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Planning

- A. ✓ CG FMFPAC 171905Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE - FORCE PLANNING - MC ANNOUNCED 50K WITHDRAWAL PACKAGE  
*gp-4*
- B. ✓ CMC 172055Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN - FORCE PLANNING - JCS MEETING TO REMOVE 12,900 MARINES  
*gp-4*
- C. ✓ CG III MAF 190752Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON FORCE PLANNING - PROPOSED 10.8K TROOP LIST FOR APPROVAL  
*gp-4*
- D. ✓ CG FMFPAC 192027Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE - LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT  
*gp-4*
- E. ✓ COMUSMACV 190736Z DEC 69 CITE 16382 EYES ONLY FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT, LTGEN NICKERSON, INFO LTG CORCORAN, LTG EWELL, LTG ZAIS, MG WETHERILL - FORCE PLANNING - TROOP LIST ON "MIDDLE PACKAGE, USMC 26TH RLT WITH AIR AND SPT 10.80  
*gp-4*
- F. ✓ CMC 192350Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN WALT - FORCE PLANNING - JCS DECISION TO ADD 2000 to PACKAGE BRINGING TOTAL TO 12,900  
*gp-4*
- G. ✓ CG FMFPAC 200415Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE - PASSES TEXT OF MACV MSG TO MCCAIN AND WHEELER WHICH RECOMMENDS MARINE HEVY OPTION IN PHASE IV.  
*gp-4*
- H. ✓ CMC 201555Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN - FORCE PLANNING - LISTS AVIATION PACKAGE FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT  
*gp-4*
- I. ✓ COMUSMACV 211049Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM MG BAUTZ MAC 16484 REQ THAT ADDITIONAL 2,100 USMC SPACES BE IDENTIFIED  
*gp-4*
- J. ✓ CG FMFPAC 212042Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE APPROVES TROOP LIST PROPOSED IN CG III MAF MSG 211410Z DEC 69 (TS)  
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- K. ✓ CG III MAF 211410Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON FORCE PLANNING - SUBMITS RECOMMENDED 12,900 TROOP LIST  
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- L. ✓ CG III MAF 220150Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN BAUTZ FROM BG DULACKI IDENTIFIES ADDITIONAL 2,100 USMC SPACES FOR PHASE III  
*gp-4*
- M. ✓ CMC 271711Z DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN - JCS DECISION TO EXECUTE PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS OF 12,900 by 15APR70 - APPROVES PHASE IV CONCEPT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES TO BE COMPLETED BY 15AUG70 TALLING 34.2K MARINES - CMC REC MAB TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY AND REQ THAT TROOP LIST BE DEVELOPED - INDICATES LOGISTIC ROLL UP OF 1,200, and 600 IDENTIFIED AS OUR PORTION OF THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE  
*gp-4*
- N. ✓ COMUSMACV 280853Z DEC 69 CITE 16812 EYES ONLY FROM MG BAUTZ TO MG DIXON, MG MABRY, RADM FLANAGAN, MG BOWMAN LTG CORCORAN, LTG EWELL, INFO LTG ZAIS MG WETHERILL SUBMITS APPROVED PHASE III TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE - USMC 12,900  
*gp-4*
- O. ✓ CG III MAF 290840Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY FOR MGEN BAUTZ FROM MGEN BOWMAN \* LISTS ANTICIPATED STANDOWN DATES FOR RLT 26 AND AVIATION UNITS.  
*gp-4*
- P. ✓ CMC 311521 DEC 69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN - LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS - RECONSTITUTION OF MO/MOA  
*gp-4*

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- T. ✓ COMUSMACV 160943Z DEC 69 (S) CITE 16234 EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN BAUTZ TO BGEN DOOLEY  
REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3
- U. ✓ CG III MAF 161112Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
TROOP LIST
- V. ✓ COMNAVFORV 161119Z DEC 69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-3*  
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT  
PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT (C)
- W. ✓ CG III MAFT 161120Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
FORCE LEVEL REDUCTION
- X. ✓ COMUSMACV 170057Z DEC 69 (TS) CITE 16255 EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON  
REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3 (U)
- Y. ✓ CG III MAF 170400Z DEC 69 (TS) SPECAT *gp-4*  
EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON (SENSITIVE)  
PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT
- Z. ✓ CG III MAF 170702Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYSE ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE (ACTION G-3) FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
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FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
FUTURE OF CAP PROGRAM

1. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE 28 DECEMBER WIEU, IT APPEARS THAT THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION WILL BE ADOPTED WITH A USMC TRANSITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND ONE REMAINING RL1. ALTHOUGH NO TIME PHASING WAS INDICATED, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE MAJORITY OF USMC FORCES REMAINING AFTER PHASE 3 WILL REDEPLOY DURING PHASE FOUR.

2. IT IS DEEMED, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CAPS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO INSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OR ELIMINATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CAPS.

3. GUIDANCE IS THEREFORE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. SHOULD WE PLAN FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ALL OR A PART OF THE CAPS WITH THE USMC FORCES REDEPLOYING DURING PHASE FOUR?

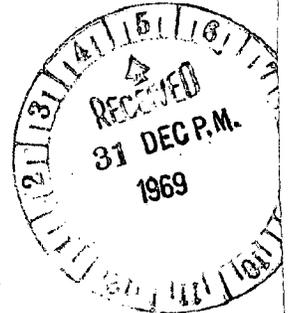
B. IF ANY OR ALL OF THE CAPS ARE RETAINED, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WILL BE ADDITIVE TO THE USMC TRANSITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND THE REMAINING RL1.

C. IF THE CAPS ARE REDEPLOYED DURING PHASE FOUR, IS IT INTENDED THAT THEIR CURRENT FUNCTIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE ARMY FORCES REMAINING IN ICTZ?

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A. CG NINTH MAB 180213Z/OCT69 (S) (GONLEA)

B. MJCS 529-69 OF 20NOV69 (TS) N.H.

1. (U) REF A PASSED COMMAND LESS OPCON OF RLT-26  
 UNITS TO CG 1ST MARDIV (OPCON PASSED SEPARATELY).  
 REF B PUBLISHED SEASIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM 8 TROOP  
 LIST FOR RVN AND THAILAND.

2. (S) FOLLOWING RLT-26 ATTACHMENTS LISTED REF A  
 ARE NOT LISTED REF B:

DET H&S CO 5TH MED BN  
 DET ENGR SUPT CO 5TH ENGR BN  
 DET HQ CO HQ BN 5TH MARDIV  
 DET 15TH DENTAL COM FMF  
 DET HQ BN 5TH MARDIV

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1ST CLEAR PLI CO D 5TH MED BN-

3. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, FOR PURPOSES OF ACCOUNTABILITY  
 AND MOVEMENT REPORTS, PLAN TO RECOMMEND TO CMC THAT  
 THESE RLT-26 ATTACHMENTS, AND ANY OTHERS LOCATED BY  
 III MAF AUGIT, BE IDENTIFIED ONLY IN NAVY/MARINE  
 CORPS MOVEMENT TROOP LISTS OF REDEPLOYING UNITS AS  
 FOLLOWS:

A. CO A 5TH MED BN (C&C CO) 29  
 DET H&S CO 5TH MED BN  
 1ST CLEAR PLI CO D 5TH MED BN  
 DET 15TH DENTAL CO FMF  
 B. CO A 5TH ENGR BN 129  
 DET ENGR SUPT CO 5TH ENGR BN  
 C. HQ CO 26TH MAR 218  
 DET HQ BN 5TH MARDIV  
 DET HQ CO HQ BN 5TH MARDIV

4. (U) REQUEST COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS.

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 FOR LIGEN NICKERSON FROM LIGEN BUSE. //N00000//  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 271711Z/DEC69 (TS SPECAT)

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

MAB STRENGTH - LIMIT  
 LOGISTICS ROLL - UP FORCE - LIMIT  
 NON-MAF MARINES IN RVN - LIMIT  
 \$COMBINED ACTION GROUP - LIMIT

10.8K  
 1.2K *> log roll up*  
 .6K  
 1.881K  
 14.481K

TOTAL

\$NOTE: PROPOSED FOR RETENTION IN RVN THUS GIVING COMUSMACV THE OPTION OF RETENTION OR REDEPLOYMENT.

A. THE ABOVE FIGURES REPRESENT THE PREFERRED MARINE CORPS POSITION RELATIVE THE MARINE STRENGTH TO

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 3545 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 REMAIN IN RVN SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS.  
 THE MAB WILL HAVE ITS OWN ORGANIC LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP. THE LOGISTICS ROLL-UP FORCE OF 1.2K IS TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND WILL BE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT RATHER THAN COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE MAB.

3. (TS) THE FOLLOWING MAB DRAFT TROOP LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING PARAMETERS ASSUMING THE MAB WILL BE TACTICALLY POSTURED IN THE DANANG VITAL AREA WITH THE AIR COMPONENT A TENANT AT DANANG AIR BASE AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN. FIGURES REPRESENT MARINE STRENGTHS ONLY AND HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ORGANIZING DETACHMENTS/REINFORCEMENTS.

MAB

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| HQ, MAB         |     |
| MAB HQ & HQ CO  | 300 |
| DET RAD BN, FMF | 51  |
| CI TM, FMF      | 16  |
| IT TM, FMF      | 11  |

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PAGE 3 RUHMFMA 3545 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 INTERP TM (2) 12  
 DET MP CO, HQ BN, MARDIV 30  
 CA PLT, FMF (2) 12  
 COMM SUPT CO (REIN) COMM BN, FMF 204  
 TOTAL 626

RLT  
 INF REGT (REIN), MARDIV 5801  
 INF REGT (3797)  
 DET, COMM CO, HQ BN, MARDIV (4)  
 DS ARTY BN (REIN), MARDIV 690  
 DS ARTY BN (670)  
 DET HQ BTRY ARTY REGT (20)  
 GS BTRY (REIN), ARTY BN 120  
 FLT, 8" HOW BTRY (SP), FMF 54  
 175MM GUN BTRY, FMF 171  
 ENGR CO (REIN), ENGR BN, MARDIV 161  
 RECON CO (REIN), RECON BN, MARDIV 93  
 TRUCK CO, MT BN, MARDIV 79  
 MED TANK CO (REIN) TANK BN, FMF 129  
 TOTAL 5300

PAGE 4 RUHMFMA 3545 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 COMP MAG 100  
 COMP MAG HQ 1409  
 MAG VF/VA 1409  
 H&MS (327)  
 MABS (450)  
 VMA ( 20 A-4) (OR VMFA W/15 F-4 386) (260)  
 VMA(AW) (12 A-6) (372)  
 MAG VH 1972  
 H&MS (262)  
 MABS (370)  
 HMM (2) (42 CH-46D) (530)  
 HMM (18 CH-53) (263)  
 DET VMO (12 AH-1G, 9 OV-10A) (294)  
 HML (24 UH-1E) (293)  
 MASS (-) (DA-C, ASRT) 140  
 MATCU 68  
 DET VMGR 10  
 TOTAL 3699  
 LSG  
 DET SVC BN 301

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|                                   |        |
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| DET FSR                           | 415    |
| ENGR CO FMF                       | 217    |
| SHORE PARTY CO, SP BN, MARDIV     | 67     |
| COLL AND CLEAR CO, MED BN, MARDIV | 25     |
| DENTAL CO, FMF                    | 2      |
| MP CO, FMF                        | 121    |
| TOTAL                             | 1145   |
| GRAND TOTAL                       | 10,773 |

4. (TS) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS WLT 8JAN70 REGARDING PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF MAB TO INCLUDE DETAILED TROOP LIST WITH UNIT DESIGNATIONS/STRENGTHS. IN THIS REGARD, THE DRAFT TROOP LIST IN PAR 3 ABOVE IS PROVIDED ONLY AS A GUIDE AND IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE, I. E., MISSION MAY INDICATE DESIRABILITY OF AIR-GROUND UNIT TRADE-OFFS WITHIN 10.8K LIMIT. FURTHER, REQUEST YOU INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPOSITION OF 1.2K LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE. YOU WILL NOTE IN THE PROPOSAL THAT TGXO STRENGTHS HAVE BEEN USED. FOR PROTECTION OF OUR M SERIES T/O'S, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE RESIDUAL FORCE BE COMPOSED OF T/O STRENGTH UNITS AND, IN THE CASE OF DETACHMENTS, CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE FUNCTIONAL T/O BLOCKS.

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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS (S)

A. CG FMFPAC 192027Z DEC 69 (TS-SPECAT)

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

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

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

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

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

3. (TS) IN ADDITION, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CADRES AS APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMPANY REDEPLOYING EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY/CONTINUITY.

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

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ALLOW DRAWDOWN ON REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FACILITIES IN-COUNTRY.  
C. KEEP THIS HEADQUARTERS ADVISED OF PLANS FOR TURN OVER  
FLC AND NSA DANANG LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS/FACILITIES,  
TO INCLUDE SECURITY, TO U. S. ARMY/NAVY INCLUDING PROPOSALS TO  
SUPPORT ROKMC UPON PHASE DOWN USMC LOGISTICS SUPPORT. WARM  
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SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)  
REF: A. MACV 280853Z DEC 69

1. (TS/LD) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A,  
THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED AS LISTED REF A:

PARA 5: NO CHANGES TO DETAILED TROOP LIST PREVIOUSLY  
SUBMITTED.

PARA 6:

A. 4,100 C 4,452 CS 4,343 CSS

B. NONE. HOWEVER, CONSOLIDATION OF III MAF AND  
XXIV CORPS HEADQUARTERS WOULD PRODUCE 350 MARINE SPACES IF  
THIS WERE TO OCCUR DURING PHASE III. IT SHOULD BE NOTED  
THAT A CONTINUATION OF A MARINE-HEAVY OPTION BEYOND PHASE  
III WILL REQUIRE THE ADDITION OF 337 ARMY PERSONNEL  
TO MAINTAIN A CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN ICTZ THROUGH  
PHASE VI. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE 220 ARMY  
PERSONNEL INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED  
HRS.

C. NOT APPLICABLE.

D. 12,621 C 12,881 CS 16,343 CSS.

E. NO CHANGE.

PARA 8. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT RLT-26 WILL COMMENCE  
STAND-DOWN ON 1 MARCH 1970 AND COMPLETE EMBARKATION BY 10 APRIL  
1970. AVIATION STAND-DOWN AND DEPARTURE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE  
AS FOLLOWS:

| UNIT | STAND-DOWN | DEPARTURE |
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| VMFA | 15 FEB 70  | 1 MAR 70  |
| VMA  | 8 MAR 70   | 15 MAR 70 |
| VMA  | 15 MAR 70  | 22 MAR 60 |

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SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFS: A. MAC 16382/190736Z DEC 69

B. MAC 16484/211049Z DEC 69 (NOTAL)

C. JCS 6983/271731Z DEC 69 (NOTAL) *DO NOT HOLD*

1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

2. THIS MESSAGE IS IN FOUR PARTS.

PART I FOR ALL.

