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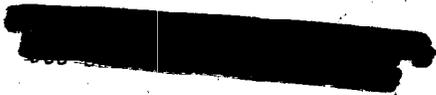
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1. CMC 022218Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
LTGEN VAN RYZIN
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REVIEW OF 8.9K RESIDUAL MAB
2. CG FMFPAC 032147Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REMOVAL OF EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT
3. CG FMFPAC 040322Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCE IN RVN
4. CG III MAF 050011Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - NOMINATION MGEN BOWMAN FORDCG XXIV CORPS
5. COMUSMACV CITE 1707 DTG 051038Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FM GEN ABRAMS TO LTG NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - APPROVAL OF MGEN BOWMAN AS DCG XXIV CORPS
6. CG III MAF 060130Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF MGEN BOWMAN ASDCG XXIVCORP
7. CG FMFPAC 062027Z FEB 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO BGEN BARROW FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ASSETS
8. CG III MAF 061302Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYING ADDITIONAL 100,000
U. S. TROOPS FROM RVN DURING 1970 SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE III
9. CMC 061345Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN
VAN RYZIN
FORCE PLANNING (U) - FORCE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE
10. CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF
REDEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 U.S. TROOPS FROM RVN
11. CG III MAF 071358Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
READDRESSAL OF CG III MAF 061302Z FEB 70 & CG III MAF
070857Z FEB 70 - FORCE PLANNING
12. CG III MAF 111354Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULACKI
FORCE PLANNING - MACV STAFF'S REACTION TO PROPOSED 13.2K POST
PHASE IV TROOP LIST
13. CG III MAF 120206Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL 100,000 TROOP
REDEPLOYMENT

14. CG FMFPAC 182216Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - ADDITIVES TO 8.9K MAB TROOP LIST
15. COMNAVFORV 190140Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-3*
PERSONAL FOR LTG NICKERSON INFO RADM DILLON FROM ZUMWALT
FORCE PLANNING (U) - RETENTION OF ONE MEB VICE ONE RLT
16. CG III MAF 190936Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF/XXIV CORPS COMMAND RELATIONS
17. CG III MAF 190932Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF COMNAVFORV 190140Z FEB
RETENTION OF ONE MEB VICE ONE RLT
18. CG FMFPAC 200043Z FEB 70 (C) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE INFO
GEN CHAPMAN
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR III MAF (C)
19. CG FMFPAC 200301Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-3*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MSG FROM ADM HYLAND
20. CG III MAF 201352Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - 8.9K MAB ADDONS RADIO BN & SSCT
21. CG FMFPAC 212106Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FROM LTGEN BUSE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN RADBN TROOP LIST
22. CG III MAF 230656Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - INCREASE IN RAD BN STRENGTH
23. CG III MAF 240600Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO RADM DILLON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - PERTINENT COMMENTS RE 9.5K MAB
24. ADMIN FMFPAC 252212Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
MGEN FONTANA
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MODIFICATION OF TROOP LIST TO INCLUDE
RAD BN STRENGTH OF 85 VICE 51
25. COMUSMACV CITE MAC 2940 DTG 051227Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp - not shown*
FM MG TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, VACM ZUMWALT,
LTG NICKERSON, LTG COLLINS, INFO LTG ZAIS, MGEN MILOY,
MG MCCOWN - FORCE PLANNING (U) - ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN VN

26. CG FMFPAC 060211Z MAR 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - TWO ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES FOR A FOURTH
INCREMENT
27. CG III MAF 071058Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - CONCURRENCE WITH COMUSMACV CITE 2940
28. CG XXIV CORPS 080253Z MAR 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FROM LTGEN ZAIS FOR LTGEN NICKERSON & MGEN TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING (U) - EXPANSION OF ENEMY SITUATION IN NICTZ
29. CG FMFPAC 100001Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF GEN ABRAMS MSG TO GEN
WHEELER, INFO ADM MCCAIN
30. CG 1STMAW 110815Z MAR 70 (TS) *(13 of 3 NIF)*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN THRASH
FORCE PLANNING (U) - AVIATION ELEMENT OF THE POST PHASE IV
31. CG FMFPAC 112001Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND BGEN PADALINO
FROM LTGEN BUSE
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT (S)
32. CG III MAF 130855Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN THRASH FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - BOTH FIXED WING AND ROTARY AIRCRAFT W/MAB
33. CG FORLOGCOMD 151326Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM BGEN PADALINO
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS
34. CG III MAF 130857Z MAR70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN THRASH AND MGEN WHEELER FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT (S)
35. CG FIRST MAW 170400Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN THRASH
FORCE PLANNING (U) - HOUSING OF BOTH ROTARY & FIXED A/C W/MAB
36. CG III MAF 170415Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT OF THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE
37. CG III MAF 160300Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO BGEN PADALIN
REDEPLOYMENT OF 5TH 175MM GUN BTRY FROM RVN

38. CG III MAF 181250Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - CONCERN OF REMAINING FORCE F/DNG SECURITY
39. CG FMFPAC 181948Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF III MAF CONCERN OF
REMAINING FORCE F/DNG SECURITY
40. CG III MAF 190130Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO MGEN THRASH FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - FEASIBILITY OF COMPOSITE GRP VICE TWO GRPS
41. CG FIRST MAW 200150Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
POST PHASE IV MAB AVIATION ELEMENT
42. CG III MAF 200648Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - PROBLEM AREAS DEVELOPED F/10.8K MAB
43. ADMIN FMFPAC 202131Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN ADAMS
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MSG FROM ABRAMS TO MCCAIN
44. ADMIN FMFPAC 202132Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN ADAMS
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MSG FROM MCCAIN TO ABRAMS
45. ADMIN FMFPAC 212132Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN ADAMS
FORCE PLANNING (U) - DUAL SITING - COLLOCATION F/MAB
46. COMUSMACV 220930Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FROM MG DOLVIN INFO LTG MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - SPACE REDUCTIONS
47. CG III MAF 230841Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - FEASIBLE SPACE REDUCTIONS
48. CG III MAF 230842Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN THRASH FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - DUAL SITING, COLLOCATION MAB AVIATION
49. CG III MAF 230942Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - COMMENTS RE FINAL BDE
50. CG III MAF 250619Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES

