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ZAIS MCCOWN
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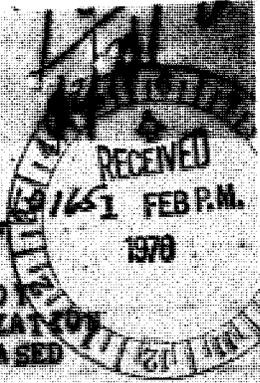
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1. (TS) REFERENCE TRANSMITTED MACV INPUT TO CINCPAC STUDIES ENTITLED "VIETNAMIZATION - RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION (PHASE III) AND RELATED US PLANNING," WHICH ASSUMED A PHASED REDUCTION OF US FORCES IN VIETNAM.
2. (TS) THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS A REQUIREMENT TO DESCRIBE THE ROLES FORESEEN FOR KOREAN FORCES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS TO INCLUDE ANY CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROK FORCES WITH US FORCES AND RVNAF DURING THE PROCESS. THE ASSUMPTION IN REFERENCE CONCERNING THE ROK MARINE BRIGADE (THAT IT WOULD HAVE REDEPLOYED BY END FY 71) IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, TO INHIBIT CONSIDERATION OF ROLES FOR THIS BRIGADE BEYOND FY 71.
3. (TS) REQUEST ADDRESSEES' VIEWS BY 4 FEBRUARY CONCERNING THE FOREGOING RELATED TO THE THRESHOLDS FOR U.S. FORCE LEVELS ASSUMED IN REFERENCE. IN DEVELOPING YOUR RESPONSE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD START BY DESCRIBING THE PRESENT ROLES OF THE KOREAN FORCES AS YOU SEE THEM IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

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1. (TS) AS THE PRESENT PHASE 3 US TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PROCEEDS, PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE US REDEPLOYMENTS AFTER 15 APRIL IS TO BE CONSIDERED. IT IS TOO SOON TO SAY HOW MANY TROOPS AND WHEN, BUT THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE STRATEGY FOR 1970 WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE MACV STAFF IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

A. ASSUMPTIONS:

(1) PACIFICATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MOMENTUM WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT 1970, WITH MAJOR PROGRESS MADE IN CONSOLIDATING BINH DUONG LONG AN, BINH DINH QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

(2) THE ENEMY THREAT WILL NOT INCREASE AND THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE ENEMY SITUATION FROM THE PRESENT.

(3) VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

(4) RVNAF WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH ENEMY INITIATIVES IN THE HIGHLANDS, IN THE BORDER AREAS OF III CT Z AND IN THE DELTA.

(5) RVNAF WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE QUALITATIVELY. THE RVNAF REGULAR FORCE STRUCTURE WILL NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VNMC'S THIRD BRIGADE (3 BATTALIONS) WHICH SHOULD COMPLETE TRAINING BY JUNE 1970.

(6) THE RVN WILL HAVE CONTINUED POLITICAL STABILITY.

B. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED:

(1) XXIV CORPS WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR US/FV OPERATIONS IN I CT Z ON 9 MARCH 1970.

(2) HQ III MAF WILL BE REDEPLOYED WITH THE BULK OF THE MARINES DURING PHASE 4.

(3) RVNAF WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HIGHLANDS IN MARCH.

(4) THE 4TH REGIMENT WILL BE MOVED TO THE HIGHLANDS AND BE PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE 42D STZ.

(5) THE 4TH US INF DIV (-) WILL DISPLACE EAST TO CAMP RADCLIFF TURNING OVER CAMP ENARI AND SOME OF THEIR WESTERN FIRE SUPPORT BASES IN THE 4D STZ TO RVNAF. PART OF CAMP ENARI MAY HAVE TO BE RAZED.

(6) THE JCS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMBINED EFFORT IN BINH DINH PROVINCE INVOLVING THE 173D ABN BRIGADE AND ARVN CONTINUED.

C. DISCUSSION:

() IF THE ASSUMPTION S LISTED ABOVE MATERIALIZE, AND BY CAREFULLY ASSESSING THE SITUATION AS WE GO A LONG, IT MIGHT WELL BE POSSIBLE TO REDEPLOY 150,000 US TROOPS FROM VIETNAM IN 1970. THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 100,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS AFTER 15 APRIL COULD OCCUR AS OUTLINED IN SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN READJUSTMENTS THAT MAY HAVE TO TAKE PLACE.

(2) I CTZ:

(A) IN QUANG DA STZ, THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE 51ST ARVN REGT, THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION AND THE ROK MARINE BDE ALONG WITH PROGRESS IN PACIFICATION WOULD PERMIT CONSIDERING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ALL BUT ONE RLT OF III MAF AND THE BULK OF NSA DANANG BETWEEN APR-AUG 1970.

(B) TO FILL THE GAP IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE JGS TO REINFORCE QUANG DA ST Z WITH A BRIGADE FROM THE BRIDGE REGION. THE JGS IS CONSIDERING MOVING THE NEW VUNG BRIGADE TO QUANG DA WHEN IT COMPLETES TRAINING, ABOUT JUNE 1970. PLACING THE 51ST REGIMENT, THE MARINE BRIGADE AND POSSIBLY A RANGER GROUP UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER, QUANG DA STZ IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

(C) TURNOVER OF THE LOGISTICAL FUNCTION IN I CTZ FROM NSA DANANG TO THE US ARMY IS REQUIRED AT AN EARLY DATE TO PERMIT NSA DANANG TO DISENGAGE AND REDEPLOY DURING PHASE 4.

(D) AS SECURITY IN SOUTHERN I CORPS IMPROVES, THE 23D US DIV MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR REDEPLOYMENT BETWEEN SEP-DEC 1970. THIS WILL REQUIRE PLANS FOR RAPID REINFORCEMENT OF I CTZ WITH RVNAF UNITS FROM III CTZ AND MAY REQUIRE A US BRIGADE TO MOVE SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

(E) SUPPORT FOR ROK MARINES WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE US ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, DANANG WITH MARINE PECULIAR ITEMS COMING FROM OKINA.