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

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| USA  | 29,443        |
| USMC | 12,900        |
| USAF | 5,607         |
| USN  | 2,050         |
|      | <u>50,000</u> |

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

PART II FOR 7AF, USARV, III MAF AND NAVFORV.

5. REQUEST CHANGES, IF ANY, TO THE DETAILED TROOP LIST SUBMITTED TO MACV IN RESPONSE TO REFS A AND B.

6. IN ADDITION, THE COMPOSITION BY FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA FOR SPACES TO BE REDEPLOYED IN PHASE III AND THOSE REMAINING IN COUNTRY ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PREPARE

REPLY TO REF C. INFORMATION REQUIRED IS AS FOLLOWS:

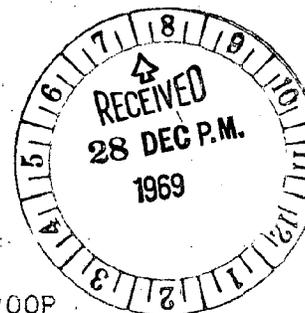
A. REDUCTION IN SPACES CATEGORIZED BY COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT IN EACH CTZ.

B. REDUCTION IN SPACES IN HEADQUARTERS, CORPS AND ABOVE.

C. REDUCTION IN SPACES AUTHORIZED CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT.

D. AFTER PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, SPACES REMAINING IN COUNTRY CATEGORIZED BY COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.

E. AFTER PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, SPACES REMAINING IN HEADQUARTERS, CORPS AND ABOVE; AND, AUTHORIZED SPACES REMAINING IN CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT.



PART III FOR USARV

7. THE FINAL TROOP PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARA 3, ABOVE, REFLECTS A REDUCTION OF 2127 SPACES FROM THE 31,570 USED FOR YOUR SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO REF A. IN REPLYING TO FOREGOING PARA 4, THE 2127 SPACE REDUCTION WILL INCLUDE TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS OF THE BDE, 4TH INF DIV, AND THE AIR CAV TROOP OF 1/4TH CAVALRY SQUADRON WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICE SUPPORT ATTACHED TO PLACE IT IN A SIMILAR CONFIGURATION TO DELTA TROOP, 3/5TH CAV SQUADRON.

PART IV FOR I FFORCEV, II FFORCEV, III MAF, AND 7AF.

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

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

REF: (A) MAC 16561/230629Z DEC69 (Not Held)

1. (TS) AT JCS MEETING ON 27DEC, THE CHIEFS DISCUSSED THE COMUSMACV'S REDEPLOYMENT PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPHS 2.C. (PHASE 3), 3.A (PHASE 4-ALT A), AND 3.B. (PHASE 4-ALT B) OF REFERENCE (A).
2. (TS) THE DECISION WAS MADE TO EXECUTE THE PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE (A), WHICH CONSISTS OF 12,900 MARINES TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 15 APRIL 70. CINCPAC HAS BEEN TASKED TO FORWARD BY 1JAN70 A TROOP LIST; COMMENTS ON DEFERRING REDEPLOYMENTS OF MAJOR COMBAT UNITS UNTIL AFTER TET 1970 AND TIME PHASING OF PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS; AND, TIMING AND CONTENT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

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BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- A. MAB WILL CONSIST OF A BRIGADE HQS, COMPLETE AIR/  
GROUND TEAM, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCES.
- B. ORDER OF MAGNITUDE BETWEEN I1K AND I2K. IF AT ALL  
FEASIBLE, KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE TO COME CLOSE TO MACV'S  
PROPOSAL OF ABOUT 7,500.
- C. RETENTION OF LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCES NUMBERING  
APPROXIMATELY 1,200 (THESE MAY BE ADDITIVE TO THE MAB OR AS  
SEPARATE ELEMENT)
- D. INSURE INTEGRITY OF FISCAL SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED.
- E. ADDITIVE TO THE TOTAL MARINES LEFT IN-COUNTRY WOULD  
BE THE 600 IDENTIFIED AS OUR PORTION OF THE SUPPORT/  
TRANSITIONAL FORCE.
- F. (C) REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING REDEPLOYMENT  
OF ALL OR PART OF THE CAG DURING PHASE 4.
- G. (IS) THE MARINE CORPS PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENTS IN MACV'S  
ALTERNATIVE A TOTAL 34.2. DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE MAB,  
THIS WOULD REDUCE THAT NUMBER ABOUT 1K. IF PHASE 4 IS  
IMPLEMENTED AS MACV PROPOSES, WE WILL EXPERIENCE EXTREME  
PERSONNEL TURBULENCE AND FACILITY OVERCROWDING, AS WELL AS

*Log  
Rollup*

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

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REF: A. MACV 211049Z DEC 69

B. III MAF TROOP LIST OF 20 DEC 69 (10.8K)

1. (TS/LD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A THE ADDITIONAL 2,100 USMC  
SPACES ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF B:

A. CHANGE THE STRENGTH COLUMN IN REF B AS INDICATED:

| ITEM | FROM | TO  |
|------|------|-----|
| 35   | 400  | 600 |
| 43   | 339  | 762 |

TOTAL INCREASE 623

B. ADD THE FOLLOWING TO U.S. MARINE GROUND:

| ITEM | UIC    | FRN     | UNIT               | PROG  | 7 STR LOC | TYPE |
|------|--------|---------|--------------------|-------|-----------|------|
| 43A  | M11550 | 99K002Y | 1ST SP BN (-)      | 379   | DNG       | CSS  |
| 43B  | M21410 | 99K016A | 1ST TANK BN (-)    | 438   | DNG       | C    |
| 43C  | M21325 | 99K024  | PLT 1ST BRIDGE CO  | 48    | DNG       | CSS  |
| 43D  | M23050 | 99K023  | CO MP BN           | 200   | DNG       | CS   |
| 43E  | M21370 | 99K013  | DET 9TH ENGR BN    | 200   | CHL       | CSS  |
| 43F  | M21274 | 051027  | 1ST PLT 5TH 8" HOW | 54    | A-2       | CS   |
| 43G  | M21257 | 05J028  | 5TH 175 GUN BTRY   | 158   | CARROLL   | CS   |
|      |        |         |                    | TOTAL | 1,477     |      |

ALL UNITS ICTZ. ITEMS 43A THROUGH E ARE PARTIAL DRAWDOWN OF  
UNITS.

2. (TS/LD) TROOP LIST TALLING 2,100 SPACES AS SET FORTH ABOVE  
IS PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

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- B. CMC 201555Z DEC 69 (TS/LINDIS) MCEO)
- C. CG III MAF 190752Z DEC 69 (TS/LINDIS MCEO) NOTAL
- 1. (TS/LD) REF A DISCUSSED JCS PROPOSAL FOR MARINE CORPS PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE OF 12,900 AND REF B FORWARDED DESIRED COMPOSITION OF MARINE AIR ELEMENT. REF C WAS MY RECOMMENDED 10,800 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST.
- 2. (TS/LD) MY RECOMMENDED 12,900 TROOP LIST FOLLOWS:
  - A. RLT-26: NO CHANGE FROM REF C EXCEPT OOCNE; DELETE 639 AND SUBSTITUTE 448. NEW TOTAL RLT-26 IS 7,176.
  - B. FORCE UNITS:

| UNIT                   | STRENGTH |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1ST SHORE PARTY BN (-) | 379      |

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|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| DET 5TH COMM BN   | 215   |
| 1ST TANK BN (-)   | 438   |
| 3D ANTRAC BN      | 707   |
| DET FLC           | 600   |
| PLT 1ST BRIDGE CO | 48    |
| PLT 3D BRIDGE CO  | 00    |
| CNR PLT           | 43    |
| 1ST HOSP CO       | 35    |
| DET 1ST RAD BN    | 52    |
| 3D IT             | 6     |
| DET TRANS FAC     | 50    |
| MILITARY ASST TM  | 5     |
| CO MP BN          | 200   |
| OOCNE             | 354   |
| TOTAL             | 3,192 |

C. AVIATION ELEMENT:

| UNIT                       | STRENGTH |
|----------------------------|----------|
| H&MS-12 (LESS IMA FOR VMA) | 403      |
| H&BS-12                    | 365      |
| VMFA-542                   | 328      |

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| H&MS-11 (IMA FOR VMFA)             | 52    |
| H&MS-11 (IMA FOR VMA(AW))          | 69    |
| VMA-211                            | 218   |
| VMA-223                            | 218   |
| VMA(AW)                            | 303   |
| HHH-501                            | 235   |
| DET MWNG-1                         | 25    |
| MATCU-62                           | 68    |
| DET MAG-16 (INCLUDING IMA FOR HHH) | 200   |
| DET MACG-18                        | 50    |
| TOTAL                              | 2,532 |

## D. RECAPITULATION:

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| RLT-26           | 7,176  |
| FORCE UNITS      | 3,192  |
| AVIATION ELEMENT | 2,532  |
| TOTAL            | 12,900 |

3. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED ENEMY CAPABILITY AND UNCERTAINTY OF HIS INTENTIONS I NON-CONCUR WITH INCLUSION OF A VMA(AW) IN 12.9K PACKAGE. I DO NOT CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO FURTHER REDUCE OUR ALL WEATHER ATTACK/CAS CAPABILITY DURING

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THE TIME FRAME OF THIS WITHDRAWAL. CURRENT TEMPO OF OPERATIONS, BOTH IN AND OUT-OF-COUNTRY, FOR A6 PECULIAR MISSIONS, NECESSITATE SCHEDULING 12 AMTI AND 10 RABFAC BEACON SORTIES PER DAY IN ADDITION TO CAS AND TPQ REQUIREMENTS. A6 CNO UTILIZATION CURRENTLY AT 140 PER CENT PER MONTH WITH NO FORESEEABLE REDUCTION IN VIEW. CONSIDER A6 ONLY AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FMAW TO PROVIDE TRUE ALL WEATHER CLOSE SUPPORT. STRONGLY RECOMMEND IF A6 SQUADRON REQUIRED IN CONUS FOR CVA AUGMENTATION DURING SUMMER THAT VMA(AW) PRESENTLY LOCATED IWAKUNI BE REDEPLOYED AND TWO A6 SQUADRONS REMAIN IN RVN. REEVALUATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR A6 CAPABILITY DURING SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL PHASES WILL BE MADE.

4. (TS/LD) FOR THESE REASONS I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE TROOP LIST IN PARAGRAPH 2 BE MODIFIED BY DELETING THE VMA(AW) SQUADRON AND ITS ASSOCIATED IMA SUPPORT (TOTAL 372 SPACES) AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

## FORCE UNITS:

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| COMPANY, 9TH ENGR BN     | 200 |
| 1ST PLT, 5TH 8" HOW BTRY | 54  |
| 5TH 175 GUN BTRY         | 158 |
| TOTAL                    | 412 |

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DECREASE THE OOCNE BY 40 TO 314.

## RECAPITULATION:

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| RLI-2G           | 7,176  |
| FORCE UNITS      | 3,564  |
| AVIATION ELEMENT | 2,160  |
| TOTAL            | 12,900 |

5. (TS/LD) YOU WILL NOTE THAT NO CAG'S ARE INCLUDED IN THE TROOP LIST. I BELIEVE THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF CAG'S WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE CURRENT VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM. NO FORCES ARE AVAILABLE TO REPLACE THEM. THE INFANTRY COMPANY INTENSIVE PACIFICATION PROGRAM WHICH HAS ITS GENESIS IN THE CAP PROGRAM HAS BUT RECENTLY BEGUN AND IS GRADUALLY EXPANDING. IT HAS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO REPLACE THE CAP'S TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE. I PREFER TO DELAY THE COMMENCEMENT OF CAP REDEPLOYMENT.

6. (TS/LD) THE TROOP LIST IS DUE AT MACV BY 221500H. THEREFORE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT ABOVE TROOP LIST, AS MODIFIED BY PARAGRAPH 4, AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T MAC 16484 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: MAC 16382/190736Z DEC 69

1. REFERENCE OUTLINES MACV RECOMMENDED TROOP PACKAGE AND REQUESTS  
 DETAILED TROOP LISTS.

2. THE JCS HAS DIRECTED MACV TO EXAMINE A TROOP REDEPLOYMENT  
 PACKAGE FOR PHASE III WHICH INCREASES THE USMC TOTAL TO 12,920  
 SPACES VICE 10,800.

3. REQUEST THE ADDITIONAL 2,100 USMC SPACES BE IDENTIFIED AND  
 SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1500 HOURS 22 DEC 69 USING THE  
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 EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN RUSE,  
 INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHAPMAN.  
 FORCE PLANNING(U)

REF: (A) CMC 192350Z DEC 69 (TS MCEO)  
 1: (TS) THE AVIATION PACKAGE TO ACCOMPANY REF A IS AS FOLLOWS

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

| UNIT | FROM    | DESTINATION |
|------|---------|-------------|
| HAMS | CHU LAI | ELTORO      |
| MABS | CHU LAI | ELTORO      |
| VMA  | CHU LAI | ELTORO      |
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| VMFA | CHU LAI | IWAKUNI     |
| MMH  | MMTN    | SANTA ANA.  |

B. 12.9K PACKAGE SAME AS ABOVE PLUS VMA (AW) TO CONUS  
 C. APPROPRIATE AVN HEADQUARTERS, SUPPORT AND AIR

PAGE TWO RUEOFIA3818 "TOPSECRET EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY"  
 CONTROL PERSONNEL TO FIRST MAN REAR IN EITHER PACKAGE.

2. (TS) RETURN OF SELECTED AVIATION UNITS TO CONUS IS  
 CENTERED ON URGENT NAVY RQMT TO FLESH OUT ATTACK CARRIER  
 DECKS THIS SUMMER WITH A4'S AND A6'S. USURPATION OF  
 IWAKUNI SPACE BY NAVY HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND WE ARE WORK-  
 ING ON THIS END TO DELAY THAT PROBLEM.