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FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
(DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS)
FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. COMUSMACV 220930Z MAR 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) PASEP
- B. CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) PASEP
- 1. REF A REQUESTS THAT CG XXIV CORPS IDENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM FORCES UNDER HIS OPCON FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT. STATEMENT OF IMPACT AND RELATIVE REDEPLOYMENT PRIORITY ARE DESIRED WITH SPECIFIC COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING 10.8K MAF AND/OR REDEPLOYING 1200 LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCES SPACES PROPOSED BY REF B, BUT RETAINING PERSONNEL IN-COUNTRY AS TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH.
- 2. INTEND RESPOND TO ABOVE REQUEST AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. THE 10.8K MAF PROPOSED BY REF B IS THE SMALLEST FORCE CONSIDERED VIABLE IN THE ANTICIPATED POST PHASE IV ENVIRONMENT

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IN ICTZ AND RETAINING THE ADVANTAGES AND CAPABILITIES ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF B.

B. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED IN PARA 6 OF REF B, THE LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE IS A TEMPORARY ADD ON TO POST PHASE IV MARINE CORPS FORCES IN RVN AND IS REQUIRED TO INSURE ORDERLY RETROGRADE OF MARINE CORPS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV IS COMPLETED. DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPPING AND THE DATES OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF PHASE IV, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS TASKS IN 90-120 DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE LAST MARINE CORPS PHASE IV UNIT. ACCORDINGLY, AS OPTION I, THIS HEADQUARTERS INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO REDEPLOYMENT OF 1200 SPACES DURING PHASE IV AS PROPOSED IN REF A PROVIDED THE PERSONNEL ARE RETAINED IN COUNTRY FOR UP TO 120 DAYS. IF THIS TEMPORARY OVERAGE IS NOT APPROVED, THE PROPOSAL SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SUBPARAGRAPH IS RECOMMENDED.

C. OPTION II: RATHER THAN REDUCE THE COMBAT POWER OF THE MAF APPRECIABLY, THIS HEADQUARTERS PROPOSES ELIMINATING THE COMBINED ACTION GROUP AT A SAVING OF 600 SPACES. THE REMAINING 400 OF THE 1000 SPACES REQUIRED MUST BE OBTAINED AT THE DIRECT

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EXPENSE OF THE MAB. REDUCTION OF THE ENGINEER CAPABILITY BY SUBSTITUTING A COMPANY OF COMBAT ENGINEERS FOR THE HEAVIER FORCE ENGINEERS IN THE COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENT OF THE MAB IS ACCEPTABLE. ENGINEER STRENGTH WOULD BE REDUCED BY 400 TO 269.
3. OPTION III: AS A FALLBACK POSITION NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED TO JOINT OR ARMY CHANNELS AT THIS TIME, THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY IN 10.8K MAB ARE PROPOSED IN THE EVENT OPTIONS I AND II ARE UNACCEPTABLE:

PRIORITY	ACTION	SPACE REDUCTION
1.	DELETE ENGR BN (-)(REPLACE WITH DIV ENGR CO 161)	508
2.	REDUCE DET HQ BTRY ARTY REGT	12
3.	DELETE DET NMH-463	88
4.	REDUCE HQ MAB	85
5.	DELETE HQ CO MAB (ASSUMES COLLOCATION WITH GROUND OR AIR ELEMENT)	51
6.	REDUCE DET RAD BN	171
7.	DELETE 175MM GUN BTRY	1000
TOTAL REDUCTION		1900

4. AS A NEW BUT RELATED MATTER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE

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SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE BE REEXAMINED. PROGRAM 9 CONTAINS 766 NON-III MAF SPACES AND 600 WILL REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV. IF THIS FORCE WERE REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY WITH III MAF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS, APPROXIMATELY 568 SPACES WOULD LEAVE RVN. A SAVING OF ENEN 400 SPACES WOULD NEGATE THE NECESSITY TO DRAWDOWN THE MAB AS DISCUSSED IN OPTION II.

5. ADOPTION OF OPTION I WOULD HAVE NO FORESEEABLE IMPACT ON EITHER THE MAB OR OPERATIONS IN RVN. OPTION II REMOVES THE LAST VESTIGES OF THE COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM WITH CONSEQUENT SLOWING, IF NOT REVERSAL, OF PACIFICATION PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS OF QUANG NAM. THE REDUCED HEAVY ENGINEERING CAPABILITY IN THE MAB IS SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF THERE IS NO NVAY MCB AVAILABLE. OPTION III ON THE OTHER HAND DRAWS DOWN ON MAB HEADQUARTERS TO THE EXTENT THAT COLLOCATION WITH THE AIR AND/OR GROUND ELEMENT IS MANDATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY IS MARGINAL AT BEST. THE LOSS OF THE 175MM GUN BATTERY DEPRIVES THE MAB OF SOME LONG RANGE FIRE SUPPORT, BUT TWO FIXED WING SQUADRONS (INCLUDING ONE A-6) ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO FILL THAT NEED UNDER MOST CONDITIONS.