(3) II CTZ:

(A) AS VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS PROCEEDS SUCCESSFULLY AND THE SECURITY AND PACIFICATION IN BINH DINH IMPROVES, CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO REDEPLOYING THE REMAINDER OF THE 4TH US INF DIV BETWEEN AUG-OCT 1970.

(B) THE 42D STZ SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE CONSOLIDATED AS 5 3 22D DTZ AND THE 22 D ARVN DIV ORGANIZED AS A FOUR REGIMENT DIVISION.

(C) PLANS ARE REQUIRED TO CONSOLIDATE US BASES IN II CTZ AS US FORCES THIN OUT TO ECONOMIZE ON SECURITY AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

(4) III CTZ:

(A) AFTER THE SW MONSOON STARTS, THE SITUATION SHOULD PERMIT REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 199TH LT INF BDE BETWEEN MAY-AUG 1970.

(B) CONTINUED PROGRESS IN LONG AN PROVINCE MAY PERMIT REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3 BDE, 5TH US INF DIV BETWEEN AUG-NOV 1970.

(C) RANGER UNITS FROM THE CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT COULD REINFORCE THE RF/PT IN LONG AN PROVINCE ALONG THE EASTERN REACHES OF THE PLAIN OF REEDS.

(D) AS THE 199TH BDE AND THE 3D BDE, 9TH INF DIV ARE REDEPLOYED, THE 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AND THE 25TH US INFANTRY DIVISION MAY HAVE TO BE SHIFTED TO COVER THE GAPS.

(E) EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE THE 5TH AND 25TH ARVN DIVISIONS OUT TOWARD THE BORDER.

(5) IV CTZ: NO ADJUSTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED IN IV CTZ AT THIS TIME. THE 9TH ARVN DIVISION SHOULD RETAIN ITS MOBILE POSTURE WITH A CAPABILITY TO REACT TO ENEMY INITIATIVES ANYWHERE IN THE DELTA. AS THE ENEMY WINTER-SPRING OFFENSIVE DEVELOPS, IV CORPS MAY REQUIRE REINFORCEMENT WITH RVNAF UNITS FROM III CTZ.

(6) AIR SUPPORT: ATTACK/ FIGHTER SQUADRONS WILL BE LOST WHEN THE BULK OF III MAF REDEPLOYS. MOST OF THE MARINE AIR SORTIES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE PRESENT LACIAN DRY SEASON WITH REDEPLOYMENT OF THE MAJOR PORTION OF MARINE AIR DELAYED UNTIL THE WET SEASON WHEN REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO DROP SOMEWHAT. BEYOND 15 APRIL, NO FURTHER REDEPLOYMENT OF AIR FORCE COMBAT STRENGTH IS PLANNED IN 1970.

D. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) BY TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF MAXIMUM COMBAT POWER WHILE IT IS AVAILABLE DURING THE WINTER, SPRING, AND EARLY SUMMER, REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES MAY BE CONTINUED DURING 1970 AND STILL MEET THE ANTICIPATED ENEMY INITIATIVES BY MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY AND THE ABILITY TO SHIFT FORCES AS REQUIRED.

(2) PLANS MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF RVNAF AND US FORCES AS REDEPLOYMENTS CONTINUE BEYOND 15 APRIL 1970. THE LONG LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR TURN-OVER OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AND THE MOVEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS REQUIRES PLANS TO BE APPROVED AND EXECUCED EARLY SO THAT PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION MOMENTUM CAN BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT 1970.

2. GUL YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING ARE REQUESTED BY 7 FEBRUARY 1970.

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A. CG FMFPAC 310234Z JAN 70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

B. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN 70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

1. (TS) YOUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A FOR A 8.9K
 RESIDUAL MAB HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS GENERALLY CONCURRED IN SUBJECT
 TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. (TS) AS SUGGESTED BY REF A THE CONCEPT OF A 10.8K MAB AS SET
 FORTH IN REF B REMAINS THE MOST DESIREABLE COURSE OF ACTION. ANY
 EFFORT CG THIRD MAF CAN TAKE TO PURSUE THIS OBJ IS CONCURRED IN.
 HOWEVER WE MUST BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ADAPT TO A JCS DECISION RE-
 QUIRING A MAB BETWEEN 10.8K AND 8.9K.

3. (TS) AS AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE CONSIDER FOR EXAMPLE ADDING
 A VMA SQUADRON (253 SPACES) A 175 MM GUN BTRY (171 SPACES) AND/OR
 A FULL EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY TO YOUR 8.9K MAB. THE MAB

COULD THUS TOTAL 9432. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE
 FOREGOING.

4. (TS) THE COMPOSITION OF THE LOGISTIC ROLLUP FORCE WILL BE THE
 SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. (TS) CMC POSITION THAT SECOND CAG (600 STRENGTH) IS IN ADDITION
 TO MAB STRENGTH REMAINS FIRM AND THEREFORE DECISION IS UP TO
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I WANT TO MEET WITH YOU INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS TO REVIEW THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF ARVNAF COMMANDERS IN THE REGULAR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. SPECIFICALLY I WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON WHO SHOULD BE RELIEVED AND WHY. FURTHER WHO IS CAPABLE OF MORE RESPONSIBILITY EVEN THROUGH A PLACE MAY NOT EXIST IN YOUR AREA. AT THIS POINT I AM INTERESTED IN THAT WHICH YOU PERSONALLY CAN RECOMMEND AS PROFESSIONALLY SOUND.