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**T O P S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM  
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAC 16383/190738 (ROSSON  
 TO MCCAIN AND WHEELER) WHICH IS REFERENCE A TO  
 CMC'S 192350 DEC 69. PLEASE PROTECT OUR SOURCE.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

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

B. CINCPAC 020511Z DEC 69.

C. JCS 15587/112145Z DEC 69

D. CINCPAC 170431Z DEC 69.

E. JCS 15940/172257Z DEC 69.

F. CINCPAC 180306Z DEC 69.

1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A PROVIDED MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION

PAGE TWO RUHFMA2375 **T O P S E C R E T** EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 IN VIETNAM AND OUTLINED 50,000 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES  
 FOR PEANNING. COMUSMACV RECOMMENDED MARINE-HEAVY  
 OPTION FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

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

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

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

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

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

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PAGE THREE RUMHFMA2375 T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO OF THE "MIDDLE POSITION" THE TROOP LIST FOR THE "MIDDLE POSITION" OUTLINED IN REF E IS REQUESTED. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR GT JAN 1970.

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

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

D. IMPEDING THE OVERALL VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS.

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

PAGE FOUR RUMHFMA2375; T O P S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE NEXT 100,000, AND NOT IN ISOLATION.

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

| MACV                 |       | JCS                    |       |
|----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| USA 1ST INF DIV      | 17.16 | USA 1ST INF DIV        | 17.16 |
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| USAF ELEMENTS        | 4.78  | USA SVC SPT            | 8.61  |
| USMC 26TH RLT        | 7.18  | USAF ELEMENTS          | 5.58  |
| USMC RLT, 1ST MARDIV |       | USMC 26TH RLT WITH     |       |
| WITH AIR AND SPT     | 10.80 | AIR AND SPT            | 10.80 |
| USN SPT              | 2.05  | USN SPT                | 2.05  |
| FR                   | 50.00 |                        | 50.00 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. WARM REGARDS.

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

PAGE TWO RUEOFIA3804 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO PROPOSED, BRINGING OUR TOTAL TO 12,900, THE INCREASE COULD BE OFFSET BY CORRESPONDING DECREASES FOR OTHER SERVICES. SPECIFICALLY, THIS MIGHT PERMIT RETENTION IN-COUNTRY OF A 4TH BRIGADE OF ARMY FORCES.

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

PAGE THREE RUEOFIA3804 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO TO BE LEFT IN-COUNTRY UPON COMPLETION OF A 4TH REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT AND UNTIL SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE LEVELS ARE REACHED.

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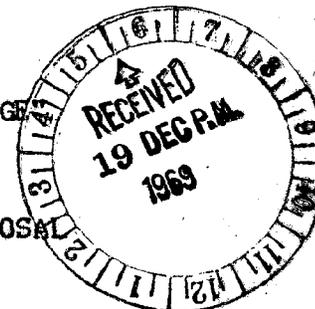
1. PLANNING FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH STAFFS OF THOSE CONCERNED USING THE MACV RECOMMENDED MARINE-HEAVY OPTION ON WHICH YOU WERE BRIEFED ON 14 DECEMBER 1969.
2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS ON THE MARINE-HEAVY VERSUS ARMY-HEAVY OPTIONS, THE JCS SUGGESTED LOOKING AT A "MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE" WHICH WOULD REDEPLOY A MARINE AIR/GROUND PACKAGE WITH ONLY ONE RLT.

3. CINCPAC REQUESTED A TROOP LIST ON "MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE" UNLESS COMUSMACV HAD FUTHER COMMENTS OR RESERVATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY OF THIS PACKAGE. SINCE TIME IS CRITICAL IF PHASE III IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY, COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED ADJUSTMENT TO THE JCS PROPOSAL AS INDICATED BELOW:

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

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



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

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

C. AN ASTERISK WILL BE USED NEXT TO THE STRENGTH FIGURE TO INDICATE IT IS A DRAW-DOWN INCREMENT OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR A UNIT REMAINING IN-COUNTRY. (E-#2)

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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT(S)

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

A. REDEPLOYING UNITS SCHEDULED FOR DEACTIVATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAGE 4 RUHFMA2230 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO HELD BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN THE ACTIVE STRUCTURE WILL BE SCREENED/REDISTRIBUTED BY CG III MAF TO MEET III MAF/3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR/VNMC DEFICIENCIES UTILIZING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARS 1.A.(1) THROUGH 1.A.(4) ABOVE.

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

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

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

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LOYMENTS. THE ASSETS WHICH BECOME EXCESS TO IN-COUNTRY REQMS AS A  
RESULT OF THIS STOCK LEVEL REDUCTION, ALONG WITH THOSE OP STOCKS  
TURNED-IN TO FLC BY UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT/DEACTIVATION  
IAW PAR 1.A.(6) ABOVE, WILL BE APPLIED TO FILL MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES  
OF 3D MARDIV(-)/1ST MAW(REAR)/3D FSR AND UNITS SCHEDULED FOR  
REDEPLOYMENT/RETENTION IN THE ACTIVE FMFPAC FORCE STRUCTURE.

3. (TS) IF THE CONCEPT OUTLINED PARS 1. AND 2. ABOVE IS  
APPROVED, AND TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS I PROPOSE TO EMBARK  
THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPS AND RETROGRADE CARGO  
ON THE PHIBRON SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT  
TO EASTPAC IN LATE FEB. THE REMAINING PERSONNEL WOULD BE  
AIRLIFTED TO CONUL, MAKING MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EXISTING MAC  
CHANNEL/SAAM AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING CARGO WILL BE RETURNED  
BY AVAILABLE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING OR AS A LAST RESORT,  
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4. (U) YOUR CONCURRENCE ON THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PARS  
1. THROUGH 3. ABOVE IS REQUESTED. WARM<sup>®</sup>REGARDS.

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REF: A. CG FMFPAC 171905Z DEC 69

B. TELCON BGEN WILSON/BGEN DOOLEY.

190955H DEC 69

1. (TS/LD) COMUSMACV HAS REQUESTED A 10,08K TROOP LIST BY COB 20 DEC 69. THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL:

RLT-26

| UNIT            | STRENGTH |
|-----------------|----------|
| HQ CO 26TH MAR  | 218      |
| 1ST BN 26TH MAR | 1,190    |
| 2D BN 26TH MAR  | 1,190    |
| 3D BN 26TH MAR  | 1,190    |
| 1ST BN 13TH MAR | 669      |

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| K BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR      | 110 |
| DET HQ BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR | 21  |
| CO A 5TH AT BN              | 69  |
| DET H&S CO 5TH AT BN        | 0   |
| CO A 5TH ENGR BN            | 129 |
| DET H&S CO 5TH ENGR BN      | 4   |
| CO A 5TH RECON BN           | 72  |
| DET H&SCO 5TH RECON BN      | 16  |
| CO A 5TH MED BN (C&C CO)    | 25  |
| CO A 5TH MT BN              | 95  |
| DET H&S CO 5TH MT BN        | 3   |
| CO A 5TH SP BN              | 60  |
| DET H&S CO 5TH SP BN        | 37  |
| DET MP CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV   | 20  |
| DET SVC CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV  | 16  |
| CO A 5TH TK BN              | 24  |
| DET H&S CO 5TH TK BN        | 70  |
| CO A 5TH AMTRAC BN          | 146 |
| DET H&S CO 5TH AMTRAC BN    | 20  |
| DET 9TH COMM BN             | 6   |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| DET FLC                    | 651          |
| 7TH MT BN                  | 407          |
| DET HQ&N 3D MARDIV (SCAMP) | 50           |
| 1ST AT BN (C)              | 19           |
| LSU 5TH SERV BN            | 62           |
| LSU 5TH SERV BN            | 62           |
| LSU 5TH SERV BN            | 62           |
| OOCNE                      | 539          |
| <b>TOTAL FORCE UNITS</b>   | <b>7,867</b> |

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>UNIT</b>             | <b>STRENGTH</b> |
| 3D AMTRAC BN            | 707             |
| DET FLC                 | 400             |
| CMR PLT                 | 43              |
| 1ST HOSP CO             | 35              |
| 3D IT                   | 6               |
| MILITARY ASST TM        | 5               |
| PLT 3D BRIDGE CO (REIN) | 60              |
| DET 5TH COMM BN         | 215             |
| DET TRANS FAC           | 50              |

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| DET 1ST RAD BN        | 52           |
| <b>TOTAL AVIATION</b> | <b>1,573</b> |

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| H&MS-12 (1)                            | 403          |
| MABS-12                                | 365          |
| VMFA-542                               | 328          |
| H&MS-11 (IMA FOR VMFA) (2)             | 52           |
| VMA-211                                | 218          |
| VMA-223                                | 218          |
| HMH-361                                | 233          |
| DET MWHG-1                             | 25           |
| MATCU-62                               | 68           |
| DET MAG-16 (INCLUDING IMA FOR RMH) (3) | 200          |
| DET MACG-18                            | 50           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>2,160</b> |

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>RECAPITULATION</b> |               |
| RLI-26                | 7,057         |
| <b>FORCE</b>          | <b>1,573</b>  |
| <b>AVIATION</b>       | <b>2,160</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10,800</b> |

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- (1) IMA SUPPORT FOR ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO H&MS-13 (34 SPACES).
  - (2) DET H&MS-11 IS IMA SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSFERRED WITH VMFA-542 (52 SPACES).
  - (3) DET MAG-16 INCLUDES 164 SPACES THAT WILL BE DELETED BY RELOCATING HELO ASSETS FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF AND 36 SPACES THAT ARE IMA SUPPORT FOR HMM-361.
2. (TS/LD) IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST VARIES FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B AS FOLLOWS: THE HMM AND 2 ASRTS ARE NOT INCLUDED; IN ADDITION, A VMA IS PROVIDED VICE A VMFA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE ABOVE:
- A. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE ASRTS IN COUNTRY WHICH GIVE COMPLETE COVERAGE FOR ICTZ WITH TPQ. FMAW PROVIDES 90 PER CENT OF THE FIXED WING SORTIES IN I CORPS. OF ALL FIXED WING SORTIES, 22 PER CENT ARE UNDER TPQ CONTROL DURING NIGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. ALL SETS ARE OLD AND REQUIRE CONSTANT MAINTENANCE. TWO SETS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING IN 1ST MARDIV AO TO PROVIDE COMPLETE 24 HOUR COVERAGE. STRONGLY BELIEVE FIVE OPERATING TPQ'S ARE REQUIRED IN ICTZ TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER/NIGHT CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. THIS SUPPORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER WITH THE

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PLANNED REDUCTION OF GROUND FORCES.

B. STRONGLY BELIEVE FOUR HMM'S REQUIRED TO SUPPORT III MAF FORCES. ALTHOUGH RLT IS BEING REDEPLOYED, THE 1ST MARDIV AO WILL REMAIN THE SAME; THIS WILL, IN FACT, INCREASE HELO REQUIREMENTS. IF JGS DECIDES TO MOVE ADDITIONAL ARVN FORCES INTO I CORPS, SUCH FORCES WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON FMAW FOR HELO SUPPORT. THERE IS CURRENTLY A SHORTAGE OF TOTAL HELO ASSETS IN I CORPS; REQUESTS TO COMUSMACV TO AUGMENT ARMY HELO RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED. CONSIDER FOUR HMM'S AND ONE HMM MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR TROOP LIFT, RESUPPLY, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS SUCH AS RECON INSERT, MED EVAC, ETC.

C. THE RECOMMENDATION TO REDEPLOY MAG-12 WITH TWO A-4 SQUADRONS AND RETAIN MAG-13 IN COUNTRY WITH THREE F-4 AND ONE A-4 SQUADRON INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) ESTABLISHED H&MS SUPPORT FOR SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM OF F4 IS IN-BEING IN MAG-13 AND PROVIDING MAINTENANCE/AVIONICS SUPPORT TO THREE F4 SQUADRONS. ASSIGNING ONE A4 SQUADRON TO MAG-13 WITH IMA SUPPORT (34 PERSONNEL) TO H&MS-13 WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE AND NOT DEGRADE THE A4 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

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(2) THE F4 WEAPONS SYSTEM CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY  
UTILIZED IN THE NIGHT/ALL WEATHER ATTACK ROLE THAN THE A4.  
CROSSWIND RESTRICTIONS ON THE A4 AND THE CUMBERSOME PROCESS OF  
USING JATO DEGRADES THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE A4 DURING  
WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT MONSOON SEASON WHICH DOES  
NOT END UNTIL LATE FEB/EARLY MARCH.

(3) THE F4 HAS THE CAPABILITY OF CARRYING MORE EXTERNAL  
ORDNANCE THAN THE A4 WHEN UTILIZED IN THE ATTACK ROLE AND HAS A  
GREATER RANGE AND TIME ON STATION.

(4) THE F4 IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN THE FIGHTER ROLE  
WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY SHOULD INITIATE  
AIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PHASES OF GROUND UNITS.  
ADDITIONALLY, THE FIGHTER/ATTACK CAPABILITY WOULD BE UTILIZED

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IN THE EVENT AIR OPERATIONS SHOULD BE REINSTITUTED OVER NORTH  
VIETNAM.

(5) THE ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL PROVIDE THE WING WITH THE  
CAPABILITY OF LOW LEVEL CLOSE-IN-SUPPORT. WHEN THE WEATHER IS  
MARGINAL, VFR UNDER 1500 FEET CEILING AND LESS, A MORE MANUVER-  
ABLE AIRCRAFT IS REQUIRED. THIS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN RECON  
INSERTS/EXTRACTS.

3. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF THE SHORT FUZE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO  
SUBMIT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST TO MACV AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT  
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

LTGEN NICKERSON

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

1. (TS) AT JCS MEETING ON 17 SEP, THE CHIEFS DISCUSSED THE  
PROBLEM OF MARINE HEAVY VERSUS ARMY HEAVY OPTIONS IN THE 50,000  
MAN PACKAGE.

2. (TS) THE ARMY HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION DUE  
TO THE FACT THAT IT WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS MANPOWER AND BUDGET  
PROBLEMS WITHIN DEPT OF ARMY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE RESULTING  
ARMY STRENGTH CEILING IN RVN.

3. (TS) OUR CONCERN WITH THE MARINE HEAVY IS TWOFOLD:

A. IT APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT 3 RLTS WOULD BE REDEPLOYED.  
THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN IN-COUNTRY STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY  
33,000 BUILT AROUND A SINGLE RLTI.