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6. FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT PRIORITIES ARE PLANNED, BUT SUBJECT
TO CHANGE DUE TO SHIPPING AVAILABILITY:
MAJOR UNIT PRIORITY FOR REDEPLOYMENT

- 3D FORCE RECON CO
- VMCJ-1
- 5TH ENGR BN
- VMC(AW) 242
- ← RL1-5
- DET CAF
- DET HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV
- 1ST BRIDGE CO (-)
- 3D MP BN
- DET 7TH ENGR BN
- DET FLC
- 11TH MT BN
- MWSG-17
- MVCG-18
- ← MWHG-1
- HMH-161
- HMH-463

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- VMFA-115
- VMFA-314
- DET CAF
- ← RL1-7
- 5TH COMM BN (-)
- HQ III MAF
- 1ST MED BN (-)
- 1ST MP BN (-)
- VMFA-122
- ← H&MS-13
- ← MABS-13
- RAD BN (-)
- 3D 175MM GUN BTRY
- 1ST MT BN
- ← HQ BN (-) 1ST MARDIV
- 1ST FORCE RECON CO
- HMM-263
- HMM-364
- HML-167
- VMC-2 (-)
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7. IN SUMMARY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IN RESPONSE TO REF A,
OPTIONS I AND II BE SUBMITTED TO CG, XXIV CORPS TOGETHER WITH
THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6. IT IS FURTHER RECOM-
MENDED THAT OPTION III BE APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WITHIN
THE MARINE CORPS AND THAT THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE
SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE BE REEXAMINED FOR POSSIBLE SUB-
STITUTION IN OPTION II OR III.

8. REQUEST COMMENT/APPROVAL OF ABOVE PROPOSALS. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FLC LTR 3/CCB/GLS SER. 000270 OF 22 JAN 70 (TS)
1. WHEN I LEFT HQS GEN CHAPMAN DISCUSSED WITH ME THE SUBJ OF THE FINAL BDE IN RVN AND MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A SHOWCASE OUTFIT SINCE EVERYBODY WOULD BE WATCHING IT CLOSELY. HE INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT EVEN BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A BOARD AT HQS TO SELECT PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO IT. AT THE TIME I OFFERED THE SUGGESTION THAT PERHAPS THE PEOPLE WERE ALREADY HERE IN WESTPAC OR ON ORDERS TO GO.
2. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN HERE ONLY TWO WEEKS, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NO BOARD BE CONVENED AT HQS TO SELECT PERSONNEL FOR THE FINAL BDE. EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL FILLING BILLETS ON THE BDE STAFF I RECOMMEND THAT PERSONNEL TRANSFERS BETWEEN UNITS BE HELD TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. THERE

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HAS ALREADY BEEN QUITE A BIT OF MIXMASTERING IN MAF UNITS DURING PREVIOUS WITHDRAWAL PHASES, AND IT HAS HAD SOME ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE UNITS, PARTICULARLY ON AVIATION. THIS IMPACT HAS BEEN GREATEST WHEN THE MIXMASTER OCCURRED OVER A SHORT TIME FRAME AND SIMULTANEOUS WITH REDEPLOYMENT. IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVERT SUCH A SITUATION DURING PHASE IV WE ARE DESIGNATING SPECIFIC UNITS AT THIS TIME THAT WOULD REMAIN AND WILL COMMENCE TO MOVE MINIMUM KEY PERSONNEL AT AN ORDERLY PACE INTO THESE UNITS. GRANTED, WE DO NOT KNOW THE SIZE OF THE FINAL BDE BUT WE ARE IDENTIFYING UNITS ON THE BASIS OF THE LARGEST POSSIBLE ONE AS THAT WOULD REPRESENT THE MAXIMUM PROBLEM.

3. I REALIZE THAT IT WILL APPEAR DESIRABLE TO LET PERSONNEL GO HOME WHO HAVE BEEN OUT HERE ELEVEN, TEN, NINE OR EVEN EIGHT MONTHS, AND TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE ONE, TWO, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. I RECOMMEND THIS BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY AS THERE IS BOUND TO BE A TWOFOLD ADVERSE IMPACT ON WESTPAC UNITS. FIRST, THERE WOULD BE A MIXMASTERING AT A TIME WHEN TEAM WORK, CONESIVENESS, AND COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS ARE OF VITAL

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 IMPORTANCE, AND SECONDLY, THERE WOULD BE A PERSONNEL ROTATION PROBLEM DOWNSTREAM, THE EXACT TIME DEPENDING ON HOW MANY MONTHS WERE CUT OFF THE OVERSEAS TOURS OF PERSONNEL PRESENTLY DEPLOYED HERE IN VN.

4. I KNOW THAT IT IS ALSO THE COMMANDANT'S DESIRE TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE SOME DUTY IN VN. FOR THIS REASON IT WILL APPEAR DESIRABLE TO ROTATE PERSONNEL FROM JAPAN AND OKINAWA INTO RVN AND VICE VERSA. THIS ACTION WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR THE REMAINING BDE WITH THE RESULT OF DECREASED EFFICIENCY AND IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF IT WAS IMPLEMENTED ON A MIXMASTERED BDE. RATHER THAN RESORTING TO INDIVIDUAL ROTATION I WOULD RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ROTATING UNITS OF COMPANY, BATTERY OR SQUADRON SIZE. AS I HAVE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY IN A MESSAGE ON THIS SAME SUBJ ASSIGNING ADCON OF GROUND AND AIR UNITS OF THE BDE TO THE WESTPAC DIVISION AND WING WOULD FURTHER FACILITATE THE DESIRED TEAM WORK AND COHESIVENESS.

5. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE QUESTION OF GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

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A. CONLEY IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN APRIL, SPANJER WILL LEAVE. I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO HAVE CONLEY REMAIN IN VN AFTER THE WING FLAG DEPARTS TO INSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY ROLL UP ACTIONS ARE COMPLETED. THRASH OR HIS RELIEF COULD DEPART AT A TIME, YET TO BE DESIGNATED, FOR JAPAN AND ESTABLISH THE WING CP THERE. AT THIS TIME FIRST WING REAR, AS NOW CONSTITUTED, WOULD DISAPPEAR ALTHOUGH FROM A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW A REAR WOULD REMAIN IN VN WITH THE AWC. IF THE WING CP MOVES TO JAPAN PRIOR TO JOHNSON'S RTD, JOHNSON COULD REMAIN AS A AWC, AND ASSIST THE WING COMMANDER IN JAPAN AND OKINAWA. IF THE WING CP MOVES AFTER JOHNSON'S RTD, THEN EITHER JOHNSON SHOULD BE EXTENDED OR A RELIEF WOULD BE REQUIRED. UPON COMPLETION OF THE WING REDEPLOYMENT IT MAYBE DESIRABLE ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO HAVE TWO AWC'S ANYHOW - ONE IN JAPAN AND ONE IN OKINAWA. IF NOT, THEN PERHAPS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POSTING THE AWC IN THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCALE WERE THE WING COMMANDER IS NOT.