MY OFFICE WILL ARRANGE DATES WHEN WE CAN CONFER

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SUBJ: VSSG PROJECT (U)

1. (C) STANLEY W. JORGENSEN, FSO-6, A MEMBER OF THE VSSG PROJECT (KISSINGER) WILL VISIT QUANG NAM 14 FEB-1 MAR FOR AN EXTENSIVE LOOK AT PACIFICATION IN THIS PROVINCE. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE HIM TO VISIT ALL DISTRICTS AND PROJECTS OF HIS CHOOSING ONCE THERE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BRUNO KOSHLEFF OF USAID WHO CAN HANDLE INTERPRETING. EXACT DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

2. (U) MACV CONTACT IS E.F. BUMGARDNER, MACV 2930/

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 TO BG DULACKI COPS III MAF DANANG
 INFO MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV CP EAGLE HUE/PHU BAI
 MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI
 BG SHREDD COPS XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 BG MULLER DEP SR ADV ICTZ DANANG
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1. THIS CONFIRMS OUR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON ORIENTATION FOR BG L. GREENE DURING THE PERIOD 27 FEB - 02 MAR 70.
2. IF CONVENIENT, ON 27 FEB, BG GREENE WILL VISIT HQ III MAF WITH EMPHASIS ON GI AND SPECIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES. ON 28 FEB, HE WILL VISIT ICTZ, ACCOMPANIED BY BG MULLER. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HE WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS ON 27 & 28 FEB.
3. ON THE MORNING OF 1 MAR, BG MULLER WILL ESCORT BG GREENE TO THE 1ST ARVN DIV AND THEN DELIVER HIM TO HQ XXIV CORPS JUST PRIOR TO NOON. THEREAFTER, HQ XXIV CORPS WILL BRIEF HIM AND ARRANGE ORIENTATION VISITS TO SELECTED 101ST ABN DIV UNITS. BG GREENE WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN PHU BAI ON 1 MAR.
4. ON THE MORNING OF 2 MAR, HQ XXIV CORPS WILL, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF III MAF, DELIVER BG GREENE TO THE AMERICAL DIV FOR ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS. HE WILL DEPART CHU LAI FOR SAIGON NLT 1400 HOURS, 2 MAR.
5. IF YOU CONCUR, PLEASE FURNISH ME AN HOUR-BY-HOUR ITINERARY. ALSO, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT. THE MACV PROJECT OFFICER IS MAJ RONALD C. BECKER, MACV J1, TELEPHONE 923-3025.
6. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A LPERSONAL FOR MGEN TOWNSEND, INFO LGEN NICKERSON AND
RADM ADAMSON FROM ZUMWALT

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1. REF A IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO AS FOLLOWS:

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS BACKGROUND ON PRESS ACTIVITY, HOI AN (U)

A. PHONECON CDR WHITE/LTJG PARTRIDGE, 300800H JAN 70

1. (C) IN CONVERSATION WITH MIKE PUTZEL, ASSOCIATED PRESS, AT
III MAF PRESS CENTER EVENING OF 29 JAN, HE STATED THAT HE, R.

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 BLUMENTHAL (N.Y. TIMES) AND MR. CHANG (TELENEWS) WERE IN HOI AN ON 27, 28, AND 29 JAN INVESTIGATING PARIS REPORTS OF A MASSACRE ON BARRIER ISLAND BY KOREAN TROOPS. WHILE IN HOI AN THEY STAYED IN THE CORDS COMPOUND AND OBTAINED INTERPRETERS BUT NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM CORDS. ON 27 AND 28 JAN, VILLAGERS SPOKE FREELY OF ALLEGED MASSACRES BY ROK TROOPS. ON 29 JAN, PRESS HAD AN ARMED MILITARY ESCORT; VILLAGERS DID NOT SPEAK FREELY AND APPEARED INTIMIDATED BY PRESENCE OF ESCORT. PUTZEL STATED THAT ONLY KOREANS WERE INVOLVED IN ALLEGED INCIDENT. HE SAID THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY IN REPORTING SUCH A STORY SINCE VILLAGERS CHANGE THEIR STORY AND THE VILLAGES ARE IN THE HEART OF VC TERRITORY. DUE TO LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL BARRIERS IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHERE THE TRUTH LIES: HOW MUCH SAID BY VILLAGERS IS FACT HOW MUCH IS PROPAGANDA; HOW MUCH IS BASED ON THE GENERAL REPUTATION OF ROK TROOPS HELD BY VILLAGERS. ACCORDINGLY, THE REAL STORY IS NOT WHETHER AN INCIDENT OCCURED, BUT THE DIFFICULTIES FACED IN VIETNAM TRYING TO DISCOVER WHERE THE TRUTH LIES.

2. (C) PUTZEL ALSO INDICATED THAT WHILE AT HOI AN, CORRESPONDENTS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED TRANSPORTATION ON AT LEAST ONE

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OCCASION FROM A NAVY PCF. SAID NAVY WAS VERY ACCOMODATING.

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2. (U) WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN NECKERSON INFO RADM ADAMSON FROM ZUMWALT

ICTZ TURNOVER BRIEFING

A. CG USARV 010531Z FEB 70 PASEP

B. COMUSMACV 211140Z JAN 70 PASEP

C. COMUSMACV 280140Z JAN 70 PASEP

1. (S) CG USARV HOSTED BRIEFING AFTERNOON 1 FEB AT LONG BINH ON ICTZ TURNOVER CULMINATING MONTHS OF WORK BY IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS. ON THIS MATTER. PRESENT WERE MAJOR U.S. ARMY SUPPORT COMMANDERS, RADM ADAMSON, CG III MAF REP, AND MYSELF.

2. (S) MEETING ADDRESSED REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH ASSUMPTION OF VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC AND FUNCTIONAL AREAS OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ.

3. (S) FIRST PORTION COVERED EVENTS AND SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN

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REF A. SECOND PORTION COVERED REMAINDER OF AREAS AND FUNCTIONS IN WHICH CSS TO BE ASSUMED BY ARMY BY PLANNING DATE 30 JUNE AS REQUIRED IN REF B MODIFIED BY REF C. A MAJOR ASSUMPTION WAS FORCE STRUCTURE IN ICTZ REDUCED BY 37,000 IN PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS.

4. (S) DETAILED BRIEFING EVIDENCED THOROUGH PLANNING BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY ALCON. SPECIFIC INFO WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS COPIES OF SLIDES OBTAINED AND ANALYZED. SEVERAL MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS SURFACED AND DISCUSSED AS OUTLINED BELOW.