B. ADDITIONALLY, MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS AND FACILITY OVER-

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

4. (TS) THE JCS HAVE PROPOSED TO CINCPAC A MIDDLE POSITION PACKAGE  
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE 4 ARMY BRIGADES; A BALANCED MARINE AIR/GROUND  
PACKAGE WITH ONE RLTI, BUT AT A STRENGTH GREATER THAN 7,600; WITH  
THE BALANCE MADE UP FROM AF AND/OR NAVY. M

5. (TS) OUR THINKING HERE ASSUMES A FIGURE OF 10,600 TO 12,900.  
THIS WOULD APPEAR TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THE ARMY AND MARINE PROBLEMS.  
THE LARGER PACKAGE IN PHASE 3 WOULD LESSEN THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF  
LATER MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS  
AND FACILITY CROWDING.

6. (TS) THE 12,900 FIGURE IS BASED ON DELETING ONE ARMY BRIGADE  
FROM THE ARMY HEAVY OPTION AND ASSIGNING THOSE 5,000 SPACES TO  
MARINES. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE MAXIMUM PACKAGE WE CAN DEPLOY  
BUILT AROUND A SINGLE RLTI. MAINTAINING THE DIV/WING TEAM AND NEC-  
CESSARY SUPPORT, AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL NON-III MAF ELEMENTS WITHIN  
A NEW CEILING OF 42,610 MAY REQUIRE SOME AUSTERE MANNING, BUT IT  
APPEARS HERE THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD MANAGE IT.

WARM REGARDS.

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B. CG III MAF 170702Z/DEC69 (TS) (SPECAT)

C. CMC 161910Z/DEC69 (TS) (SPECAT)

1. (TS) I HAVE BEEN TALKING TO BILL VAN RYZIN CONCERNING  
 THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED 50K WITHDRAWAL PACKAGE, AND  
 THE ARMY, EVIDENTLY BECAUSE OF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS, IS  
 ANXIOUS TO GET MORE TROOPS OUT OF RVN BY MID-APRIL 1970.  
 HQMC IS DESIROUS OF A MARINE CORPS TOTAL OF AROUND 10.6K  
 AS PART OF THE 50K SO APPARENTLY THE MARINE CORPS HEAVY  
 OPTION, AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL AT LEAST, IS OUT OF THE  
 PICTURE FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. (TS) IN ORDER THAT WE MAY SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON

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 THE SUBJECT OF THE MARINE CORPS PORTION OF THE 50K,  
 REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ME A TROOP LIST WHICH ADDRESSES  
 A III MAF TOTAL OF 10.6K. AFTER STAFFING HERE, I WILL SUB-  
 MIT THIS TO CHAPPY FOR HQMC APPROVAL.

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3. (TS) YOUR 7.5K TROOP LIST IN REF A, AS MODIFIED BY PAR  
 2, REF B, LOOKS FINE TO FORM THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE  
 10.6K. IN ARRIVING AT THE ADDITIVES NECESSARY TO BRING  
 YOUR 7.5K PACKAGE TO 10.6K, I WOULD APPRECIATE CONSID-  
 ERATION BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING THE AVIATION UNITS LISTED  
 BELOW. BECAUSE OF THE ATSUGI/IWAKUNI BASE LOADING  
 PROBLEM WHICH HAS RECENTLY SURFACED (REF C, APPLIES), I  
 CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO ATTAIN OUR IWAKUNI T-DAY POSTURE  
 SOONEST (I.E., THREE F-4, TWO A-6, ONE A-4, AND ONE VMCJ-  
 SQUADRON) TO ESTABLISH SQUATTERS' RIGHTS THERE AND HENCE  
 NEGOTIATE WITH JOHNNY MYLAND FROM A POSITION OF SOME  
 STRENGTH. TO THIS END, THOSE UNITS BELOW SO DESIGNATED  
 WOULD RELOCATE TO IWAKUNI. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE  
 UMFA LISTED IN REF A.

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4. (IS) REF B, WAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED HERE AND IT APPEARS, BASED UPON MY CONVERSATION WITH BILL VAN RYZIA (PAR ONE) THAT THERE IS A "DISCONNECT" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SAIGON. AFTER AN ADDRESSAL OF REF B, REQUEST THAT THE AVIATION PORTION OF YOUR 17,680 TROOP LIST BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THOSE AVIATION UNITS (PLUS THE VMFA REFERRED TO IN REF A,) SET FORTH IN PAR THREE ABOVE PROVIDING IT MEETS YOUR TACTICAL SITUATION. SUBJECT TO THIS, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO SUBMIT THE 17,680 TROOP LIST AS A PURELY PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

5. PHONE CALL JUST RECEIVED FROM CLIFF. DRAKE INDICATES CHIEFS WILL SETTLE ON FIGURE BETWEEN 10.6 AND 22.3 PROBABLY ABOUT 13. STAY LOOSE.

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 III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
 MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
 FPO. SAN FRANCISCO 96602

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
 LJD/erl  
 30 Dec 1969

TOP SECRET/LIMDIS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subj: Force Planning, TELECON with BGen. WILSON 300900H

1. Reference to CMC's 271711Z DEC. General Buse and General NICKERSON discussed this in Hawaii. FMFPAC will forward to us, on 31 December, a troop list for the RLT totalling approximately 10.5K. III MAF will be requested to submit comments, recommendations, and refinements but the III MAF recommendations should not exceed 10.8K.
2. The roll-up force referred to in the reference message is considered additive to the MAB troop list. FLC will have to come up with list of ranks and skills. The RLT troop list will, of course, include its own support (separate from the roll-up).
3. In regard to the CAG's. Information from CMC is that rather than our volunteering to give them up, we should go to COMUSMACV and request guidance so that the decision to withdraw the CAGs would be an Army one. If it is decided that they remain, this would also be additive to the RLT troop list.
4. During the CINCPAC movement conference and the FMFPAC redeployment conference, the III MAF reps will have to have the knowledge and the authority to say that a certain unit and its gear will be ready to load on a certain day. Firm decisions will be made during these conferences.
5. In regard to shipping schedule, it now looks as if USMC Phase 3 redeployments will be returning on board the PhibRon which is scheduled to depart RVN on 22 February. The PhibRon will probably be augmented by two (2) additional bottoms (and possibly a carrier, depending on the Apollo shot). This means that our standown dates will be considerably advanced over that supplied to COMUSMACV. (Note: We must develop a new schedule and inform MACV as soon as possible). HQMC G-1 insists that we meet the PhibRon shipping schedule since it means saving money.

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6. In regard to the consolidation of III MAF and XXIV Corps, since the phasing is considerably different than what was envisioned when the plan was developed, perhaps we should forget about consolidation. On the day selected, XXIV Corps would take over the Headquarters. III MAF would become a MEF within the new Headquarters. I pointed out the difficulties of operating as an operational MEF staff with a small Headquarters. BGen. WILSON agreed and stated the MEF Headquarters is only a facade. I suggested that the practical thing may be for the MEF to be a admin/logistic headquarters responsible for the problems in the redeployment of USMC forces. BGen WILSON merely stated that perhaps that is a solution.

LEO J. DULACKI  
CHIEF OF STAFFCC: G-3  
G-430 Dec 69  
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6 January

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Telecon with BG Wilson, C/S FMFPAC, 0935 6Jan.

1. CINCPACFLT sent msg to 7th Fleet and PhibPac directing them to come up with plan on shipping. Plans will be different than what has been indicated. It appears that some of the units will be departing prior to 22Feb; this will probably be units such as Tanks, AmTracs, and 7thMtors. Wilson questioned the ranks we are sending to the conference and whether or not they have authority to commit III MAF. Informed him that of course CG III MAF reserves the right to make any decisions but that we foresee no problems on the stand-down and departure dates but they should be aware of the fact that COMUSMACV desires that none of the infantry battalions depart before early March (after TET). I requested that as soon as they get any indications as to shipping dates we be notified immediately so that we can begin planning.

2. Msg 051949Z from FMFPac will inform us of new destinations of FMAW units.

3. We will soon get personnel criteria data. FMFPac and CMC are going back and forth on this. It appears that: units going to Okinawa will go with all people as they are; units which remain in the force structure, a cut off date will be designated which will probably mean everyone with 6 mos or more will go with the unit (less than 6 mos will remain in country); ground units which will be deactivated (RLT-26), those with 9 or 10 months will probably return with units. Units will be deactivated in CONUS (probably by Vth MEB). The latter will result in a massive mixmaster, probably about 27% in 1stMarDiv. The mixmaster will probably be worse in FLC because of rank and skill requirements. (FMFPac recommended that units be deactivated in country and that gear be turned over to FLC but CMC did not approve).

4. Stated that condition of M-16's shipped to CONUS was not too good. Many rifles without slings; some AK-47's in containers; some grenades in containers. Costing about \$100,000 to renovate. Still not ready for issue.

5. In regard to CAPs, General Buse thinking that perhaps they should all go out when CG 1stMarDiv (actual) goes out.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subj: III MAF Staff/CMC discussions 12Jan70

1. FUTURE OF CAPS. CMC commented on CAPS being phased out over one year period (specifically their being supported by US Army units) as being "feasible but not desirable". He approved the concept of the CAPS being phased out during Phase IV in all but Quang Nam with the CAG in Quang Nam remaining until the MAB departs.

2. USMC COMMAND AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION. III MAF proposed one solution - at a time designated, XXIV Corps would assume command of I Corps and a USMC MEF staff, subordinate to XXIV Corps would be established. CMC stated there is another solution - III MAF remain in command in I Corps until such time as the Division and Wing redeploy; CMC indicated this would be the more desirable solution. CG, III MAF added that we could integrate additional Army personnel into the III MAF staff to ease the turnover to the Army once III MAF departs.

a. CMC stated he must be adamant in insisting on a "uniservice" organization and an organization which would coordinate USMC redeployments during Phase IV.

b. CMC stated that an OpCon MEF would be desirable but not essential. He would have no trouble with a MEF which had "command less OpCon".

c. CMC mentioned the possibility of the MEF commander and staff actually "double hatting" with either the Wing or Division (whoever is senior). The disadvantages of this were briefly discussed and not pursued further by CMC.

d. CMC stated that, in effect, there are three different sized MEF staffs to be considered - (1) An OpCon MEF of 161 personnel; (2) A command less OpCon MEF which would be less than 161; and (3) Either of the two plus 208 augmentation in the event the MEF Headquarters cannot satellite on another headquarters.

3. MAB ORGANIZATION. In regard to the MAB organization, CMC stated that he desired to maintain the integrity of the USMC financial system, common support furnished by the Army would be USMC funded, and the Marines would keep the books.

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a. He stated that in addition to the assumptions made, there should be another one added in regard to aviation support by the Navy.

b. CMC queried as to what would happen to MACS-4 and Panama. Major General Thrash, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, replied that it's only a case of leaving behind the box which would interface Navy/Air Force and USMC air; it would take only about 14 people to operate the equipment and the Air Force is capable of doing this. CMC directed that MACS-4 not be left behind.

c. In regard to the MAB headquarters, CMC stated that for purposes of cosmetics, the headquarters should be as small as possible. He recommended that some of the units which are shown as being a part of the headquarters be hidden in the RLT to make the headquarters as small as possible, e.g. Military Police, Radio Battalion and Communications.

d. CMC queried why we did not have a composite group rather than the two air groups. The impracticality of such a headquarters operating from different airfields and with different aircraft was discussed. CMC did not pursue further.

e. CMC stated that he had laid the ground work with General Rosson and J-3 MACV for aviation and logistic elements with the USMC force remaining after Phase IV. He did not think we would have too much difficulty, but we would have to fully justify the aviation and logistic elements. CMC stated that we might have to squeeze down the 10.8 Brigade; undoubtedly MACV will state that the 3,300 people over the 7,500 MACV has mentioned for the RLT might mean another Army Brigade to him and that he therefore could not afford it. CMC stated it might be wiser to submit a 9,000 man troop list; we might have to give up some fixed air (A-4).

f. CMC stated he must insist on the following principles in regard to the MAB: (1) maintain the integrity of the air/ground team; (2) a uniservice force command; (3) integrity of the fiscal system; (4) integrity of the supply system.

4. PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS. CMC stated the decision is not yet firm on when Phase IV will begin or what time period is involved. In regard to Phase IV redeployments, CMC stated that when Division and Wing elements move out, they must move out as combat ready units, that is with the gear, people, equipment, MO and MOA. He admitted that they would probably not be combat loaded since even commercial shipping might be used. However, he believes we cannot afford to wait until the units get back to Camp Pendleton to reconstitute them. (Note: These remarks apply only to those units which will remain in the permanent structure; they do not apply, for example to the 26th Marines). It was pointed out to CMC this was going to be difficult from the standpoint of people because of necessary mixmasters; he admitted this but stated combat readiness should be our objective.

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5. CMC discussed following additional points: (1) We must preserve any supplies and equipment which can be of use in the future; (2) When we leave a camp we must leave it spotless; (3) When unit departs a camp, the two Commanding Officers should jointly inspect and releases should be signed between them; (4) Supplies and equipment must be protected during outloading to insure black marketeers and thieves do not get to them.

6. MEF COMMAND LESS OPCON STAFF. When walking back to the office with the Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, CMC discussed again the MEF staff. He stated that the more he thought about it, the command less OpCon staff appeared to be the solution. It would be small, it could satellite on another headquarters, it would be uniservice and thus have direct access to CG FMFPac and if necessary, to COMUSMACV, it could concern itself primarily with the problems of redeployment and leave the operational problems to the Corps commander, and if there were problems, the MEF commander could intercede on behalf of the Division/Wing to the Corps commander. Aviation elements could be controlled by a TADC and a HDC for helo control.

7. CMC directed that, as before, we go to CG FMFPac with our proposals for the CAPS and the command and control organization before we go to MACV.



LEO J. DULACKI  
Chief of Staff

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11 Jan 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, III MAF

Subj: Remarks by the CMC during visit to FLC - 10 Jan 70

1. The following comments/questions were discussed during the Commandant's visit on 10 January 1970. CG, III MAF was present and participated in the discussion.

a. CMC questioned the criteria for disposal of excess items, having a line item value of less than \$50. per line item.

FLC Comment: The criteria for such disposal is contained in CG, FMFPac guidance on disposal of excesses. It has been true for the past disposal cycle, regarding offerings to PURA as well as being economical. All such excesses have been screened by the 3rd FSR as well as other agencies prior to such action.

CMC response: Continue the action, however he will discuss with CG, FMFPac.

b. CMC questioned why we were speaking of a "1,200 Marine Roll Up Force" to complete the retrograde of Marine Corps Material from RVN. Where did the figure of 1,200 come from?