B. WHEELER OR HIS RELIEF AND DOEMLER SHOULD BOTH RETURN TO CONUS WITH THE DIVISION. THEY NEED NOT GO TO-

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 GATHER, AND THE EXACT TIMING OF EACH CAN BE WORKED OUT
 LATER. BUT, AS IN THE CASE OF THE WING, I BELIEVE THAT
 DOEHLER SHOULD BE THE LAST TO GO. I BELIEVE THAT DOEHLER
 SHOULD REMAIN IN COUNTRY LONGER AND INSURE THAT THE
 DIVISION ROLL UP ACTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

C. PADALINO SHOULD REMAIN FOR HIS FULL TOUR AND TAKE
 CHARGE OF THE FLC ROLL UP UNIT. HOPEFULLY HIS RTD WILL
 COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE ROLL UP.

D. DULACKI IS DUE TO ROTATE IN JUNE. IF A RELIEF
 COULD COME SOONER AS BDE COMMANDER DESIGNEE, HE COULD BEGIN
 ORGANIZING HIS STAFF AND MAKE PREPARATIONS TO TAKE OVER IN
 A SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT MANNER WITH NO LOSS OF TEMPO OR LET-
 DOWN IN COMBAT READINESS. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT DULACKI'S
 RELIEF BE SENIOR TO PADALINO SO THAT WHETHER THE LOGISTIC
 ROLL UP FORCE IS PART OF THE BDE OR NOT THE BDE COMMANDER
 WOULD BE THE SENIOR MARINE IN I CORPS. IF THIS COURSE WERE
 ADOPTED TOM MILLER WOULD MOVE UP TO BE MY CHIEF OF STAFF
 UPON DETACHMENT OF DULACKI.

E. IF A RELIEF IS NOT TO BE SENT OUT FOR DULACKI THEN
 WE COULD ASSIGN TOM MILLER AS PROSPECTIVE BDE COMMANDER, AND

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 LET HIM START ORGANIZING THE STAFF, ETC. HIS G-3 SLOT WOULD
 BE TAKEN BY HIS DEPUTY, COLONEL WILKERSON. MILLER, OF COURSE,
 IS JUNIOR TO PADALINO SO IF THIS COURSE WERE FOLLOWED, I
 RECOMMEND THAT THE BDE AND THE FLC ROLL UP FORCES BE CON-
 SIDERED AS TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES WITH MILLER AS THE TACTICAL
 COMMANDER REPORTING TO XXIV CORPS. WARM REGARDS.

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1. (TS) REF A ADDRESSED DUAL SITING, COLLOCATION, AND
 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE RESIDUAL MAB AVIATION
 COMPONENT.

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2. (TS) AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFOR-
 MATION ON THE MARINE CORPS FORCE LEVEL WHICH WILL REMAIN
 IN COUNTRY FOLLOWING PHASE IV TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS. HOWEVER,
 ANY SPACE REDUCTION WHICH CAN BE GAINED BY RECONFIGURATION
 OF THE FORCE STRUCTURE IN THE 8.9K, 9.4K, OR 10.8K RESIDUAL
 MAB'S WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN ANTICIPATION OF AN
 AUSTERE FORCE LEVEL CEILING BEING IMPOSED RELATIVE TO POST
 PHASE IV IN-COUNTRY FORCES.

3. (TS) REF A ADVANCED THE DESIRABILITY, BECAUSE OF PER-
 SONNEL CONSTRAINTS AND CEILING, OF INVESTIGATING THE POS-
 SIBILITY OF SINGLE SITING BOTH GROUPS OF THE RESIDUAL MAB
 AIR COMPONENT AT DANANG BECAUSE OF THE REDUCED PERSONNEL
 REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD ENSUE. IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT
 AND TIMELY, ESPECIALLY SINCE PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT EXECU-
 TION MAY BE COMPRESSED, THAT THIS POSSIBILITY BE EXPLORED
 AND THAT THE COGNIZANT AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES BE CONTACTED
 AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ACCOMODATING THE ASSETS OF THE
 RESIDUAL MAB AVIATION COMPONENT AT DANANG.

4. (TS) ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU CONSIDER THAT SPACE RE-
 DUCTON CAN BE ACHIEVED IN OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE 8.9K,

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9.4K, AND 10.8K RESIDUAL MAB'S, INFORMATION IN THIS RE-
GARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WARM REGARDS. UNQUOTE. WARM
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COMPONENT THOUSAND SPACES

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USN 8.0

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A. CG III MAF 190130Z MAR70 (TS/MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A ADDRESSED DUAL SITING, COLLOCATION, AND
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE RESIDUAL MAB AVIATION
COMPONENT.

2. (TS) AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFOR-
MATION ON THE MARINE CORPS FORCE LEVEL WHICH WILL
REMAIN IN COUNTRY FOLLOWING PHASE IV TROOP REDEPLOY-
MENTS. HOWEVER, ANY SPACE REDUCTION WHICH CAN BE
GAINED BY RECONFIGURATION OF THE FORCE STRUCTURE IN
THE 8.9K, 9.4K, OR 10.8K RESIDUAL MAB'S WOULD BE HIGHLY
DESIRABLE IN ANTICIPATION OF AN AUSTERE FORCE LEVEL
CEILING BEING IMPOSED RELATIVE TO POST PHASE IV IN-

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COUNTRY FORCES.