5. (S) DETAILED PLAN MAY NOT BE READY UNTIL 1 MARCH. I ADVISED THAT EARLY DECISION DESIRED ON UTILIZATION OF PHILCO-FORD SO THAT NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PART OR ALL OF CONTRACT COULD BE GIVEN CG USARV AGREED THAT THIS INFO COULD BE PROVIDED EARLIER THAN COMPLETE PLAN, HOPEFULLY PRIOR 15 FEB. USARV REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN PERSUADING PHILCO-FORD TO PERMIT PAGE TO RECRUIT TRAINED PERSONNEL IN-COUNTRY WHO WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED BY P-F AFTER ARMY TURNOVER.

6. (S) USARV EXPRESSED CONCERN ON SITTING DOWN TO NEGOTIATE FY 71 CONTRACTS WITHOUT 71 BUDGET APPROVAL. IT WAS DETERMINED HOWEVER THAT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM OTHER FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS

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COULD PERMIT ARMY NEGOTIATIONS TO MEET THE DESIRED TURNOVER DATE OF 1 JULY 1970.

7. (S) MUSE GENERATORS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE ARMY DUE TO NONCOMPATIBILITY OF EXISTING ARMY GENERATORS WITH POWER PLANTS AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS. USARV IS AT PRESENT DETERMINING REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATION. IT WAS STATED THAT USARV INTENDS TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO REQUEST THE NAVY TO TRANSFER MUSE UNITS WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT VICE REIMBURSEMENT OR REPLACEMENT IN KIND. WE WILL NOT KNOW THE IMPACT OF THEIR POSITION UNTIL FIRMER REQUIREMENTS ARE KNOWN. A POSSIBILITY IS DISPOSITION OF THE 18,000 KW OF MCON POWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS MANNER TO FULFILL THE ARMY REQUIREMENT, THEREBY RELEASING MUSE, WITH THE ALTERNATIVE OF KEEPING THE MCON GENERATORS YET TO BE SHIPPED AND PERMITTING THE ARMY TO RETAIN MUSE GENERATORS WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT. IN ANY EVENT, I CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT MACV WILL CONCUR THAT WE BE REIMBURSED FOR MUSE UNITS AND KEEP THE NAVY PURCHASED 2,000 KW GENERATORS OUT OF COUNTRY FOR NAVY USE. I WILL RECOMMEND ACTION WHEN FIRM USARV REQUIREMENTS ARE KNOWN.

8. (S) CAMP TIEN SHA WAS REQUESTED BY USARV TO HOUSE ARMY

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PERSONNEL TASKED WITH ASSUMPTION OF OPERATIONS AT THE DANANG DEEP WATER PIER AND PORT FACILITIES. THE USARV REQUEST WAS FOR A SPECIFIC SECTION INCLUDING BOG/BEQ'S FOR 1391 PERSONNEL AND ALL SUPPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. I STATED THIS SECTIONALIZATION OF CAMP TIEN SHA IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN VIEW OF OUR PLANS FOR THE VNN ACTOV BASE IN WHICH TIEN SHA HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR LOW COST WAY TO GO. THE INCREASE IN BASE LOADING AND CRAFT PLANNED FOR DANANG IN ADDITION TO THE ACCOMPANY NG DEPENDENT SHELTERS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL REQUIRE NAVY USE OF ALL CAMP TIEN SHA AND TIEN SHA ANNEX. IT WAS STRESSED THAT CONSTRUCTION AT SCRF HAS COMMENCED AND REHABILITATION OF EXISTING BARRACKS FOR VNN DEPENDENTS IS PLANNED. THE NAVY POLICY FOR COMBINED VNN/USN OCCUPATION TO FACILITATE TURNOVER WAS ADDRESSED TO STRESS THAT SCRF WILL BECOME A COMBINED VNN/USN BASE WITH USN AND VNN HOUSE AT TIEN SHA BEGINNING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. IT IS ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT VNN DEPENDENTS WILL OCCUPY DEPENDENT SHELTERS AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY FOR OCCUPANCY. THE USARV STAFF APPEARED TO BE PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN THE RECREATIONAL AND SUPPORT FACILITIES AT CAMP TIEN SHA FOR THEIR IMPORTANT MORALE AFFECT. CG USARV AGREED

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THAT THEY WILL STUDY OTHER COMPOUNDS IN THE DANANG EAST COMPLEX THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR USE, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE DANANG HOSPITAL BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBILITY. THE NSA DANANG AIRBASE CANTONMENT WAS ALSO MENTIONED. THE USARV REQUEST FOR

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TIEN SHA IS NOW IN ABEYANCE UNTIL USARV COMPLETES THIS STUDY.
9. (S) USARV INDICATED A DESIRE FOR CONTINUED NAVY OPERATION
OF THE DANANG COMPLEX PHONE EXCHANGE BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL
SHORTAGES. AFTER DISCUSSIONS CG USARV INDICATED USARV WOULD
BE THE PREDOMINANT USER AND THEREFORE RESPONSIBLE.
10. (U) I HOPE AND BELIEVE FOREGOING WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU.
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS.
11. (U) WARM REGARDS,
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1. (TS) WITH THE IMPENDING PHASE OUT OF III MAF HEADQUARTERS DURING MARCH, AND THE ASSUMPTION BY XXIV CORPS OF I CORPS RESPONSIBILITY, IT WOULD APPEAR PRUDENT TO REMOVE FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX SOME OF THE SOPHISTICATED AND EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN POSITIONED THERE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS GRAPHIC ARTS EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOUND EQUIPMENT, AND REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT.
2. (TS) AS YOU KNOW, THIS EQUIPMENT IS COSTLY AND DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR THE MARINE CORPS TO REPLACE IN VIEW OF BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. WE CERTAINLY CANNOT AFFORD TO LEAVE IT FOR THE ARMY NO MATTER HOW NECESSARY IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, UNLESS ALL OTHER AVENUES ARE CLOSED TO US. SOME POSSIBLE

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 AREAS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE ARMY MIGHT BE REPLACEMENT IN
 KIND, OR TEMPORARY LOAN SUBJECT TO EXPEDITIOUS REPLACEMENT
 BY THE ARMY. TRANSFER OF FUNDING AT THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL
 IS CONSIDERED IMPRACTICAL AND HAS VERY LITTLE CHANCE FOR
 APPROVAL.

