREDS OF
BATTLE-WEARY LEATHERNECKS MEANWHILE CONTINUED TO
(GARBLE) AT THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN PREPARATION
FOR THEIR DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM. U.S. ARMY, NAVY
AND AIR FORCE ALREADY SERVE 12-MONTH TOURS, BUT
SOURCES SAID MANY OF THEM ARE NOW LEAVING VIETNAM
TWO TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED ROTATION
DATES. THE U.S. SOURCES SAID MOST LEATHERNECKS WHO
HAVE SPENT AT LEAST 10 MONTHS WITH THE 1ST MARINE
DIVISION AT DANANG WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE 3D
MARINE DIVISION WHICH IS BEING WITHDRAWN FROM
VIETNAM. THE DIVISION'S 9TH REGT WAS REDEPLOYED TO
OKINAWA IN JULY AND AUGUST (GARBLE) THE PULLOUT
OF THE FIRST 25,000 U.S. TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. THE

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PAGE 3 RHMMAFA2935 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MARINES RAPID WITHDRAWAL WAS PROMPTED BY THE U.S. COMMAND'S DESIRE TO MINIMIZE THE LENGTH OF TIME ITS TROOPS WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK. THE COMMAND ALSO WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE TO SEND ITS MEN INTO COMBAT DURING THEIR FINAL DAYS IN VIETNAM, THE SOURCES SAID. UNQUOTE

2. MY INFORMATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER, COLONEL REDMAN, CALLED IN DAVE LAMB AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE HAD FILED A STORY WHICH WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE MACV INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION DAVE LAMB INFORMED ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU THAT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HIM AND YOURSELF ON 20 SEPTEMBER 1969 AT PHU BAI, HE WAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY YOU - IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND QUOTE OFF THE RECORD UNQUOTE.

A. THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM) WILL ASSUME CONTROL OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION'S AO AFTER RE-DEPLOYMENT; THE 1ST BRIGADE WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THIS REGARD.

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B. THAT THERE WOULD BE A GREATER RECON AREA WHICH WOULD BEGIN JUST WEST OF CAM LO.

C. THAT THE 1ST BRIGADE, US 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION WOULD MOVE FARTHER WEST JUST TO THE EAST OF CAM LO.

D. THE XXIV CORPS WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER AND THAT III MAF WOULD BE DISSOLVED.

E. THAT THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM) WOULD BE PULLING OUT OF THE A SHAU VALLEY AND RESETTLING ALONG THE COASTLINE.

F. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON KENNEDY'S RECENT PROBLEMS, YOU STATED, QUOTE AT LEAST I RECOVER MY DEAD UNQUOTE.

4. BASED ON OUR PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH MR. LAMB, IF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY YOU - AND I HAVE NO WAY OF VERIFYING THIS - YOU WERE ILL-ADVISED SINCE FUTURE TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS SHOULD NEVER BE DISCUSSED ON AN QUOTE OFF THE RECORD UNQUOTE BASIS. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT MR. LAMB WILL FILE OR HAS ALREADY FILED A STORY CONTAINING THE

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PAGE 5 RHMAFA2935 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ABOVE INFORMATION. ALSO, YOU CAN NEVER RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT QUOTE YOU DIRECTLY.
5. AS EVIDENCED BY THE FILED STORY, LAMB REPORTS ON EVERYTHING HE SEES AND HEARS. WE MUST TAKE STEPS NOW TO INFORM GEN ABRAMS SO THAT HE WILL NOT BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

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23 Sep 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Telecon BGen WILSON and BGen DULACKI 0930 23 Sep

Subject: Garrison property

1. Gen WILSON stated they are going to need help on one thing from the standpoint of looking to the future when there will be money problems - that is in the area of garrison property. There is a shortage of garrison property on Okinawa, Fuji, and at Subic. A mess hall at Camp Hague has to be opened; a tent camp for 1,000 men must be established at Subic; facilities must be established at Fuji. There is a shortage of funds for garrison property.

2. When camps are closed on the departing of 3d MarDiv, want to insure that we take everything we can. Realizes that much of the garrison property belongs to NSA but the camp at Subic belongs to the Navy and perhaps something can be worked out with NSA. Particularly need stoves at Subic. Will send Nat PACE to Danang to give a rundown on what is required at Subic. Doesn't mean that we should arbitrarily strip everything but perhaps by being selective we can insure that we aren't short of necessary equipment at the camps. Since the Army is going to be taking some of the present 3d MarDiv camps, they should have most of their gear now and it shouldn't create too much of a hardship on them.