3. (TS) REF A ADVANCED THE DESIRABILITY, BECAUSE OF
PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS AND CEILING, OF INVESTIGATING
THE POSSIBILITY OF SINGLE SITING BOTH GROUPS OF THE
RESIDUAL MAB AIR COMPONENT AT DANANG BECAUSE OF THE
REDUCED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD ENSUE.
IT IS CONSIDERED FRUDENT AND TIMELY, ESPECIALLY SINCE
PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT EXECUTION MAY BE COMPRESSED,
THAT THIS POSSIBILITY BE EXPLORED AND THAT THE COGNIZANT
AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES BE CONTACTED AS TO THE FEASIBILITY
OF ACCOMMODATING THE ASSETS OF THE RESIDUAL MAB
AVIATION COMPONENT AT DANANG.

4. (TS) ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU CONSIDER THAT SPACE
REDUCTION CAN BE ACHIEVED IN OTHER COMPONENTS OF
THE 8.9K, 9.4K, AND 10.8K RESIDUAL MAB'S, INFORMATION
IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WARM REGARDS.

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INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN ADAMS MARINE CORPS
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A. CG FMFPAC 110135Z/MAR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ADM MCCAIN'S 161234Z/
MAR 70 MSG TO GEN ABRAMS INFO GEN HAINES, GEN NAZZARO,
ADM HYLAND, LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN DAVISON WHICH IS
ESSENTIALLY A REITERATION OF LTGEN BUSE'S RESPONSE TO ADM
MCCAIN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PAR 5, SET FORTH IN REF A.
IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN PAR 5, FOR THE FIRST TIME,
THE PAUCITY OF EW ASSETS RESULTING FROM SEA REDE-
PLOYMENTS IS SURFACED.

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A. COMUSMACV 3079/081202Z MAR 70

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED THE COMPOSITION OF 36.0 AND 70.0
FORCE PACKAGES FOR POSSIBLE PHASE IV U.S. REDEPLOYMENT.

2. (TS) DURING OUR STAFFING OF REF A WITH THE PACOM COMPONENTS
DISCUSSIONS AROSE IN REGARD TO THE USMC PORTION OF THE 70.0
PACKAGE. THE MARINES FEEL THAT THE USMC FORCE (8.4) REMAINING
IN-COUNTRY SUBSEQUENT TO A PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT IS UNREALISTIC
FROM DOCTRINAL, OPERATIONAL, LOGISTIC, AND FINANCIAL VIEWPOINTS
AND RECOMMEND REDUCTION OF THE 34.2 USMC FIGURE TO 29.4 IN THE
70.0 PACKAGE.

3. (TS) THE PRIMARY AREAS OF CONCERN CENTER ON LOGISTICS
AND BALANCED MARINE AIR-GROUND TEAM. BOTH THE MARINES AND
MY LOGISTIC PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT AN URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS
FOR A 1.2 THOUSAND MARINE ROLL-UP FORCE TO RECOVER THE 54
MILLION DOLLAR EQUIPMENT ASSETS WHICH COULD NOT BE RETROGRADED
DURING PHASE IV DUE TO INSUFFICIENT PREPARATION TIME, UNIT
EMBARKATION ACTIONS, AND A SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALL IN AMPHIBIOUS
AND MSTB SHIPPING TO ACCOMPLISH A SIMULTANEOUS LIFT OF UNITS.
THE MARINES ALSO BELIEVE THE RLTI REMAINING MUST HAVE SOME
MARINE AIR, HELICOPTERS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR MARINE CORPS

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PECULIAR ITEMS. THEY ALSO DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE COMBINED
ACTION GROUPS.

4. (TS) THE MARINE PROPOSED PACKAGE REMAINING IN COUNTRY IS
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:

MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BDE	10,800
COMBINED ACTION GROUP	600
SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE	600
LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE	1,200
	13,200

5. (TS) THE FIRST REDEPLOYMENT FROM THAILAND REDUCED ELECTRONIC
WARFARE (E.W.) AIRCRAFT TO 18 (42 TEWS) BY 1 JUL 70. THE
PROPOSED PHASE II THAILAND REDEPLOYMENT FOR FY 71 INCLUDES
FIVE E. W. AIRCRAFT LEAVING 13 E. W. AIRCRAFT IN THAILAND, BY
END FY 71. THE EA-6A MARINE E. W. AIRCRAFT NOW APPEAR TO
BE INCLUDED IN THE PHASE IV FORCE PACKAGES. WITH ALL OF
THESE REDUCTIONS, I AM CONCERNED THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE
THE MINIMUM E. W. AIRCRAFT REQUIRED FOR THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE, NAVY AND MARINES.

6. (TS) I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD PROVIDE ME YOUR COMMENTS.
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CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN ADAMS, MARINE CORPS
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FOR CE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GEN ABRAMS' 201133Z MAR 70
TO ADM MCCAIN, INFO GEN HAINES, GEN NAZZARO, ADM
MYLAND, AND LTGEN BUSE.

QUOTE:

SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: A. MAC 3079/081202Z MAR 70 (TS)

B. CINCPAC 161234Z MAR 70 (TS)

1. (TS) REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A PROVIDED THE COMPOSITION OF 70.0 AND 36.0 THOU-
SAND FORCE PACKAGE FOR POSSIBLE PHASE 4 US REDEPLOYMENT.