FLC Comment: This was the figure given to us by the III MAF planning staff as well as CG, FMFPac staff personnel. LtCol. BUCKLEY, during his trip and duty at FMFPac 2 - 5 Jan 70, was given this figure. CG, FLC, indicated that there was an irreducible minimum number of personnel required for camp functions; security, housekeeping, utilities operation, etc. and that the figure was being acquired for possible reclama. Up until the past ten days, the roll up figure had been 3,500.

CMC Response: CMC is not aware that a ~~finite~~, definite figure had been approved by his Hq, and expressed concern over the amount of Marines required to accomplish the task.

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c. CMC commented that the following actions should be accomplished during the roll-up of Marine facilities and material.

(1) Save maximum amount of equipment and supplies. Even the 5¢ item may be required in the future.

(2) Assure an orderly turn-over of facilities now being occupied by Marine Forces. Such turn over should be proceeded by a thorough clean-up and a joint inspection by the relieving commander to certify that the area was clean, neat and in acceptable repair prior to the departure of Marine Force.

(3) All hands must be on guard to prevent material from being stolen and entered into the black market. Complete accountability and responsibility should be scrupulously maintained and all MC owned material accounted for. This is particularly true for Non-TAM Garrison Property.

d. CMC questioned regarding the time frame for roll up actions. When did the time begin and how long would it last? What were plans for an earlier redeployment, and consequent roll up?

FLC Comment: We are planning for an approximate 90 days plus or minus 30 to accomplish the action. This will depend on the manner and speed of the Phase IV actions. Under current plans we are planning on 90 days from the end of Phase IV. Should an earlier redeployment be effected it would depend primarily on the extent of support required as well as the shipping to be made available.

e. CMC Comment: All deploying troops after Phase III should be redeployed with M/O in hand and be prepared for a return prior to reaching destination.

FLC Comment: That had been a question with FMFPac and guidance had not yet been provided. A discussion as to the types of loading and availability of a support force remaining in country followed.

CMC Response: CMC will discuss this aspect with CG, FMFPac.

2. A general discussion of the current Phase III redeployment and projected Phase IV was conducted. Our plans, were in general concurred in by the CMC. Other than the disposition of the excesses having a line item value of less than \$50. per line item, it appeared that our previous actions and projections of

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future actions were acceptable. Our guidance which had been received from FMFPac was used to substantiate the decisions made in almost all cases, and CMC so advised.

3. The size and composition of the LSG for any remaining Marine Force in RVN was also discussed. Our plan seemed to meet CMC approval.



15 Jan 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Telecon with Bgen Wilson, 0915.

In regard to the III MAF request for a CAF and T/O for the Force, it appears that this request is being overtaken by events in view of III MAF recommendations for redeployment of CAPs. In view of this, FMFPac is going to sit on the request until we see what the developments are. Nevertheless, we still have General Buse's oral authority to activate the CAF from our own assets.

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Leo J. Dulacki

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20 Jan 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: Telecon with BGen Wilson, C/S FMEPac.

1. CG forwarded msg to CG FMEPac re a GySgt Diaz. Pac sent a msg to III MAF telling us to hold the man until Gen Buse had queried HQMC. They received info from HQMC that Gen Van Ryzin had disapproved holding the man. His last 15 fitness reports were average or below; CMC policy is that the man must appear before the board. They regret but the man must return to the U.S. Undoubtedly, will not be permitted to reenlist.

2. MAB troop list. HQMC is asking for a 9,000 man troop list. There will be a short fuze on this. Suggest that most of the reduction can be taken from aviation units.

3. Wilson had previously suggested that we may want to offer howtars to the ROK's to placate them. Now state that in view of spare parts and support problems, such is impractical. Suggest we may wish to loan then some 105's from the maintenance flact.

4. The letter concerning the CAF is being held in abeyance until we see what the developments are in regard to the CAP's. We, of course, have been authorized orally by General Buse to establish the CAF but the T/O will not be forwarded until we see what the developments are.

5. III MAF msg re the future of the CAP's was sent to General Walt (in Seattle) for his comments and recommendations.

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Leo J. Dulacki  
BGen., USMC

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MEMORANDUM

From: Chief of Staff  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3  
Subj: Access List to Redeployment Planning  
Ref: (a) C/S ltr 38/175/erl of 9 Jan 1970

1. The following is an addendum to enclosure (1) of reference (a):

ASST C/S G-3

Col. WILKERSON, Herbert L.

DEP G-3

Col. HEFFERNAN, Neal E.

LEO J. DULACKI

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MEMORANDUM

From: Chief of Staff  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3  
Subj: Access List to Redeployment Planning  
Ref: (a) C/S ltr 38/ljd/erl of 9 Jan 1970.

1. The following is an addendum to enclosure (1) of reference (a):

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3  
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1. The following is an addendum to enclosure (1) of reference (a):

DEPUTY G-4 (Plans)  
FORCE EMBARKATION OFFICER  
PLANS CHIEF G-4

LtCol. ROBINSON, K. L.  
Maj. CHAPMAN, J. A.  
Sgt. CARTER, E. J.

LEO J. DULACKI

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1. The following is an addendum to enclosure (1) of reference (a):

DEPUTY G-3 (Air)  
FORCE SUPPLY OFFICER  
FORCE ENGINEER OFFICER  
CLERK/TYPIST G-3

Col. REED, J. L.  
Col. BOULWARE, J. C.  
Col. SHANAHAN, T. C.  
LCpl. EDGERLE, T. R.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Chief of Staff

To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Subj: Access List to Redeployment Planning

Encl: (2) Access List Phases 3 - 6 and NSSM-36

1. Enclosure (1) is an approved list of those personnel authorized full access to information regarding Redeployment Planning. The G-3 will maintain subject list current, by name and billet description. All proposed changes to enclosure (1) will be submitted to the Chief of Staff for approval.
2. Recommendations concerning broader access for separate phases of planning will be submitted and updated in a similar manner.
3. This memorandum supercedes all previous access lists regarding Redeployment Planning.

LEO J. DULACKI  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

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## ACCESS LIST PHASES 3 - 6 AND NSM-36

1. (C) The following personnel are authorized full access to information relative to Redeployment Planning:

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| DEP CG            | MGen. BOWMAN, H. S. Jr.  |
| CHIEF OF STAFF    | EGen. DULAKCI, L. J.     |
| Dep. C/S          | Col. DRESSIN, S. A.      |
| STAFF SECRETARY   | LtCol. CLARK, F. A.      |
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| ASST PLANS OFF    | Col. SLOAN, J. A.        |
| ASST C/S G-3      | EGen. MILLER, T. H. Jr.  |
| DEP G-3           | Col. FOGGEMEYER, L. E.   |
| G-3 OPNS          | Col. FOX, G. C.          |
| ASST G-3 OPNS     | Maj. BORJESSON, S. G.    |
| ASST C/S G-1      | Col. PARNELL, R. L. Jr.  |
| ASST C/S G-2      | Col. DZIALO, E. W.       |
| ASST C/S G-4      | Col. SIMLIK, W. F.       |
| C/S STENOGRAPHER  | SSgt. LORANGER, E. R.    |
| G-3 TYPIST        | 1stSgt. PAVIA, B. A.     |
| PLANS TYPIST      | MSgt. VEREEN, R. J.      |

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A. CG III MAF 161112Z DEC 69

1. (TS/LD) MACV PLANNERS ARE WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION WILL BE APPROVED AND THAT THE ANNOUNCED 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT WILL BE THE FIRST INCREMENT OF THAT OPTION. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY 1100H 18 DEC A TROOP LIST TOTALLING 19.1K PERSONNEL TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 15 APRIL.

2. (TS/LD) REFERENCE A PROVIDED A TROOP LIST FOR 7,504 PERSONNEL. THAT TROOP LIST BECOMES A PART OF OUR PROPOSED 19.1K TROOP LIST, HOWEVER, REQUEST IT BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: DELETE THE PHOTO INT TEAM WITH 48 PERSONNEL. INCREASE THE OOCNE TO 448. TOTAL TROOP LIST REMAINS THE SAME, 7,504.

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3. (TS/LD) THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL:

| UNIT                    | STRENGTH    |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| DET HQBN 1ST MARDIV     | 100         |
| HQCO 7TH MAR            | 220         |
| 1ST BN 7TH MAR          | 1,179       |
| 2D BN 7TH MAR           | 1,179       |
| 3D BN 7TH MAR           | 1,179       |
| 3D BN 11TH MAR (-)      | 525         |
| CO 1ST ENGR BN (REIN)   | 133         |
| CO 1ST RECON BN (REIN)  | 88          |
| CO 1ST MED BN           | 25          |
| CO 1ST MT BN (REIN)     | 98          |
| 1ST SP BN (-)           | 379         |
|                         | FORCE UNITS |
| 1ST TANK BN (-)         | 438         |
| 3D ANTRAC BN            | 707         |
| DET FLC                 | 300         |
| PLT 1ST BRIDGE CO       | 48          |
| PLT 3D BRIDGE CO (REIN) | 60          |

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| CMR PLT                 | 43  |
| COMM SPT CO 7TH COMM BN | 215 |
| 5TH 175 GUN BTRY        | 158 |
| 1ST PLT 5TH 8" HOW BTRY | 54  |
| DET 1ST RAD BN          | 52  |
| 3D IT                   | 6   |
| 3D FORCE RECON CO       | 147 |
| MILITARY ASST TM        | 5   |
| TRANS FAC               | 50  |
| 1ST HOSP CO             | 35  |
| OOCNE                   | 300 |

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| MATCU-62   | 68  |
| DET MAG-16 | 164 |

TOTAL 10,176

4. (TS/LD) THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TROOP LIST AND THE ABOVE TOTAL 17,680. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, IT IS MY INTENT TO PROVIDE THIS TOTAL TO MACV AS A STARTING POSITION.

5. (TS/LD) IN THE EVENT WE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO COME UP TO THE 19.1K FIGURE, I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING UNITS FOR CONSIDERATION:

| UNIT          | STRENGTH |
|---------------|----------|
| VMFA          | 330      |
| 11TH MT BN    | 404      |
| ICTZ SECURITY | 129      |

THIS STILL PUTS US APPROXIMATELY 600 SHORT. IF FORCED, WE WOULD NEXT LOOK TOWARD WITHDRAWAL OF 9TH ENGR BN OR PORTIONS THEREOF.

6. (TS/LD) IN ADDITION, IN THE EVENT III MAF AND XXIV CORPS ARE CONSOLIDATED, 350 ADDITIONAL USMC PERSONNEL COULD BE REDEPLOYED LESS WHATEVER THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOR THE MEF STAFF.

7. (TS/LD) IT IS UNLIKELY THAT YOUR STAFF WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT

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 F R O M L T G E N W I C K E R S O N ( S E N S I T I V E ) ( D E L I V E R I M M E D I A T E L Y )  
 P H A S E I I I R E D E P L O Y M E N T

A. COMNAVFORV 161119Z DEC 69

B. COMNAVFORV 130815Z DEC 69

1. YOUR REF A DISCUSSES A REQUIREMENT TO DEPLOY 1500  
 NAVY SPACES FROM I CORPS AND SUBMITS TWO METHODS OF  
 MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT. AS YOU KNOW, I DO NOT DESIRE  
 TO LOSE ANYMORE SEABEES FROM I CORPS. THUS I PREFER YOUR  
 SECOND ALTERNATIVE WHICH PROPOSES THE ENTIRE REDUCTION OF  
 1500 SPACES BE TAKEN FROM NSA DANANG. I HAVE TALKED THIS  
 OVER WITH EMMETT BONNER AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE TO CLOSE  
 SA. HUYNH, CUA VIET AND DONG HA AND THE NAVY SUPPORT THAT  
 IS PROVIDED TO THESE THREE LOCATIONS. WE WOULD PICK UP  
 AN ESTIMATED 750 SPACES BY THIS ACTION. THE OTHER 750  
 SPACES WOULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH HORIZONTAL CUTS AT NSA

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 DANANG WHILE RETAINING THE FUNCTIONS THAT NSA DANANG IS  
 PROVIDING. HOWEVER, I CONCUR IN YOUR CERTIFYING ONLY

1,000 OF THE 1500 SPACES WHILE CAVEATING THE REMAINING 500.

2. THE PENALTY WE WOULD PAY IN CLOSING THE BASES OBVIOUSLY WOULD  
 BE THE SUPPORT THAT IS BEING PROVIDED THEREAT. IT  
 WOULD MEAN THAT THE ARMY WOULD HAVE TO TRUCK FROM CHU LAI  
 TO SA HUYNH AND FROM PHU BAI UP NORTH IN ORDER TO MEET  
 THE DEFICIENCIES. AS FAR AS THE HORIZONTAL CUTS AT NSA  
 DANANG ARE CONCERNED IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY MEAN THAT NSA'S  
 SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED ON A LESSER CAPABILITY BASIS,  
 AND MORE TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN  
 FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED.

3. THE ABOVE IS ALSO PREDICATED ON THE UNDERSTANDING  
 THAT THE ORIGINAL 1104 SPACES TO BE PROVIDED BY NSA DANANG  
 IN PHASE 3 IS NO LONGER REQUIRED AND THAT THE ENTIRE NAVY  
 TOTAL FOR I CORPS IS THE 1500 WHICH YOU MENTIONED PLUS  
 THOSE WHICH ARE SUPPORTING THE MARINES. ALSO, I UNDER-  
 STAND THAT THE 500 SPACES MENTIONED IN YOUR REF B ARE NO  
 LONGER APPROPRIATE AND THAT THAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN CAN-  
 CELLED.

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4. NOTHING FURTHER AND ONCE AGAIN THANKS FOR YOUR  
 SUPPORT.

5. WARM REGARDS

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 TO LTG NECKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
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 SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES, PHASE 3 (U)

- REFERENCES: A. MAC 16234/160943Z DEC 69.  
 B. III MAF 161120Z DEC 69.  
 C. 22 NOV 69 COMMANDERS WIEU.  
 D. 19 NOV 69 BRIEFINGS AT MACV FOR G3'S OF MAJOR COMMANDS.

- REFERENCE A REQUESTED DETAILED TROOP LIST TOTALING 19,176 AS USMC PORTION OF 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE FOR PHASE 3. REFERENCE B REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL 12,000 USMC TROOPS TO BE REDEPLOYED IN PHASE 3. REFERENCES C & D SELF-EXPLANATORY.
- REQUIREMENT TO REDEPLOY 50,000 TROOPS IN PHASE 3 USING MARINE HEAVY OPTION REQUIRES 26TH RLT AND APPROXIMATELY 12,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 15 APRIL. THE COMPOSITION OF THE 12,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES IS TO BE DETERMINED BY CG, III MAF. THIS POINT WAS COVERED IN REFERENCES C AND D AND ALSO DURING THE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE ON 14 DEC 69.
- THE 50,000 TROOP REDEPLOYMENT CHART USED DURING BRIEFING ON SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT A SECOND RLT IS LISTED THEREIN: HOWEVER, THIS IS THE PLANNER'S SUGGESTION. CG, III MAF IS TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION.