3. (S) THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT YOU MAY WISH TO SYSTEMATICALLY TRANSFER SOME OF THESE ITEMS TO OTHER MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATIONS PENDING FINAL DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS. IF THE DECISION IS TO REMOVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN SUCH A MANNER, AS IT BECOMES NO LONGER REQUIRED, RECOMMEND TRANSFER TO FLC FOR SECURE DEDICATED STORAGE PENDING DISPOSITION GUIDANCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS. WARM REGARDS.

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 C. CMC 022218Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
 D. CG FMFPAC 310234Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
1. (TS) IN REPLYING TO COMUSMACV 011052Z/FEB70 (REF A),
 DESIRE YOU BASE YOUR COMMENTS ON A REQUIREMENT FOR A
 POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCE IN RVN CONSISTING OF:
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|-----------------------------|---------|
| A. MAB (REF B) | 10.8K |
| B. SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE | .6K |
| C. CAG | .6K |
| D. LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE | 1.2K 1/ |
| TOTAL | 13.2K |
- 1/ ASSUMES SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY OTHER

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2. (TS) IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING TO COMUSMACV
 ON THE AIR-GROUND IMBALANCE REPRESENTED IN A RLT OF
 7.5K, AN ADDRESSAL OF TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN ICTZ,
 WHICH I ASSUME YOU WILL INCLUDE, MIGHT HELP MAKE THE
 CASE FOR A 10.8K MAB.

3. (TS) FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO
 COMUSMACV THAT SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE (.6K),
 LOGISTIC ROLLUP FORCE (1.2K), AND THE CAG (.6K) ARE
 ADDITIVE TO THE MAB (10.8K), SINCE EACH HAS A SEPARATE

MISSION TO PERFORM. WITH REGARD TO THE CAG, YOU
 SHOULD ADVISE COMUSMACV THAT 2D CAG REMAINS FIRM
 AT .6K AND A REDUCED STRENGTH CAG IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
 4. (TS) REF C, PROVIDES A FALLBACK POSITION WHICH YOU CAN
 USE IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY. IN THIS REGARD, REQUEST YOUR
 COMMENTS ON CMC'S ADDITIVES TO 8.9K MAB CONTAINED
 IN REF D TO INCLUDE ANY AVIATION RESTRUCTURING
 OCCASIONED BY ADDITION OF A-4 SQUADRON. HOWEVER,

SUGGEST THAT YOU DO NOT EXCEED 9.4K TOTAL. WARM REGARDS.

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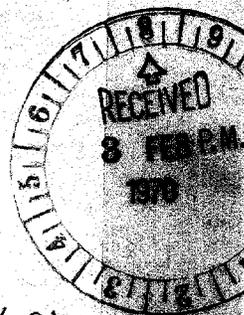
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 SUBJECT: FEBRUARY COMMANDERS' WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE FEBRUARY COMMANDERS' WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 1970, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED.
2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ'S ALSO ATTEND THE WIEU.
3. (U) COMMANDERS AND DEPCORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV.
4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 21 FEBRUARY 1970.
5. (C) RSVP MACV 3044, 4958, OR 3151 NLT 19 FEBRUARY 1970.
6. (U) DECLASSIFY EFFECTIVE 1 MARCH 1970.

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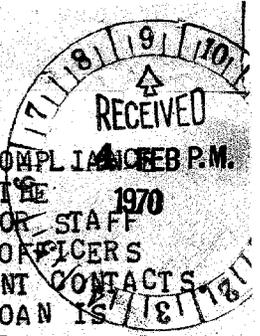
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 REFERENCE YOUR BACK CHANNEL MESSAGE P020814Z FEBRUARY. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING ARE MY PERSONAL EVALUATIONS OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF CERTAIN ARVN COMMANDERS AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICERS STATIONED WITHIN THE AMERICAL TAOI. SOME OF THESE OFFICERS I KNOW QUITE WELL, WHILE OTHERS I KNOW ONLY THROUGH INFREQUENT CONTACTS.



1. BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN VAN TOAN, CG, 2D ARVN DIV. BG TOAN IS AN OUTSTANDING COMBAT COMMANDER WHO IS A THOROUGH PLANNER AND DECISIVE EXECUTOR. HE COMMANDS THE RESPECT OF HIS TROOPS, OF THE QUANG NGAI AND QUANG TIN PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, AND OF ALL THE COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAL DIVISION. GENERAL TOAN HAS A KEEN INSIGHT INTO THE MILITARY, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS WAR. GENERAL TOAN IS A PRACTICAL, AGGRESSIVE MAN WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF FORESIGHT AND INITIATIVE. IT HAS BEEN LARGELY THROUGH HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP THAT THE 2D ARVN DIVISION HAS OBTAINED THE STATUS OF ONE OF THE TOP TWO DIVISIONS IN THE VIETNAMESE ARMY. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT GENERAL TOAN WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING CORPS COMMANDER TODAY AND SHOULD CERTAINLY BE MARKED FOR FUTURE POSITIONS OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
2. COLONEL NGUYEN TRONG LUAT, ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER, 2D ARVN DIV. COL LUAT IS AN INTELLIGENT, RESERVED OFFICER WHO GETS ALONG EXCEEDINGLY WELL WITH US MILITARY PERSONNEL. HE HAS PROVED HIMSELF A CAPABLE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER WHO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS LED DIVISION TASK FORCES ON COMBAT OPERATIONS. I WOULD SAY HIS GREATEST STRENGTHS LIE IN HIS COOPERATIVE AND COORDINATIVE ABILITIES. I BELIEVE HIS FORTE WOULD BE AS A STAFF OFFICER RATHER THAN AS A COMMANDER SINCE HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE, SELF-CONFIDENT PERSON.
3. COL HOANG DINH THO, PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG TIN. COLONEL THO IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT DYNAMIC, EXCEEDINGLY PERSONABLE OFFICER. HE IS HIGHLY CAPABLE AS A COMBAT LEADER AND AS AN ADMINISTRATOR. HE HAS A KEEN SENSE OF DIPLOMACY AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTANDS THE PARAMETERS AND NUANCES OF THE POLITICAL ARENA. COLONEL THO IS GREATLY RESPECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF HIS PROVINCE. IT HAS BEEN THROUGH HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP THAT QUANG TIN PROVINCE HAS MADE GIGANTIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GAINS IN THE PAST YEAR. ONE OF COL THO'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS PROVINCE HAS BEEN THE BUILDING UP OF ITS SECURITY FORCES AND THE SUBSEQUENT NEUTRALIZING OF A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE TRADITIONALLY STRONG VC STRUCTURE IN QUANG TIN. HIS TEMPERAMENT IS SOMEWHAT MERCURIAL AND HIS ACTIONS OFTEN PRECIPITOUS. HE WANTS TO BE THE CENTRAL FORCE IN ANY COOPERATIVE EFFORT; HOWEVER, HE WILL ADJUST WHEN NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER'S VIEWS. COLONEL THO HAS TREMENDOUS CAPABILITIES AND I BELIEVE COULD COMMAND A COMBAT DIVISION TODAY. HE SHOULD BE DESTINED FOR POSITIONS OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE.