B. REF B REQUESTS COMMENTS ON (1) FMFPAC RECOMMENDATION

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CONCERNING THE USMC PORTION OF THE 70.0 THOUSAND PACKAGE AND
(2) THE IMPACT OF POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE
AIRCRAFT IN THAILAND (USAF - FY 71) AND IN RVN (USMC - PHASE 4).
2. (TS) MARINE RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL THAT 13,200 SPACES
REMAIN IN COUNTRY AFTER PHASE 4 IS UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED.
THE FIGURE OF 34,200 FOR THE MARINE PORTION OF THE 70,000 REDE-
PLOYMENT PACKAGE WAS USED TO SIMPLIFY COMPARISON OF THAT PACKAGE
WITH THE 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE SUBMITTED EARLIER AND BEFORE
MARINE REQUIREMENTS WERE FULLY CONSIDERED. WHEN A PHASE 4
REDEPLOYMENT IS DIRECTED, A BALANCED MARINE AIR-GROUND TEAM WILL BE
RETAINED AND EVERY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO PERMIT RETENTION
OF ALL 13,200 SPACES WILL BE FULLY CONSIDERED. THE REQUIREMENTS
FOR RETENTION OF SPACES BY ALL SERVICES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
CRITICAL AS REDEPLOYMENTS CONTINUE, AND ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE
REQUIREMENTS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE TIMING AND SIZE OF THE
PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT.
3. (TS) THE PROPOSED FY 71 REDUCTION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE
(EW) AIRCRAFT IN THAILAND AND THE ANTICIPATED REDUCTION OF
MARINE EW AIRCRAFT DURING PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN WOULD
LIMIT CAPABILITY TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT CURRENT

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 LEVELS. ALTERNATIVES TO THIS SITUATION WERE CONSIDERED AT THE
 TIME THE THAI PACKAGES WERE DEVELOPED, AND IT WAS CONCLUDED
 THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EW SUPPORT COULD ONLY BE MAINTAINED
 AT THE EXPENSE OF PRIMARY STRIKE AIRCRAFT, WHICH ARE NEEDED TO
 MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN AREAS NOT REQUIRING EW SUP-
 PORT. THIS SITUATION MAY, HOWEVER, BE MITIGATED IF OVERALL
 EFFORTS ARE TO BE REDUCED IN LINE WITH PROJECTED BUDGET
 LIMITATIONS ON TACTICAL AIR SORTIES.

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LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN 70 (TS//SPECAT//MCEO)
 1. REF A PROPOSED A 10.8K MAB BASED ON CMC GUIDANCE AND ADDITIONAL BASIC ASSUMPTIONS.
 2. A PLANNING CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS BY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AND THE STAFFS OF 1ST MARD IV, 1ST MAW, AND FLC ON 17 MAR 70. DURING THIS CONFERENCE SEVERAL PROBLEM AREAS DEVELOPED:
 - A. THE PROPOSED 10.8K MAB INCLUDED A HQ CO FOR SUPPORT OF THE MAB HQ. A MAB OF LESS THAN 10.8K DOES NOT POSSESS A HQ CO, CONSEQUENTLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY IS MARGINAL AT BEST.
 - B. LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF THE AVIATION ELEMENT REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE MAB WILL BE SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE

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LOSS OF WING SUPPORT UNITS.

- 3. THE ASSUMPTION CONTAINED IN PARA 2.D OF REF A THAT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BE EXERCISED BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS WAS DISCUSSED. AN ALTERNATIVE WAS SUGGESTED WHEREBY 3D MARD IV WOULD EXERCISE ADCON OF GROUND AND SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS IN A MAB OF LESS THAN 10.8K. ADDITIONALLY, CG, FMAW WOULD RETAIN ADCON OF AIR ELEMENTS REGARDLESS OF SIZE OF MAB SINCE THE AVIATION ELEMENT IS NOT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING ITSELF LOGISTICALLY FROM WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES.
- 4. IT APPEARS THAT ABOVE ARRANGEMENT MIGHT ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS CITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO SOME EXTENT.
- 5. ADDITIONALLY, INFORMATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FUTURE STATUS OF HQ, III MAF. SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER III MAF HQS WILL BE RELOCATED, DISESTABLISHED IN-COUNTRY, OR REDEPLOYED AND DISESTABLISHED; PROPOSED TIMING FOR WHATEVER COURSE OF ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED FOR HQS III MAF WITH RELATION TO TIMING OF REDEPLOYMENT OF WING AND DIVISION HQS; PROPOSED TIMING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL MAB HQS WITH RELATION TO REDEPLOYMENT OF MAF/DIVISION/WING HQS.
- 6. REQUEST COMMENTS/GUIDANCE. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG FMFPAC LTR 3/FXQ/LMC 0091 DTD 12 FEB 1970 (S)

1. (S) REFERENCE A DISCUSSES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FULL HMH TO SUPPORT THE 1ST MARBRIG AT KANEOHE BAY HAWAII. THIS HEAVY AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT IS JUSTIFIED BASED ON THE PLANNED NONAVIALABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING TO TRANSPORT UNITS TO PRINCIPAL TRAINING AREAS. ADDITIONALLY REFERENCE A IDENTIFIES THE PROBLEM OF SPLIT SQUADRON OPERATIONS AND DUPLICATION OF AMSE.

2. (TS) HMH SPLIT SQUADRON OPERATIONS AND DUPLICATION OF AMSE IS A NECESSITY IN WESTPAC DUE TO THE AVIATION ASSAULT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE SLF. THE FURTHER SPLINTERING OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN WESTPAC WITH THE CURRENTLY PLANNED DET HMH TO REMAIN IN RVN WILL COMPOUND THE PROBLEMS STATED IN REFERENCE A.

3. (TS) BASED ON THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1ST MARBRIG AND THE RECOGNIZED AMSE PROBLEM IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DET OF HMH SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN RVN BE DELETED FORM THE MAB TROOP LIST. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE HEAVY LIFT REQUIREMENT OF THE MAB WILL BE LIMITED AND THAT IT CAN BE PERFORMED BY USA CH-54 HELICOPTERS WHEN REQUIRED.