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| USAF | ELEMENTS             | 3.6  |
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| USMC | RLT/MARINE AIR & SPT | 11.5 |
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- DETAILED TROOP LIST REQUESTED IN REFERENCE A REQUIRED SO FURTHER PLANNING CAN PROCEED.
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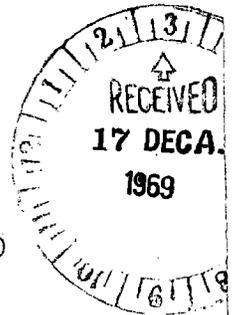
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T O P S E C R E T / EYES ONLY FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN  
NICKERSON  
FORCE LEVEL REDUCTION

1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE MEETING ON SUNDAY  
THAT I WOULD LOSE ONE RLT IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER  
REDUCTION. NOW I HAVE BEEN TASKED BY PLANNERS TO COME  
UP WITH A TROOP LIST THAT INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL 12,000  
TROOPS. I CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT TAKING OUT ANOTHER  
RLT AND SUPPORTING AIR AND GROUND ELEMENTS AND I RECOMMEND  
AGAINST THIS. PLEASE ADVISE.  
2. WARM REGARDS.

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PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT (C)

1. (TS) LIAISON WITH MACJ3 INDICATES MARINE CORPS AND NAVY QUOTAS FOR 50,000 PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE WILL BE 19,176 AND 2,802 RESPECTIVELY. OF THE 2,802 NAVY SPACES, 552 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS NAVY WITH MARINE UNITS REDEPLOYING AND 750 GENERATED BY ACTOV FROM DELTA FORCES.
2. (TS) IN ORDER TO MEET THE REMAINING 1,500 REDUCTION IN NAVY SPACES, ONE PROPOSAL IS TO REDEPLOY ONE CB BATTALION AND 750 SPACES FROM NSA, DANANG. MACJ3 HAS AGREED TO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF BY DELAYING ACTUAL REDUCTION OF NSA, DANANG SPACES UNTIL 15 MAY 1970. ALTERNATIVELY, SINCE JACK DILLON'S WORKLOAD DOES NOT CHAGE APPRECIABLY, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO TAKE THE WHOLE REDUCTION AT NSA, DANANG. I AM PREPARED TO CERTIFY THAT NSA, DANANG CAN PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE SUPPORT WITH THE LOSS OF 1,000

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- PAGE 2 RUMUGKD2285 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE PERSONNEL (IN VIEW OF REDUCED POPULATION). SINCE III MAF WILL BE AFFECTED, I WANT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COMMENT ON ABOVE PROPOSAL OR RECOMMEND MARINE/NAVY I CORPS MIX, WITH 21,228 TOTAL, FOR REDEPLOYMENT THAT WILL LEAST AFFECT CONTINUED SUPPORT OF III MAF. FOR INFO, MACJ IS ALSO PICKING UP THE 750 ADDITIONAL NAVY SPACES FROM DELTA IN JUNE.
3. (C) TO MEET MACV DEADLINE OF 18 DEC, YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BY COB 17 DEC.
  4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJ: TROOP LIST

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. (TS/LD) WE HAVE AS YET RECEIVED NO REQUEST OR GUIDELINES FROM MACV IN REGARD TO SUBMISSION OF TROOP LISTS. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY AN RLT WILL BE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE EARLY INCREMENTS, CONTAINED HEREIN IS A PROPOSED TROOP LIST FOR APPROXIMATELY 7,500 PERSONNEL. IT INCLUDES RLT-26, THE 7TH MT BN, A DETACHMENT FROM FLC, AND A VMFA SQUADRON. DETAILED UNIT PERSONNEL STRENGTHS WILL BE VALIDATED UPON RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVE FROM MACV.

2. (TS/LD) THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL:

| UNIT           | STRENGTH |
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| HQ CO 26TH MAR | 218      |

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| UNIT                        | STRENGTH |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1ST BN 26TH MAR             | 1,190    |
| 2D BN 26TH MAR              | 1,190    |
| 3D BN 26TH MAR              | 1,190    |
| 1ST BN 13TH MAR             | 669      |
| R BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR      | 110      |
| DET HQ BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR | 21       |
| CO A 5TH AT BN              | 69       |
| DET H&S CO 5TH AT BN        | 6        |
| CO A 5TH ENGR BN            | 129      |
| DET H&S CO 5TH ENGR BN      | 4        |
| CO A 5TH RECON BN           | 72       |
| DET H&S CO 5TH RECON BN     | 16       |
| CO A 5TH MED BN (C&C CO)    | 25       |
| CO A 5TH MT BN              | 95       |
| DET H&S CO 5TH MT BN        | 3        |
| CO A 5TH SP BN              | 60       |
| DET H&S CO 5TH SP BN        | 37       |
| DET MP CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV   | 20       |
| DET SVC CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV  | 16       |

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| UNIT                       | STRENGTH |
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| CO A 5TH TK BN             | 24       |
| DET H&S CO 5TH TK BN       | 73       |
| CO A 5TH AMTRAC BN         | 146      |
| DET H&S CO 5TH AMTRAC BN   | 26       |
| DET 9TH COMM BN            | 6        |
| DET FLC                    | 631      |
| 7TH HT BN                  | 407      |
| PHOTOINT TM                | 48       |
| DET HQBN 3D MARDIV (SCAMP) | 50       |
| 1ST AT BN (C)              | 19       |
| LSU 9TH SERV BN            | 62       |
| LSU 5TH SERV BN            | 62       |
| LSU 5TH SERV BN            | 62       |
| MAFA 542                   | 328      |
| OOOHE                      | 400      |
| TOTAL                      | 7,504    |

3. (TS/LD) IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE FURTHER THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ADD A HEAVY HELO SQUADRON WITH A STRENGTH OF 233.

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1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCED REDEPLOYMENT OF 50,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS BY 15 APRIL 1970, THIS HEADQUARTERS IS PREPARING A PHASE 3 APPENDIX 1 (TROOP LISTS) TO ANNEX A TO OPLAN 183-69.

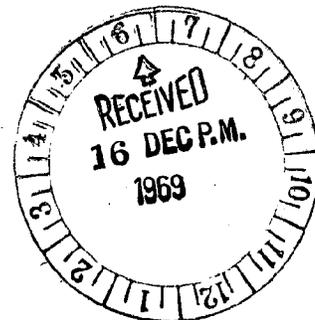
2. (S) REQUEST THAT A DETAILED TROOP LIST TOTALLING 19,176 BE PROVIDED THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1100 HRS, 18 DECEMBER 1969. THIS CONSTITUTES THE USMC PORTION OF THE 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE.

3. (S) A MEETING OF REDEPLOYMENT ACTION OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT 1100 HRS, 18 DECEMBER 1969, IN THE MACV J3 CONFERENCE ROOM. REPRESENTATION IS REQUESTED.

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E. REF E SUGGESTED KONTINUED REVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND ASSESMENT OF SITUATION AND INDICATED THAT PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT MAY BE DISCUSSED BY SECDEF DURING FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER.

F. REF F REQUESTED MACV RECOMMENDATIONS ON REF E BY 24 NOV 69.

G. REF G REQUESTED COMMENTS ON A PROPOSAL TO REDEPLOY 50,000 ADDITIONAL US TROOPS BETWEEN 15 DEC 69 AND 15 APR 70.

H. REF H REQUESTED COMMENTS ON TWO PROPOSALS TO REDEPLOY ADDITIONAL US TROOPS; FIRST IS SIMILAR TO THAT OUTLINED IN REF G; THE OTHER A REDEPLOYMENT OF 100,000 BY JULY OR AUGUST 70.

I. REF I IS INITIAL RESPONSE TO REF G.

J. REF J IS CODEWORD MESSAGE CONTAINING DETAILED INTELLIGENCE ASSESMENT AS OF 20 NOV.

2. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFS F, G, AND H, AND IS IN THREE PARTS. PART I ASSESMENT; PART II PHASE III DEPLOYMENTS; PART III SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

PAR I - ASSESMENT

3. THE ASSESMENT UPDATE WHICH FOLLOWS IS BASED ON THE SITUATION OF 22 NOV AND HIGHLIGHTS THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 15 OCT ASSESMENT PROVIDED IN REF B.

4. THE ENEMY SITUATION.

A. THE ENEMY NOW HAS APPROXIMATELY 220,000 TROOPS POSING A DIRECT THREAT TO SOUTH VIETNAM. HE RETAINS THE CAPABILITY OF INITIATING A MAJOR OFFENSIVE ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE; HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT HAVE A CURRENT CAPABILITY TO SUSTAIN SUCH AN ATTACK FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

B. THE TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINED LOW UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER WHEN HE LAUNCHED HIS WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN WITH INTENSIFIED ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND PROBES PRINCIPALLY IN IV CORPS AND IN NORTHWEST III CORPS. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS CARRIED OUT TEN BATTALION SIZE ATTACKS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM AND APPEARS TO BE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF A MAJOR ATTACK ON THE BU PRANG - DUC LAP CIDG CAMPS. IT APPEARS HIS RECENT ATTACKS HAVE NOT BEEN COORDINATED ON A COUNTRY-WIDE BASIS BUT RATHER HAVE BEEN INITIATED WITHIN EACH CORPS AREA.

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C. THE ENEMY THREAT IS GREATEST IN III CORPS, IN NORTHERN I CORPS AND IN SOUTHWEST II CORPS. MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN THE ENEMY'S CONCENTRATION OF AN NVA DIVISION EQUIVALENT IN THE BU PRNAG - DUC LAP AREA AND THE INCREASING PRESENCE OF NVA TROOPS IN IV CORPS.

THERE ARE RECENT INDICATIONS THAT SIZEABLE ENEMY UNITS MAY MOVE INTO IV CORPS FROM THE III CORPS AREA, IN AN EFFORT TO REASSERT ENEMY INFLUENCE IN THE DELTA AND TO BOLSTER THE DECREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VC IN THAT AREA.

D. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TRENDS WHICH COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE ENEMY CAPABILITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(1) ALTHOUGH ENEMY KIA HAVE REMAINED HIGH, THE NUMBER BEGAN TO TURN UPWARD RECENTLY AFTER A DOWNWARD TREND FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS. THE 153,800 ENEMY KIA SO FAR THIS YEAR HAS ALREADY EXCEEDED EVERY PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL EXCEPT 1968.

(2) THE HOI CHANH RATE CONTINUES TO BE ENCOURAGING. OVER 41,300 ENEMY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING 319 NVA, HAVE RALLIED TO THE GVN SO FAR THIS YEAR AND THE RATE CONTINUES FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR. THE HOI CHANH RATE FOR OCTOBER 1969 WAS THE HIGHEST OF

MONTH THIS YEAR. SINCE MID-OCTOBER GROUPS OF HOI CHANHS, SOME WITH WEAPONS, HAVE RALLIED TO THE GVN, BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE IF THIS IS A TREND.

(3) THE ENEMY'S STRENGTH IN AND ADJACENT TO SVN IS APPROXIMATELY 15 PCT LOWER NOW THAN IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT HIS INFILTRATION RATE MAY SHOW A SIZEABLE INCREASE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FOLLOWING ITS NORMAL CYCLIC UPWARD PATTERN FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

(4) IN CONTRAST TO THE DECLINE IN ENEMY STRENGTH SINCE 1 JAN 69, THE NUMBER OF ENEMY COMBAT BATTALIONS HAS INCREASED BY 33. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PROVIDE A NUCLEUS FOR FUTURE FORCE EXPANSION BUT IT PROVIDES A COMMAND AND CONTROL APPARATUS WHICH ENHANCES HIS CAPABILITY FOR CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT ATTACKS.

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(5) THE ENEMY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN EXPERIENCING LOGISTIC PROBLEMS. HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY MOVING SUPPLIES THROUGH THE LAOS PANHANDLE DURING THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON. SO FAR THIS YEAR, ENEMY CACHES CAPTURED EXCEED THE FIGURES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1968. THESE TWO FACTORS MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INCREASING REPORTS OF LOCALIZED AMMUNITION AND FOOD SHORTAGES AMONG ENEMY TROOPS.

(6) THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS POINT TO A DETERMINED EFFORT TO REBUILD HIS LOGISTIC CAPABILITY:

(A) VEHICLE IMPORTS TO NORTH VIETNAM ALREADY EXCEED 1968 TOTALS BY 800 AND ENEMY TRUCK SIGHTINGS IN LAOS HAVE INCREASED MARKEDLY IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS WITH FURTHER SHARP INCREASES EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(B) PETROLEUM IMPORTS ARE UP WITH OCTOBER TOTALS THE HIGHEST MONTH ON RECORD. THE ENEMY ALSO HAS MADE MAJOR ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE HIS POL STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION CAPABILITY IN AND LAOS.

(C) ARMS DESTINED FOR VC/NVA FORCES CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO SIHANOUKVILLE.

(7) IN RECENT MONTHS THE ENEMY HAS DIRECTED THE GREATEST PROPORTION OF HIS COMBAT EFFORT AGAINST US FORCES, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY TERRITORIAL SECURITY FORCES.

E. ALL CURRENT INDICATIONS CONTINUE TO UNDERSCORE THE ENEMY'S CAPABILITY TO INCREASE MILITARY ACTIVITY EARLY IN 1970. HOWEVER, THE RECENTLY CAPTURED COSVN RESOLUTION 9 INDICATES THAT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD THE ENEMY MAY BE EXPECTED TO CONCENTRATE PRIMARILY IN ATTACKS BY FIRE AND SMALL UNIT ATTACKS DESIGNED TO INFLECT MAXIMUM ALLIED CASUALTIES AT MINIMUM RISK TO HIMSELF, IN THE HOPE OF ACCELERATING US TROOP REDUCTIONS, AND DISRUPTING THE PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND HINDERING EFFORTS TO VIETNAMIZE THE WAR. THIS WILL BE COMBINED WITH ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE GVN AND ESTABLISH A BROAD BASE FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM.

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F. ANOTHER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PERIOD OF THE YEAR IS THE ENEMY'S ANNUAL PROPOSALS FOR HOLIDAY CEASE FIRES. THE 24-HOUR CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS USED LAST YEAR FOR CHRISTMAS AND TET HAVE BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL FROM THE ALLIED POINT OF VIEW.