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4. LTC NGUYEN VAN BINH, PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. WHEREAS LTC BINH HAS BEEN PROVINCE CHIEF FOR ONLY A LITTLE OVER A MONTH, I AM GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES. HE SEEMS TO HAVE GRASPED THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS CONFRONTING HIM AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROVINCE. HE IS INTELLIGENT, COOPERATIVE, CONFIDENT, AND INDUSTRIOUS. IN HIS SHORT TENURE AS PROVINCE CHIEF, HE HAS GAINED THE RESPECT OF BOTH THE VIETNAMESE AND UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM. I BELIEVE HIM TO BE AN OUTSTANDING OFFICER WITH GREAT POTENTIAL AND I AM CERTAIN HE WILL BE PLACED IN POSITIONS OF INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY.

5. LTC NGO VAN LOI, CHIEF OF STAFF, 2D ARVN DIV. LTC LOI HAS PERFORMED HIS JOB AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE DIVISION WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS. THIS OFFICER ALWAYS APPEARS TO BE IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION AND ENJOYS CONFIDENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM. HE IS PLEASANT AND COOPERATIVE. HE COMMANDS THE RESPECT OF BOTH VIETNAMESE AND US MILITARY PERSONNEL. I WOULD SAY THIS OFFICER HAS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL AND SHOULD BE PLACED IN POSITIONS OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HE APPEARS TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF COMMANDING A DIVISION AT THIS TIME.

6. LTC PHAM THE VINH, CO, 5TH ARVN REGIMENT. LTC VINH IS A GOOD, SOUND REGIMENTAL COMMANDER. HIS MANY YEARS OF COMMAND EXPERIENCE HELP HIM TO AVOID SERIOUS ERRORS. THOUGH HIS BATTALIONS VARY IN EFFECTIVENESS, OVERALL HIS TROOPS FIGHT WELL. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN THE 196TH INFANTRY BRIGADE HAD MADE HEAVY CONTACT, HE, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, MOUNTED ATTACKS IN CRITICAL AREAS TO HELP THE SITUATION. HE IS VERY COOPERATIVE. HE IS A GOOD TACTICIAN AND IS CALM UNDER PRESSURE. LTC VINH IS FRIENDLY AND GENEROUS BUT LACKS COLOR AND IS NOT A COMMANDING FIGURE. HE TENDS TO BE DOMINATED BY THE SECTOR COMMANDER, THOUGH HIS ONE RANK INFERIORITY NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTES TO THIS. LTC VINH APPEARS TO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE A GOOD, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT AN OUTSTANDING, DIVISION COMMANDER.

7. LTC PHAM VAN NGHIN, CO, 6TH ARVN REGIMENT. LTC NGHIN IS A CAPABLE, ENERGETIC, AGGRESSIVE COMMANDER. HE PRESENTS A VERY NEAT APPEARANCE AND IS CONFIDENT AND POISED IN MANNER. THE WEAKNESSES I HAVE OBSERVED INCLUDE A QUICK TEMPER, A SOMEWHAT HAUGHTY ATTITUDE, AND A FAILURE TO COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH OTHER FORCES IN HIS AREA OF OPERATIONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HIS INNATE INTELLIGENCE AND POSITIVE SELF-CONFIDENCE WILL PUSH HIM FORWARD TO HIGHER LEVEL POSITIONS. I BELIEVE HE DOES POSSESS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL.

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8. LTC LE BA KHIEU, CO, 4TH REGIMENT. LTC KHIEU IS A DYNAMIC, PERSONALLY BRAVE LEADER WHO HAS INSPIRED HIS TROOPS TO PERFORM STANDING FEATS. HE IS AN INNOVATOR AND PROGRESSIVE THINKER. HE RESPONDS IMMEDIATELY TO INTELLIGENCE AND CONTINUALLY SEEKS AND PURSUES THE ENEMY. HE IS A SPLENDID TACTICIAN AND A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR. HE IS ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF HIS MEN. HE IS NOT POLITICALLY ORIENTED NOR DOES HE APPEAR AMBITIOUS IN THIS REGARD. HE HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN PURELY MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS AND THEREFORE DOES NOT FOCUS ON POLITICAL MATTERS. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST ARVN REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS WITH WHOM I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED. ALTHOUGH BASICALLY A COMMANDER, LTC KHIEU WOULD MAKE A FINE CHIEF OF STAFF AS HE CAN SEE THE FULL PURPOSE IN EACH ENDEAVOR. HIS MANNER IS WARM AND FRIENDLY AND HIS TEMPERAMENT IS MODULATED BY OBJECTIVITY AND LOGIC. HE IS DIRECT IN HIS DEALINGS WITH SUBORDINATES BUT NOT OVERBEARING. HE DISPLAYS A FERVENT DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH US COMMANDERS AND STAFFS. LTC KHIEU HAS THE UNQUESTIONABLE POTENTIAL TO BE A DIVISION COMMANDER.