4. (TS) IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE 4 OV-10, SHOWN IN THE TROOP LIST AS DET VMO-2, BE ASSIGNED TH H&MS-11 AND THE "DET VMO-2" BE DELETED. THIS WILL ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION IN ADMIN/LOGISTIC SUPPORT SINCE VMO-2 WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO CONUS. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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 LT GEN BUSE INFO GEN THRASH FROM LT GEN MCCUTCHEON (DELIVER
 DURING WORKING HOURS)
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. DURING YOUR LAST VISIT TO III MAF YOU REQUESTED THAT
 IST MAW INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF FORMING A COMPOSITE
 GROUP VICE TWO GROUPS AS THE AIR COMPONENT OF THE RESIDUAL
 BRIGADE. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH THRASH AND
 MY STAFF AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO MAKE.
2. I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF AN AIR/
 GROUND TEAM SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION
 ASSIGNED AND THAT IF THE MISSION REQUIRES MORE UNITS
 OF ONE COMPONENT THAN THE OTHER THEN THEY SHOULD BE ADDED
 TO THE TROOP LIST. I HAVE NEVER BELIEVED THAT AN AIR/
 GROUND TEAM SHOULD ALWAYS BE COMPOSED OF ONE EACH

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 COMPARABLE AIR AND GROUND UNITS.

3. THE OPTIMUM AIR PACKAGE FOR THE RESIDUAL BRIGADE SHOULD,
 IN MY OPINION, INCLUDE BOTH A FIXED WING GROUP AND A
 HELICOPTER GROUP OPERATING FROM SEPARATE BASES. THE PRO-
 BLEM THAT WE FACE, HOWEVER, IS ONE OF PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS
 AND CEILINGS. HENCE, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO
 INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF OPERATING BOTH GROUPS FROM
 A SINGLE SITE, NAMELY DANANG AIR BASE. OPERATING BOTH
 TYPES OF AIRCRAFT FROM A SINGLE BASE LIKE DANANG PRESENTS
 SOME PROBLEMS. I ANTICIPATE THE AIR FORCE WOULD OBJECT
 TO OUR MOVING HELICOPTERS INTO DANANG, BUT THE FACT REMAINS
 WE OPERATED BOTH FIXED WING AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT HERE
 IN 1963 AND WE STILL BRING TRANSIENT HELICOPTERS IN AND
 OUT AND THE VNAF HAS HELICOPTER SQUADRONS PERMANENTLY BASED
 HERE. IN ADDITION TO THIS OBJECTION, THERE ARE OPERATIONAL
 PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH A MIXED OPERATION THAT I WILL TOUCH
 ON LATER. BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS DO EXIST I WOULD PROPOSE
 KEEPING A FIXED WING AIR GROUP IN THE PRESENT MAG-11 SPACES
 ON THE FLIGHT LINE, AND MOVING THE ROTARY WING GROUP INTO
 THE AREA CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY HANS-17 AND MARINE AIR FREIGHT.

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 THIS WILL SEPARATE THE TWO TYPES OF AIRCRAFT AND MINIMIZE
 THE PROBLEMS. BOTH GROUPS WOULD BE SMALLER THAN THE CUR-
 RENT GROUPS IN THE WING BECAUSE EACH WOULD ONLY HAVE THE
 EQUIVALENT OF TWO AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS. COLOCATING THE
 GROUPS AT DANANG WOULD REDUCE THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS
 FOR BASE OPERATION AND BASE SECURITY AND SAVE SPACE S OVER
 THAT REQUIRED TO OPERATE FROM BOTH MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND
 DANANG.

4. IF PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS AND SPACE CONSTRAINTS AT
 DANANG ARE OVERRIDING, THEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
 TO FORM A SINGLE COMPOSITE GROUP. THIS COULD BE DONE IN
 ONE OF TWO WAYS: (A) THE GROUP COULD BE SPLIT BETWEEN
 THE PRESENT MAG-11 RAMP AREA AND THE H&MS-17 AREA, OR
 (B) IT COULD BE CONFINED TO THE MAG-11 AREA ONLY. THE
 FIRST ALTERNATIVE WOULD SPLIT THE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT AND
 CAUSE THE GROUP COMMANDER SPAN OF CONTROL PROBLEMS AND
 THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD POSE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS
 WHICH I REFERRED TO EARLIER. CH-46 AND 53 AIRCRAFT WOULD
 HAVE TO FOLD THEIR BLADES ON THE TAXIWAY AND BE TOWED
 INTO THE PARKING AREAS. EVEN SO, THE PARKING AREAS WOULD

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 BE PRETTY CLOSE QUARTERS AND RESULT IN CONGESTION. THE
 DOWNWASH FROM ROTOR BLADES PARTICULARLY OF UH1E/AH1G
 HELICOPTERS WHEN BEING AIR TAXIED COULD UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE
 FOREIGN OBJECTS DAMAGE TO THE JET AIRCRAFT. SOME OF THIS
 DIFFICULTY COULD BE ALLEVIATED IF SOME OF THE STRUCTURES
 NOW PERMANENTLY ERECTED IN THE MAG-11 SPACES WERE REMOVED
 THUS PROVIDING MORE OPERATING SPACE FOR THE HELICOPTERS.

5. FINALLY, IF WE ARE FORCED TO ACCEPT REDUCED NUMBERS
 AND THE NEED FOR A STRONG RLT IS OVERRIDING THEN IT MAY
 BE NECESSARY TO RETROGRADE ALL FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND
 REDUCE THE AIR COMPONENT TO HELICOPTERS ONLY. IN THIS CASE
 WE COULD OPERATE FROM EITHER MARBLE MOUNTAIN OR
 DANANG. THE PROXIMITY TO THE REGIMENT WOULD FAVOR DANANG
 IN MY OPINION IF WE COULD OVERCOME AIR FORCE OBJECTIONS.

6. IN SUMMARY, I FAVOR THE FOLLOWING COMPOSITION OF THE
 AIR COMPONENT OF THE RESIDUAL BRIGADE WITH MY FIRST CHOICE
 LISTED FIRST: (A) SEPARATE FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER
 GROUPS OPERATING FROM SEPARATE SITES. (B) SEPARATE GROUPS
 OPERATING FROM DANANG. (C) A COMPOSITE GROUP OPERATING
 FROM DANANG. (D) A HELICOPTER GROUP OPERATING FROM A

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 SINGLE SITE. WARM REGARDS.