### 5. THE ALLIED SITUATION.

A. INTENSITY OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN I CORPS HAS RECENTLY INCREASED WITH MORE ACTIVITY OCCURRING IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS THAN IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. PACIFICATION CONTINUES AT ITS PREVIOUS PACE. HOWEVER, THE ENEMY HAS NOT TESTED NORTHERN I CORPS AS YET AND IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO EVALUATE FULLY THE OVERALL EFFECT OF REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND THE THINNING OF ALLIED FORCES THERE. SECURITY HAS IMPROVED IN QUANG NGAI FOLLOWING THE MOVEMENT OF 3D NVA DIVISION ELEMENTS SOUTH INTO BINH DINH PROVINCE; HOWEVER, VC STRENGTH IN QUANG NGAI HAS TRADITIONALLY DEPENDED UPON HARD CORE GUERRILLAS AND POLITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY IS STILL FRAGILE AND UNTESTED. RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS IN I CORPS CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

B. IN II CORPS, ENEMY FORCES IN THE HIGHLANDS HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR TACTICAL ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE VICINITY OF BU FRANG-DUC LAP. AN NVA DIVISION EQUIVALENT MOVED INTO QUANG PROVINCE ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND IS TESTING THE RVNAF WHO HAVE ASSUMED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTION WITH US FORCES IN A SUPPORTING ROLE. UNLIKE THE BEN HET-DAK TO CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS YEAR, ARVN BATTALIONS WERE DEPLOYED EARLY TO THE THREATENED AREA; HOWEVER, ARVN SENIOR COMMANDERS WERE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEIR FORCES TO BATTLE WITH THE RESULTANT DECISION TO VACATE THREE FIRE SUPPORT BASES AROUND BU PRANG. US COMMANDERS ARE WORKING TO OVERCOME THIS RELUCTANCE. THE TWO ARVN DIVISIONS IN II CORPS REMAIN TO BE TESTED SERIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RE AND PT UNITS IN THE AREA REMAIN THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY. THERE IS A SLOW BUT STEADY OVERALL INCREASE IN SECURITY IN II CORPS; HOWEVER, TWO-THIRDS OF THE 3D NVA DIV IS NOW IN BINH DINH AND TERRORISM HAS REMAINED HIGH, INDICATIVE OF THE TENACIOUS RESOLVE OF THE ENEMY IN THIS PROVINCE.

C. COMBAT ACTIVITY IN III CORPS CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL UNTIL 3-4 NOVEMBER WHEN A NUMBER OF ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND PROBES OCCURRED IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE CORPS AREA AND CONTINUED SPORADICALLY SINCE THAT TIME. SINCE 15 OCT THREE ARVN COMBAT BATTALIONS HAVE LEFT THE CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT, WITH FOURTEEN STILL REMAINING.

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THERE HAS BEEN NO DETECTABLE ENEMY REACTION TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D BDE, 82D ABN DIV. LONG AN AND HAU NGHIA PROVINCES CONTINUE TO BE PROBLEM AREAS ALTHOUGH BOTH HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN HAMLET EVALUATION SYSTEM (HES) SCORES IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. SEVEN PF PLATOONS HAVE BEEN INACTIVATED IN VUNG TAU AND SPACE SHIFTED TO HAU NGHIA TO ASSIST PACIFICATION EFFORTS THERE. THE 25TH ARVN DIV CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT. ~~THE 18TH ARVN DIV IS STARTING TO MOVE UPWARD FROM THE BOTTOM RUNG~~, DUE TO ITS IMPROVED USE OF COMBAT SUPPORT AND MORE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP. IMPROVED LEADERSHIP IN THE 5TH ARVN DIV HAS BEGUN TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

D. COMBAT ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT IV CORPS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 6-7 NOV, WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE ENEMY'S WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN IN IV CORPS. OF SIGNIFICANCE, TWO REGIMENTAL EQUIVALENTS OF THE 9TH ARVN DIV ARE OPERATING EFFECTIVELY OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL DIVISION TACTICAL AREA, CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY IN KIEN GIANG AND CHUONG TIEN PROVINCES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 21ST ARVN DIV THREE VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALIONS HAVE CONDUCTED PRO DUCTIVE OPERATIONS INTO THE ENEMY'S U MINH BASE AREA. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ENEMY HAS INCREASED HIS INTEREST IN THE DELTA AND THE PACIFICATION EFFORT THERE. THE ENEMY REMAINS TARGETED AGAINST THE RF/PF AND OTHER PACIFICATION SECURITY FORCES IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE ABILITY OF THE COXAO PROTECT THEM. NEVERTHELESS, SLOW BUT STEADY PACIFICATION PROGRESS CONTINUES IN MOST OF IV CORPS.

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IN THE FOUR PROVINCES BORDERING CAMBODIA -- KIEN TONG, KIEN PHONG, CHAU DOC AND KIEN GIANG -- THROUGH WHICH PASS MAIN INFILTRATION ROUTES INTO THE CORPS AREA, IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY SINCE JULY HAS BEEN BARELY PERCEPTIBLE. THE INCREASING APPEARANCE OF NVA UNITS AND FILLERS CONTINUES TO POSE A THREAT TO PACIFICATION AND APPEARS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES STATED IN COSVN RESOLUTION 9. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 9TH US INF DIV DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PRECIPITATED A LOSS

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OF PACIFICATION MOMENTUM IN DINH TOUNG OR KIEN HOA PROVINCES. ENEMY ATTACKS HAVE INCREASED IN NUMBER AND SIZE CAUSING A REVIEW OF THE ARVN METHODS OF OPERATION IN THIS AREA.

#### 6. PACIFICATION.

THE 1970 PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AIMED AT CONSOLIDATING 1969 GAINS, HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED AND DISTRIBUTED. WITH THE GUIDANCE AND THRUST SUPPLIED BY THIS COHESIVE DOCUMENT, AND WITH THE CONTINUED HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN THE PROGRAM BY PRESIDENT THIEU AND PRIME MINISTER KHIEM, THERE IS EVERY EXPECTATION THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE MAINTAINED; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE VULNERABLE SPOTS, THE INFORMATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE WEAK. ALTHOUGH STATISTICAL RESULTS OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS SHOW A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE PHUNG HOANG PROGRAM IT IS TOO SOON TO KNOW IF THIS INDICATES A TREND. SECURITY IS STILL TENUOUS IN MANY AREAS. THE EFFECT OF THE RECENT FLURRY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IS NOT YET DISCERNIBLE AND WILL REQUIRE FURTHER ASSESSMENT.

#### 7. RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS

A. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AS REPORTED ON 15 OCT. PERSONNEL STRENGTHS IN ARVN COMBAT UNITS CONTINUE TO DECLINE IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE GVN PROGRAM. THIS HAS A QUANTITATIVE IMPACT AS WELL AS AN IMPACT ON QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT. 2/2  
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LX B. THE ADEQUACY OF GVN MANPOWER IS A MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN. ALTHOUGH THE GVN MAY BE APPROACHING THE UPPER LIMIT OF AVAILABLE MANPOWER, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PRESENTLY APPROVED FY70 RVNAF FORCE LEVEL CAN BE SUSTAINED THROUGH CY70 PROVIDED DESERTIONS AND CASUALTY RATES REMAIN CONSTANT OR DECLINE, ALTHOUGH ARVN DESERTION RATES REMAIN HIGH.

LATEST GROSS DESERTION FIGURES FOR RVNAF AS A WHOLE ARE NOW AT THEIR LOWEST SINCE FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR.

C. FROM EARLY OCTOBER TO DATE, 591 NEW PF PLATOONS COMPLETED TRASGVCG AND WERE DEPLOYED. DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD THE NUMBER OF ARVN BATTALIONS SUPPORTING PACIFICATION MISSIONS DECREASED BY OVER ONE-THIRD. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF PF PLATOONS DEPLOYED HAS NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NUMBER OF ARVN UNITS RELEASED FROM PACIFICATION AND SECURITY MISSIONS, IT IS AN INDICATION THAT THE PROCESS OF RELEASING REGULAR FORCES FOR MORE ACTIVE ROLES IS ADVANCING. THE JCS HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL ARVN UNITS WILL BE RELEASED FROM PACIFICATION SUPPORT BY 30 JUNE 1970.

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D. RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS REMAIN GENERALLY ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

8. CONCLUSIONS.

A. PACIFICATION PROGRAMS AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS CONTINUE TO SHOW FAVORABLE TRENDS. HOWEVER, THE ~~KEY~~ TO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN THE RVN STILL LIES WITH THE ENEMY.

B. BASED ON INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND INDICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE, THE ENEMY'S MOST PROBABLE COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE TO STEP UP MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING HIS CURRENT WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN IN THE HOPES OF INFLICTING MAXIMUM ALLIED CASUALTIES, DISRUPTING RVNAF MODERNIZATION, DISCREDITING THE RVNAF, AND IMPEDING PACIFICATION.

C. THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY IS DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE IN EARLY 1970 IF HE BELIEVES IT WOULD PRODUCE SOME SIGNIFICANT MILITARY OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. IN THE MEANTIME, HE WILL ENDEAVOR TO INFILTRATE MEN AND MATERIAL TO THE SOUTH, REFURBISH HIS BASE AREAS, TRAIN AND MOTIVATE HIS FORCES, IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER COMBAT ACTIVITY.

D. FROM THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS, THE SITUATION IS SUCH THAT IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE MILITARILY SOUND TO RECOMMEND FURTHER U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS AT THIS TIME.

PART II - PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS

9. MY ANALYSIS OF THE TWO PROPOSALS (ONE CONSIDERING A REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE OF 100,000 COMPLETED BY JULY OR AUGUST 1970; THE OTHER A 50,000 PACKAGE COMPLETED BY MID-MAR OR MID-APRIL 1970) CONTAINED IN REF H FOLLOWS.

10. NO MATTER WHAT SIZE REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE IS CONSIDERED, THE CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO MULTIPLE CONTINGENCIES IS A MATTER OF INCREASING CONCERN. A REDUCTION IN US COMBAT FORCES IS COMPOUNDED BY A REDUCTION IN THE RVNAF RESERVE CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO CONTINGENCIES AS THEY MOVE TO COVER US REDEPLOYMENTS AND FILL GAPS.

11. FOR THE 100,000 PROPOSAL:

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A. TWO BROAD REDEPLOYMENT ALTERNATIVES ARE OPEN:

(1) FIRST, FOLLOW THE PLAN PROPOSED IN OUR INPUT TO THE JCS STUDY IN RESPONSE TO NSSM 36 BY REDEPLOYING ADDITIONAL ARMY TROOPS FIRST, THEN TAKING OUT THE REST OF THE MARINES. IN THE NEXT 100,000 THIS WOULD EQUATE TO THREE ARMY DIVISIONS, TWO ARMY BRIGADES AND A MARINE RLТ, A TOTAL OF TWELVE BRIGADE SIZE FORCES WITH THREE DIVISION BASES.

(2) SECOND, VIRTUALLY REVERSE THE PROCESS BY REDEPLOYING SOME ARMY FORCES AND ALL OF THE MARINES IN THE NEXT 100,000. BY DOING THIS THE NEXT 100,000 WOULD CONTAIN ONE ARMY DIVISION AND ONE MARINE DIVISION, AN ARMY BIRGADE AND A MARINE RLТ FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT BRIGADE FORCES AND TWO DIVISION BASES. IN THIS OPTION, HOWEVER, THE MARINE AIR WING, INCLUDING NINE ATTACK/FIGHTER SQUADRONS WOULD BE DEPLOYED.

B. THE MAJOR UNITS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REDEPLOYED IN THE 100,000 PACKAGE ARE LISTED BELOW:

MARINE HEAVY OPTION

ARMY HEAVY OPTION

|                   |       |                |       |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| USA INF DIV       | 17.2  | USA 3 INF DIVS | 51.6  |
| US INF BDE        | 5.3   | USA 2 INF BDES | 10.6  |
| USA SVC SPT       | 8.1   | USA SVC SPT    | 26.6  |
| USAF ELEMENTS     | 3.6   | USAF ELEMENTS  | 3.6   |
| USMC DIV/AIR WING | 47.0  | USMC RLТ       | 7.6   |
| USMC RLТ          | 7.6   |                |       |
| USN SVC SPT       | 11.2  |                | 100.0 |
|                   | 100.0 |                |       |

C. IN TERMS OF THE NEXT 100,000 US TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS, THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION DELAYS REDEPLOYMENT OF FOUR BRIGADES AND ONE DIVISION BASE. SHOULD THE TIME ALLOWED FOR EXECUTION OF THIS SIZE REDEPLOYMENT BE COMPRESSED AS SUGGESTED IN REF H, IT WOULD SEEM HIGHLY IMPRUDENT TO REDEPLOY TWELVE BRIGADES WHEN WE CAN DEFER FOUR BY TAKING OUT THE MARINES FIRST. IF THE ENEMY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN I-CORPS CHANGES, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO SHIFT OTHER US FORCES INTO THE AREA IN ORDER TO COVER THE MARINE REDEPLOYMENT.

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D. WHILE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE MARINE AIR WING WOULD REDUCE AVAILABLE SORTIES BY 116 PER DAY (28 PERCENT OF THE TACTICAL AIR CAPABILITY STATIONED IN-COUNTRY) SOONER THAN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, WE WOULD RETAIN APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE SORTIE RATE AVAILABLE IN JUNE 1969. THE TRADE-OFF OF 116 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES PER DAY FOR THE RETENTION OF FOUR BRIGADES APPEARS TO BE A MANAGEABLE RISK. THEREFORE, THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION IS PREFERRED.

E. THE RISKS:

(1) ABANDONS THE CONCEPT OF "CUT AND TRY" BY FIXING US REDEPLOYMENTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR IN THE FACE OF AN INCREASING ENEMY THREAT.

(2) CRITICALLY REDUCES FLEXIBILITY IN ADJUSTING TO THE ENEMY SITUATION DURING THE LATTER HALF OF THE REDEPLOYMENTS.

(3) ADVERSLY AFFECTS MORALE OF US TROOPS WHO DEPLOY LATE IN THE PACKAGE BUT MUST STAY AND FIGHT UNTIL STAND DOWN. ONCE OUR OBJECTIVES FOR WITHDRAWAL ARE SET, TROOPS FIXED ON RETURNING HOME, TRZRU

MTATION SCHEDULED, STAND DOWN STARTED, AND EQUIPMENT TURN-IN UNDERWAY, SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WILL BE CREATED IF THE ENEMY SITUATION REQUIRES THE PROCESS TO BE SUDDENLY STOPPED, REVERSED AND TROOPS READIED FOR COMBAT AGAIN.