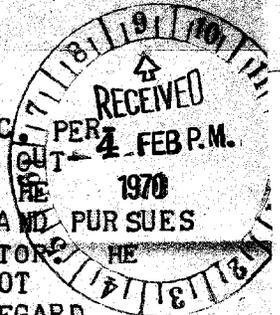
9. LTC NGUYEN CAO KHOA, CO, 2D ARVN DIVISION ARTILLERY. LTC KHOA HAS IMPRESSED ME AS AN EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE FIELD ARTILLERYMAN WHO IS HIGHLY RESPECTED BY HIS SUBORDINATES. I HAVE DETECTED NO WEAKNESS IN LTC KHOA'S ABILITIES NOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY DURING OUR CONTACTS. I BELIEVE THAT HE IS THOROUGHLY CAPABLE OF SERVING AT HIGHER LEVELS OF COMMAND AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE COMMAND OF AN ARVN CORPS ARTILLERY NOW.

10. LTC KIEU VAN THANH, G3, 2D ARVN DIVISION. LTC THANH ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AS G3 ON 24 AUGUST 1969, AFTER HAVING BEEN ASSISTANT G3 SINCE MAY 1969. HE IS YOUNG, AGGRESSIVE, PROFESSIONALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND SEEMS TO BE A COMPETENT STAFF OFFICER. HE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION AMONG THE AMERICANS WITH WHOM HE WORKS. THE G3 SECTION IS NORMALLY RESPONSIVE TO COMBINED REQUIREMENTS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND DEMONSTRATES A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. ON THE BASIS OF THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, I AM CONVINCED THAT LTC THANH IS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND THOROUGHLY EFFECTIVE STAFF OFFICER. IF PAST PERFORMANCE CAN BE EXTRAPOLATED INTO FUTURE POTENTIAL, I BELIEVE LIEUTENANT COLONEL THANH WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO HIS ARMY IN THE FUTURE.

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1. I BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARVN OFFICERS ARE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AS INDICATED. THERE ARE NO SENIOR OFFICERS IN THIS AREA WHO I RECOMMEND FOR RELIEF.

NAME	PRESENT ASSIGNMENT	CAPABILITY
MAJ GEN NGO QUANG TGUONG	CG 1ST ARVN DIV	CORPS COMMANDER
COL VU VAN GIAI	CO 1ST ARVN DIV FWD	DIVISION COMBR
COL PHAM CAO DONG	C/S 1ST ARVN BIV (GRADUATE OF REG COUGSE USA COMD & GEN STAFF COLLEGE)	DIV COMDR
COL NGO VAN CHUNG	CO 2ND ARVN REGT	BIV COMDR
LT COL NGUYEN HUAN	CO 54TH ARVN REGT (FORMER G3, 1ST ARVN DIV)	DIV COMDG OR SPECIAL ZONE COMDR
LT COL NGUYEN VAN BIEM	CO 1ST ARVN REGT	DIV COMDR OR SPECIAL ZONE COMDR
COL LE VAN THANH	PROVINCE CHIEF, THUA THIEN	BIV COMDR
COL TON PHAT KHIEU	PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG TRI	DIV COMBR (BASED ON LIMITED OBSERVATION)

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LVTH-6 PLATOON ON LOAN TO 2D ROKMC BDE (U)

A. CG III MAF 030030Z/FEB70 (C) (SPECAT)

1. (S) I HAVE REVIEWED REF A AND CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LVTH PLATOON TO REMAIN ON LOAN TO THE 2D ROKMC BDE. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THE APPROVAL BY COMUSMACV DOES NOT IN THIS CASE CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE LVTH'S IN THE T/O AND T/E OF THE BDE. A T/E CHANGE OF THIS TYPE FALLS IN THE CATEGORY OF A FORCE COMPOSITION CHANGE AND IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CINCPAC AND THE JCS.
2. (S) ACCORDINGLY, AT YOUR DISCRETION, INFORM GENERAL LEE THAT THE LVTH PLATOON ASSETS MAY BE RETAINED UNTIL PHASE IV. AT THAT TIME THE SUBJECT OF RETENTION WILL BE REEVALUATED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT UNDER CURRENT DIRECTIVES TITLE TO EQUIPMENT

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 OTHER THAN LAT REPLACED IN KIND WILL BE RETAINED BY THE U. S. MARINE CORPS AND WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM VIETNAM BY THE 2D ROKMC BDE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF COMUSMACV, CINCPAC, AND THIS HEADQUARTERS. ON THIS POINT THE CO OF THE MARINES CORPS COMPONENT OF THE NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP, KOREA HAS RECOMMENDED STRONGLY TO THE COMMANDANT AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY PART OF THE LVT 5 FAMILY INTO THE ROKMC DUE TO NON-SUPPORTABILITY THROUGH THE MAP PROGRAM.

3. (S) LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 3D FSR AND APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE.
 WARM REGARDS.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (S) WITH THE IMPENDING PHASE DOWN OF III MAF HQ, USMC COMMERCIAL VEH ASSETS WILL BE SUBJ TO CLOSE EXAMINATION BY MACV AS POSSIBLE EXCESSES FOR RETENTION IN COUNTRY.
2. (S) TO PREVENT THE LOSS/ABSORPTION OF USMC SEDANS, STATION WAGONS AND BUSES, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO EVAC AS MANY OF THESE ASSETS AS CAN BE SPARED TO CAMP BUTLER. ALLOWANCES AND ASSET DATA FOR PASS CARRYING VEHs ARE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED BY CONGRESS, AND IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT TO REPLACE SUCH EQUIP EVEN THOUGH REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE FORTHCOMING AT DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL.
3. (C) IF SUCH ACTION IS POSSIBLE, REQ ADVISE TYPE AND USMC NR

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2. CORDS OFFICERS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPCORDS IN THE CIZS.
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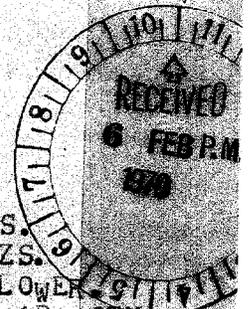
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 (GAO CASE 82807) (U)

- A. CMC LTR AS-3-11/MKM NO. 610 OF 3FEB70 (NOTAL)
- B. MCO 7500.3
- C. MCO 7000.7

1. (U) REF A ADDRESSES FORTHCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBJ GAO REVIEW.
2. (C) HQMC HAS ASCERTAINED THAT GAO IS INTERESTED IN T-DAY AND ESPECIALLY IN MONITORING KEYSTONE EAGLE, KEYSTONE CARDINAL, AND KEYSTONE BLUEJAY.
3. (U) UNLESS APPROVED BY CMC, PERSONNEL FIGURES RELATING TO KEYSTONE EAGLE, KEYSTONE CARDINAL, AND KEYSTONE BLUEJAY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OR TO

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 ANY AUDIT AGENCY EXTERNAL TO MARINE CORPS.