LEO J. DULACKI

cas; CG
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SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)

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B. CINCPAC 210905Z SEP 69

1. (S) REF A SET FORTH ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION FOR ACCOMPLISHING PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION IN CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT 703 CONSTRAINTS. IN REF B CINCPAC COMMENTS ON REF A.
2. (TS) 3D MARINES ARE STANDING DOWN TODAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, IN PREPARATION FOR EMBARKATION STARTING ON 1 OCTOBER.
3. (TS) REQUEST EXACT DATES ON WHICH AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING IS TO BE AVAILABLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subj: Increasing the Access List to NSSM 36 Planning

1. At approximately 1330 hours, 14 September 1969, the undersigned discussed telephonically with Colonel Donald A. Starry, J-3, MACV, the question of expanding the present III MAF access list for the phase one through six redeployments and for the NSSM 36 planning. The basis for this discussion as explained to Colonel Starry was a letter, COMUSMACV to CG III MAF, subj: Reduction in Force (C), 25 August 1969 (TS), the implementation of which necessitates planning by an increased number of III MAF staff sections and subordinate organizations.
2. I specifically asked if the access list could be expanded by from 20 to 25 names, to which Colonel Starry replied in the affirmative. He added that the Chief of Staff, III MAF could add to the list any personnel whom he thought had a need to know. He stated that an earlier MACV message, the cite of which he could not recall, delegated this authority to major commands, but if desired III MAF could make a formal request which MACV would answer in the affirmative.
3. The foregoing was discussed with Brigadier General Dooley, who opted to make the decision himself to increase the III MAF access list by 20 names instead of requesting permission for same from MACV. Accordingly, III MAF message 150302Z Sep 69 was dispatched by Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, which requests appropriate staff sections and subordinate commands to submit a designated number of names of personnel which they desire be placed on subject access list. ACoFS, G-3 will be provided these names.
4. Colonel Starry was unable to locate the access message he recalled on 14 September. Accordingly, he dispatched a message on 22 September which made the authorization a matter of record (message attached).

WM A. BURKS
 Brigadier General, USA

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 ACoFS, G-3

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C O N F I D E N T I A L/FOR BGEN BARROW INFO RADM BONNER AND
BGEN CARNEY FROM BGEN DOOLEY
ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR (U)
1. (C) REQ YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITIOUS RETURN OF
MAJOR C. R. GRUMING, CMDR VELOTAS AND 1ST LT W. D. GUY
TO DANANG. SUBJECT OFFICERS MAY BE CONTACTED THRU
KADENA MARINE LIAISON. ALL ARE ENROUTE HERE FROM 7TH
FLI CONFERENCE IN YOKO AND THEIR SERVICES ARE URGENTLY
REQ REGARDING REDPLOYMENTS.

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SUBJ: CLASSIFICATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANS

1. (C) TRIED TO CATCH YOU PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE BUT JUST MISSED. HOWEVER A VIEW OF THE OPLAN AND THE ANNEX WHICH CONTAINED THE TROOP LIST REVEALS NO RESTRICTIONS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH ONE MIGHT CUSTOMARILY EMPLOY FOR HIS OWN SECURITY. ONCE THE UNITS ARE ANNOUNCED, WE EXPECT THAT ALL WHO HAVE A NEED TO KNOW WILL BE INFORMED.
 2. (C) THERE MAY BE A PROBLEM AS FAR AS COMPONENT CHANNELS ARE CONCERNED BUT WE HAVEN'T RUN INTO IT PREVIOUSLY.
 - 3 (C) SINCE I AM LEAVING IN THE MORNING, I HAVE ASKED COL STARRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH GEN DULACKI TO INSURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM. CERTAINLY, WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO HAMPER THE OPERATION.
- WARM REGARDS

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\$399,000 BELOW PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED CEILINGS, BUT SHOULD
SUPPORT KNOWN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS. (U)

E. MINIMIZE (U). CINCPAC 270250Z SEP 69 (U) IMPOSED MINIMIZE
WITHIN PACOM ON ALL VOICE AND DATA RECORD TRAFFIC TO TAIWAN DUE
TO ADVERSE WEATHER. JCS 270606Z SEP 69 (U), IMPOSED ABOVE MINIMIZE
WORLDWIDE. (U)

F. MACS FOUR AN/TYA-5 COMPUTE GROUP (U). CG FIRST MAW 270215Z
SEP 69 (C) REPORTED RECEIPT BY MACS FOUR OF THE MIDS CENTRAL
COMPUTER GROUP AN/TYA-5 WHICH IS BEING PROVIDED ON TEMP LOAN
TO REPLACE A LIKE ITEM DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING. (C)

G. LOCAL FOOTBALL RESULTS (U)

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4. INTELLIGENCE OKINAWAN POLITICS (U). VARIOUS REPORTS REC'D

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THIS COMMAND (SNF). AN APPRAISAL OF OKINAWA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE
YARA CHOBYO SHOWS THAT DESPITE HIS WEAK LEADERSHIP HE IS STILL
THE MOST POPULAR OKINAWAN LEADER TODAY. HIS FAILURE TO REACT
MORE DECISIVELY TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWAN REFORMISTS
PRESSURES REGARDING THE EMOTIONAL OKINAWAN REVERSION ISSUE ALONG
WITH HIS APPARENT POLITICAL INEXPERIENCE HAS TENDED TO ERODE HIS
IMAGE AMONG POLITICAL LEADERS. YARA'S ADMINISTRATION IS BEING
CRITICIZED FOR ITS WASTEFULNESS AND SEEMING LACK OF UNITY, BUT
IN SPITE OF THIS, AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC YARA HAS A GOOD RE-
PUTATION FOR GIVING PROMPT PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE'S
WELFARE AND FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC SERVICES. (SNF)

5. NO AMC NUMBERS AND AM NUMBERS ONE THROUGH FIVE
HAVE BEEN SENT SINCE YOUR DEPARTURE.

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