(4) IMPOSES RIGIDITY ON TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, WITH POSTPONMENTS, EXTENSIONS OR DELAYS IMPRACTICAL.

IN LIGHT OF ALL PRIOR OCCURRENCES, ONCE NUMBERS AND DATES ARE SET THE PLAN WILL SOON BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN, MAKING IT EVEN MORE RIGID.

(5) PASSES INITIATIVE TO THE ENEMY BY ANNOUNCING US INTENTIONS FOR THE NEXT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS.

(6) TENDS TO INDICATE TO THE TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES THAT US WITHDRAWALS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TIME SCHEDULE WITHOUT REGARD TO EFFECT ON RVN.

(7) JEOPARDIZES RVNAF CONFIDENCE BY CREATING TACTICAL HOLES FASTER THAN THEY CAN FILL THEM.

F. IN OUR BEST JUDGEMENT, THE RVNAF COULD NOT COVER A REDEPLOYMENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE IN THE TIME ALLOWED.

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**12. FOR THE 50,000 PROPOSAL:**

A. THE MAJOR UNITS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REDEPLOYED ARE AS

FOLLOWS:

MARINE-HEAVY OPTION

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| USA INF DIV         | 17.2 |
| USA SVC SPT         | 6.6  |
| USAF ELEMENTS       | 3.6  |
| USMC RL             | 7.6  |
| USMC/USN INCREMENT  |      |
| OF DIV/WING AND SPT | 15.0 |
|                     | 50.0 |

ARMY-HEAVY OPTION

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| USA INF DIV    | 17.2 |
| USA 2 INF BDES | 10.6 |
| USA SVC SPT    | 11.0 |
| USAF ELEMENTS  | 3.6  |
| USMC RL        | 7.6  |

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**B. THE RISKS**

(1) REDUCES ALLIED GROUND COMBAT POWER IN EITHER THE MARINE HEAVY OR ARMY HEAVY OPTION BY APPROXIMATELY 2 DIVISION EQUIVALENTS (6 BRIGADE-SIZE FORCES) AT THE VERY TIME WHEN THE ENEMY THREAT BY PAST PERFORMANCE AND CURRENT INDICATORS WILL BE AT ITS PEAK.

(2) DECREASES SOME TACTICAL AIR CAPABILITY IN THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION SOONER THAN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED AND AT A TIME WHEN INFILTRATION THROUGH LAOS IS GREATEST REQUIRING MAXIMUM AIR EFFORT.

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(A) IN I CORPS THE ENEMY THREAT REMAINS GREATEST IN OR NEAR THE DMZ. NO FURTHER REDUCTION OF US FORCES IN NORTHERN I CORPS IS FEASIBLE DURING EARLY 1970. THE WEATHER IN AND ADJACENT TO THE DMZ AT THIS TIME IS OF LEAST ASSISTANCE TO AN ATTACKER BUT WILL BECOME LESS OF AN OBSTACLE TO ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM MID-JANUARY 1970 ON THROUGH THE REDEPLOYMENT PERIOD. BARRING SOME CHANGE IN THE ENEMY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REDEPLOY THE 26TH RL IN EARLY 1970 EVEN THOUGH BY SO DOING WE FURTHER LIMIT OUR FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND TO ENEMY INITIATIVES WITH INTERNAL I CORPS FORCES. ANY ADDITIONAL REDUCTION WOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF CONTINUED PROGRESS.

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(B) WITH THE RECENT INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY IN II CORPS AND THE MOVEMENT OF RVNAF ELEMENTS TO COUNTER THE THREAT, IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT AT THIS TIME TO CONSIDER REDEPLOYING ANY OF THE THINLY SPREAD US FORCES FROM II CORPS DURING EARLY 1970.

(C) THE ENEMY THREAT TO III CORPS REMAINS SIGNIFICANT. WITH SOME RISK THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION COULD BE THE NEXT UNIT TO REDEPLOY. IT IS LOCATED ASTRIDE THE ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES FROM CAMBODIA, BUT IS IN THE SECOND TIER BETWEEN SAIGON AND OTHER ALLIED FORCES FACING THE ENEMY IN BORDER LOCATIONS. ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH ARVN DIVISIONS WOULD HAVE TO COVER THE AREA VACATED. BOTH ARE IMPROVING SLOWLY BUT ARE STILL WEAK. ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL RESERVE PROBABLY WOULD BE USED TO ASSIST IN FILLING THE GAP. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE JGS IN RESPONDING TO CONTINGENCIES ELSEWHERE IN VIETNAM. PACIFICATION IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE COULD REGRESS; IT IS A KEY PROVINCE TO THE SECURITY OF SAIGON. FURTHER REDUCTIONS DURING EARLY 1970 WOULD LEAVE A GAP THE ARVN WOULD FIND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IN FILLING IN THE TIME ALLOWED.

C. THE VIETNAMESE WOULD BE UNABLE, IN OUR BEST JUDGEMENT, TO COVER A 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT WITHIN THE COMPRESSED TIME FRAME SUGGESTED AND STILL RETAIN THE FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND TO ENEMY INITIATIVES COUNTRY WIDE.

13. IF DIRECTED TO EXECUTE FURTHER TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS BEFORE ENEMY INTENTIONS CAN BE FULLY DEVELOPED, PARTICULARLY THE SCOPE OF THE ENEMY'S MAJOR ATTACK AT BU PRANG AND THE TREND IN INFILTRATION, THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE DIVISION SIZE FORCE AND ONE BRIGADE SIZE FORCE IN PHASE III, TOTALLING ABOUT 35,000<sup>2</sup> WOULD MINIMIZE THE MILITARY RISKS STATED ABOVE. COMPARED TO THE 50,000 PROPOSAL, THIS PACKAGE WOULD RETAIN 2 ADDITIONAL BRIGADES DURING THE CRITICAL 1ST QUARTER OF 1970 TO BACK UP THE RVNAF. 21  
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14. THE COMPOSITION AND STRENGTH BY SERVICE OF A 35,000 FORCE PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| USA 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION         | 17,200 |
| USMC 26TH REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM | 7,600  |
| USA SERVICE SUPPORT               | 6,600  |
| USAF ELEMENTS                     | 3,600  |
|                                   | 35,000 |

THIS IS THE FIRST 35,000 OF EITHER THE MARINE - HEAVY OR ARMY-HEAVY OPTION.

15. MACV PLANNING WITH THE VIETNAMESE REGARDING FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS HAS BEEN GENERAL IN NATURE WITH NO REPEAT ~~NO~~ REFERENCE TO THE SIZE OR TIMING OF PHASE III. IN THIS GENERAL

PLANNING THE DCSOPS, JGS, AGREED THAT THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE 26TH MARINES APPEAR THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT PHASE. PROPOSE TO REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSION OF PHASE III WITH THE VIETNAMESE UNTIL THE U.S. POSITION IS FIRM.

PART III. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

16. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.
- A. THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION IS PREFERRED FOR PLANNING FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS.
  - B. THE 100,000 REDEPLOYMENT WITHIN THE TIME FRAME PROPOSED IN MY JUDGEMENT, EXCEEDS THE CAPABILITY OF THE VIETNAMESE TO COVER WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION.
  - C. THE 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT WITHIN THE TIME FRAME PROPOSED ALSO IN MY JUDGEMENT, EXCEEDS THE CAPABILITY OF THE VIETNAMESE TO COVER WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION.
  - D. ANY HOLIDAY TRUCE PERIODS FOR CHRISTMAS AND TET SHOULD NOT EXCEED 24 HOURS EACH.
  - E. BASED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, I CANNOT RECOMMEND FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS AT THIS TIME.

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17. A. FINALLY I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT I HAVE READ WITH CARE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S PREPARED PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE CLEARLY ALL THAT WILL TRANSPIRE OVER THE COMING MONTHS AND RECOGNIZING ALL THE HARD WORK REMAINING TO BE DONE AND FULLY ACCEPTING THE FRUSTRATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF ADVISOR TO A FRIENDLY BUT SOVEREIGN ASIAN COUNTRY I FIND THE OBJECTIVE OF ~~260,000~~ **260,000 US PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM BY JUNE 1971** A REALISTIC GOAL FOR ALL OF US TO SET OUR SIGHTS ON WITH THE FULL INTENT OF ACHIEVING IT. MUCH DEPENDS ON WHAT THE ENEMY CAN ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAN ACCOMPLISH. IT IS REALLY HERE IN WHAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF OUR GOVERNMENT POLICY ~~AS DESCRIBED~~  
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DEF PRESENTATION MENTIONED ABOVE WILL SUCCEED OR FAIL. WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE IT IS NOT SO MUCH WHAT THEY CAN DO BUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE REPEAT BELIEVE THEY CAN DO. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT HERE, EVEN CRITICAL.

B. I BELIEVE THAT TOGETHER WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND TALENTS TO DEFEAT WHATEVER THE COMMUNISTS PLAN FOR EARLY 70; IN FACT, WE MUST DO JUST THAT AND AS MUCH BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE AS IS PRACTICAL. I FEEL ITS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO SETBACK IN EARLY 70.

C. I REALIZE THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAS SAID THAT ~~100,000~~ **100,000 TO 150,000** COULD BE ANNOUNCED AS THE 70 US TROOP WITHDRAWAL GOAL AND THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. IT IS MY VIEW THAT THIS RUNS A HIGH RISK OF UPSETTING THE CONFIDENCE OF SOME OF HIS KEY COMMANDERS.

D. TO REACH A REALISTIC GOAL OF US TROOP NUMBERS HERE IN 1971 THE GREATEST ASSURANCE OF GETTING THERE WILL IN MY JUDGEMENT COME FROM THE "CUT AND TRY" METHOD AND AT A PACE WHICH DEVELOPS SPEED GRADUALLY AS VIETNAMESE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE HAS TO DEVELOP GRADUALLY

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|   | DCS PLANS |      |  |       |                             | Section _____ Signature _____<br><br>REMARKS: This document may not be retained over night except as noted in Force Order P5511.4.<br><br>The Record of Disclosure must be signed by all persons sighting this Document. |
|   | DEP CORDS |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | DSA ICTZ  |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | S/S       | X    | 12/3                                       |       | W                           |  |
|   | G-1       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | G-2       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | G-3       | I    | Was  | copy  |                             |  |
|   | G-4       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | G-5       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | G-6       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | ADJ       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | AWARDS    |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | CAP       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | CHAP      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | CIB       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | COMP      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | DENT      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | ENGR      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | FOODS     |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | FSEO      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | HQ CMDT   |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | INSP      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | MTO       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | NJA       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | OPANAL    |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | ORD       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | PMO       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | POSTAL    |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | PROTO     |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | PSYOPS    |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | RT&E      |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | REPRO     |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | SJA       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | SPL SERV  |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | SUPPLY    |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | FORMED O  |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | SIC       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | TCC       |      |  |       |                             |  |
|   | SGT MAJ   |      |  |       |                             |  |

EXCLUSIVE

FOR

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

(USE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE)

TOP SECRET

(P)



TOP SECRET

P 021845Z DEC 69  
 FM CG FMFPAC  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 INFO RMMMAFA/CG III MAF  
 BT

TOP SECRET SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE SENSITIVE FOR GEN WALT FROM  
 LTGEN BUSE INFO LT GEN WICKERSON / MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.  
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS // 080000Z //

1. FOLLOWING IS TM TEXT OF MCCAIN'S 020511Z/DEC TO  
 MOORE CJCJ ON THE OPTIONS:

QUOTE:

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. MACV 15171/231135; NOV 69 NOT HELD

B. CINCPAC 232230Z NOV 69 NOT HELD

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE  
 SITUATION IN RVN AND CONTAINED RECOMMENDED 50,000  
 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES FOR PLANNING. THESE  
 PACKAGES WERE PRESENTED AS MARINE-HEAVY AND ARMY-  
 HEAVY OPTIONS; COMUSMACV RECOMMENDED USE OF THE  
 MARINE-HEAVY OPTION PACKAGES FOR FUTURE PLANNING;  
 REF B CONCURRED IN THE ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN REF  
 A, BUT INDICATED CINCPAC RECOMMENDATION ON THE  
 MARINE-HEAVY VS ARMY-HEAVY OPTIONS WOULD BE FOR-  
 WARDER AT A LATER DATE.

2. (TS) CONCUR IN THE USE OF THE MARINE-HEAVY 50,000  
 AND 100,000 FORCE PACKAGES FOR FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT  
 PLANNING. THIS OPTION PROVIDES COMUSMACV FOUR ADDI-  
 TIONAL BRIGADES AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. IT  
 WILL PROVIDE THE RVNAF JUST THAT MUCH MORE TIME TO  
 READY THEMSELVES BEFORE ASSUMING MAJOR ADDITIONAL MISSIONS.

3. (TS) I DO NOT RECOMMEND FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS AT  
 THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF A REDEPLOYMENT IS CONTEMPLATED,  
 I RECOMMEND THAT IT BE THE 35,000 PACKAGE PROPOSED IN REF A.

4. (U) VERY RESPECTFULLY. WARM REGARDS.

UNQUOTE.

2. I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH MCCAIN ABOUT THIS AFTER BEING  
 BRIEFED, BUT HE WAS ADAMANT IN HIS POSITION, FEELING THAT HE HAD TO  
 GO ALONG WITH ABE. I SUGGESTED THAT HE ADD PARAGRAPH  
 THREE. REGRET THAT THIS WAS ALL THAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH

3. WARM REGARDS.

CP-4

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Q. ✓ CG FMFPAC 312121 DEC 69 (TS) MCEO EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING - STRENGTH LIMITS - MAB 10,8; LOGISTICS ROLL UP FORCE 1,2K,  
NON-MAF MARINES IN RVN - 1,881K TOTAL 14,481K CONTAINS DRAFT TROOP LIST FOR MAB

*gp-4*  
R. ✓ CG FMFPAC 310215Z DEC 69 (TS) PLAN TO RECOMMEND TO CMC THAT ATTACHMENTS TO RLT 26  
AND ANY OTHERS LOCATED BY III MAF AUDIT, BE IDENTIFIED ONLY IN NAVY/MARINE  
CORPS MOVEMENT TROOP LISTS OF REDEPLOYING UNITS.

*gp-4*  
S. ✓ CG III MAF 310724Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
REQ GUIDANCE CONCERNING FUTURE OF CAP PROGRAM

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