4. (U) IN THIS CONNECTION CMC (AS-3) SHOULD BE KEPT CONSTANTLY ADVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFS B AND C.

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SUBJ: INTERVIEW

1. CONGRESSMAN MOSS AND A STAFF MEMBER WILL VISIT SAIGON 15-17 FEBRUARY 1970 IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT INVESTIGATION OF AFVN.
2. MACV HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO HAVE CPL THOMAS M. SINKOVITZ AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY CONGRESSMAN MOSS. ACCORDINGLY IT IS REQUESTED THAT HE BE SENT TO SAIGON ON THE MORNING OF 15 FEBRUARY, AND THAT THE MACV PROJECT OFFICER BE INFORMED OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS SO HE CAN BE MET. BILLETING AND RETURN TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE ARRANGED BY MACV.
3. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOTIFYING CPL SINKOVITZ BE HANDLED BY A DESIGNATED PROJECT OFFICER ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS.
4. MACV PROJECT OFFICER IS COL HARLAN, J12, TELEPHONE 923-3894.



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PERSONAL FOR LGEN MILDREN, LGEN NICKERSON, LGEN ZAIS AND
 RADM ADAMSON FROM ZUMWALT

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS IN I CORPS (S)

1. (S) I ESTIMATE THAT A REDUCTION IN FORCE (RIF) OF
 SEVERAL THOUSAND VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE US
 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS IN I CORPS WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE
 NEXT FEW MONTHS. THIS RIF IS RESULTING FROM PHASE III REDE=
 PLOYMENTS IN THAT AREA PLUS THE TURNOVER OF I CORPS SUP=
 PORT FUNCTIONS FROM NAVY TO ARMY. REDUCTIONS OF THIS
 MAGNITUDE AND TIME FRAME COULD HAVE SERIOUS ECONOMIC,
 POLITICAL AND MILITARY REPERCUSSIONS.

2. (S) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MUCH OF THIS RIF CAN BE
 AVERTED IF SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN WORK FORCE REQUIRE=

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MENTS OF USARV ACTIVITIES AND CONTRACTORS IN I CORPS
 CAN BE DETERMINED AND MADE KNOWN BEFORE THE NAVY RIF
 ACTIONS TAKE PLACE. IT IS NOT IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO
 SEPARATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE STILL NEEDED BY THE US FORCES.
 WHERE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RETAIN EMPLOYEES IN A PAY
 STATUS PENDING IDENTIFICATION OF USARV REQUIREMENTS,
 I RECOMMEND THAT WE FURLOUGH THEM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
 USARV R QUIREMENTS HAVE CRYSTALIZED.

3. (S) I RECOMMEND THAT PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED
 WHEREBY RIFS OF LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEES RESULTING
 FROM THIS AND SUBSEQUENT REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE MINI=
 MIZED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO STRIVE TO AVOID
 PREMATURE SEPARATIONS. AN ORDERLY REDUCTION OF OUR
 VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WORK FORCE SHOULD BE MADE AN INTEGRAL
 PART OF THE PROGRAM FOR VIETNAMIZATION.

4. (S) REQUEST YOUR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL EXPERT WORK WITH MY
 MR. JAMES GOODYARD ON DETAILED PLAN.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T
 PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKERSON AND RADM ADAMSON FROM ZUMWALT
 ICTZ SERVICE SUPPORT SHIFT (U)

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL FROM ADM HYLAND (CINCPACFLT
 100321Z FEB 70) IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO:

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 PERSONAL FOR GEN HAINES AND VICE ADMIRAL ZUMWALT FROM HYLAND
 ICTZ SERVICE SUPPORT SHIFT (U)
 A. COMUSMACV 211140Z JAN 70
 1. (S) WE HAVE REVIEWED THE MANY RECENT MESSAGES REGARDING THE TURN-

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 OVER OF THE R&U FUNCTIONS IN NICTZ. I THINK THAT MOST OF THE
 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN-COUNTRY CAN BE SOLVED WITHIN SERVICE CHANNELS
 AND NEED NOT BE REFERRED THROUGH THE JOINT CHANNEL FOR RESOLUTION
 2. (S) IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO
 RETAIN THE SURVICE ORIENTED PROBLEMS IN-HOUSE WHILE, OF COURSE,
 KEEPING OUR UNIFIED COMMANDERS FULLY INFORMED OF OUR PLANS AND
 ACTIONS. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ALLOW FULL COORDINATION OF OUR
 PECULIAR NEEDS AND RESOURCES AND WOULD RESULT IN REFERRAL OF
 PROBLEMS TO THE JOINT CHANNEL ONLY IF AGREEMENT CAN NOT BE
 REACHED BY THE SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
 3. (S) REP A WILL PRESENT SOME CHALLENGING COORDINATION,
 ESPECIALLY IN THE BUDGET AREA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MOST, IF NOT
 ALL OF THE PROBLEMS, CAN BE RESOLVED TO OUR MUTUAL AGREEMENT.
 OUR PLANNERS HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCE ON THE FUNDING ASPECTS
 ALREADY AND THESE CONTACTS CAN EASILY BE EXPANDED UPON RECEIPT
 OF THE COMUSMACV COORDINATED PLAN IN EARLY MARCH.
 4. (U) BEST RAGARDS.

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2. (U) WARM RAGARDS.

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