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 MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS. //NO0000//
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM KEITH MCCUTCHEON (WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW) IN WHICH HE CITES HIS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESIDUAL RLt WHOSE SOLE MISSION WOULD BE DEFENSE OF THE DANANG VITAL AREA AND RECOMMENDS A 9.4K MAB AS A RESIDUAL FORCE TO PRECLUDE ASSIGNMENT OF A SOLELY DEFENSIVE MISSION.
2. (TS) I HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF A 8.9K, 9.4K, AND 10.8K MAB. HOWEVER, I DO CONSIDER THAT OUR AIR/GROUND CAPABILITY IS BEST REPRESENTED BY A 10.8K MAB AND, AS A MINIMUM,

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 A 9.4K MAB.

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A. CG III MAF 120206Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

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B. III MAF REP WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING REDEPLOYMENT PLANS FOR THE 1ST MP BN NOW GUARDING DANANG AIR BASE.

C. PLANS AND INITIATIVES FOR RVNAF ASSUMPTION OF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DANANG AIR FIELD WERE REJECTED LOCALLY AND HAVE BEEN AT THE JGS LEVEL FOR OVER ONE MONTH WITH LITTLE SIGN OF MOVEMENT.

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3. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM
 LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO BGEN PADALINO.

REDEPLOYMENT OF 5TH 175MM GUN BTRY FROM RVN (S)

- A. CG FMFPAC 140049Z MAR 70 (S)
- B. CG FMFPAC 142105Z MAR 70 (S)
- C. CG FMFPAC 140301Z MAR 70 (S)
- D. CG FMFPAC 280246Z FEB 70 (S)
- E. CG USARV LBN RVN 210751Z FEB 70 (C) (PASEP)
- F. CMC 121246Z FEB 70 (S)
- G. CG FORLOGCOMD 180600Z FEB 70 (S)
- H. CG 111 MAF 090048Z MAR 70 (S)

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MSG IS TO ANSWER REFS
 A AND B TO BGEN PADALINO. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS
 SUBJ WITH BGEN PADALINO AND AM TAKING THIS ACTION
 SINCE THE DECISIONS IN THE SUBJ AREA WERE MADE

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 BY THIS HQ.

2. A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE CONDITION OF ALL
 IN-COUNTRY M107/M110 ASSETS WAS CONDUCTED BY THIS
 HQ WITH REFS FROM FORLOGCOMD, PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE
 OF SUBJ UNIT, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION
 OF THE REDISTRIBUTIONS NECESSARY. PRIME FACTORS
 INFLUENCING THIS REDISTRIBUTION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. THE LOGISTICS GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN REF C
 AUTHORIZING SELECTIVE RETENTION OF ASSETS FOR
 IN-COUNTRY UNITS.
- B. THE REQUIREMENT TO SHIP FOUR M107'S WITH
 SUBJ UNIT AS SET FORTH IN REF D.
- C. THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE SIX M107'S AND
 TWO M110'S IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION, ALONG WITH
 ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, BASIC ISSUE ITEMS, AND
 OTHER ESSENTIAL FIRE CONTROL ACCESSORIES, TO
 USARV IAW INFORMAL CMC AGREEMENT AND REF E.
- D. THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN A SERVICEABLE
 FLOAT OF TWO M110'S AND ONE M107 AS DIRECTED IN
 REF F.

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E. THE FACT THAT CERTAIN WEAPONS WERE INOPERABLE AND UNREPAIRABLE DUE PARTS SHORTAGE AND COMPLETE LACK OF STOCK OBJECTIVE OR STOCK WEAPONS AS SET FORTH IN REF F.

3. REF G LISTED EVERY M107 AND M110 WEAPON IN POSSESSION OF III MAF TO INCLUDE THOSE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ARMY, AND THOSE TO BE RETURNED TO CONUS IN CLOSED LOOP PROGRAM OR WITH 5TH 175MM GUN BTRY, PLUS THREE TO BE USED IN COUNTRY AS MAINTENANCE FLOAT. YOU WERE AN INFO ADDEE.

4. WE COULD NOT ASSIGN FOUR M107 WEAPONS TO RETURNING BATTERY WITHOUT REDUCING NUMBER OF WEAPONS IN PITS OF FIRING BATTERIES SINCE WE HAD ALREADY REDUCED FLOAT FROM TWO TO ONE. THERE WERE NO SPARE CANNON ASSEMBLIES ON HAND IN FORLOGCOMD OR USAPTCOMD, DNG SO WE COULD NOT DRAW ANY AND CONVERT A FLOAT M110 TO M107. THERE WERE TWO RED BALL M107 CANNON ASSEMBLIES IN ARMY HANDS BUT THESE COULD NOT BE RETROGRADED. NEITHER

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WOULD IT MAKE SENSE FOR US TO RETRO TWO AND DRAW RED BALL ITEMS AS REPLACEMENTS.

5. I REALIZE WE DID NOT COMPLY WITH YOUR ORDER. WE SHOULD HAVE INFORMED YOU DIRECTLY BY TELEPHONE OR HIGH PRECEDENCE ACTION ADEE MSG THAT WE COULD NOT COMPLY INSTEAD OF MERELY INFORMING YOU BY AN INFO COPY OF A MSG.

6. I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALCON ARE AWARE THAT THE CONDITION OF THE FOUR WEAPONS ACCOMPANYING SUBJ UNIT IS SUCH THAT AN EXCHANGE OF GUN ASSEMBLIES WILL PROBABLY NOT PLACE THEM IN A FULLY SERVICEABLE CONDITION. ADDITIONALLY, THESE FOUR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED WITHOUT THEIR ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, BASIC ISSUE ITEMS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL FIRE CONTROL ITEMS. SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS TURNED OVER TO ARMY AS INDICATED IN PAR 2C.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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DATE: 3423.3
17 Mar 1970

FROM : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
TO : Chief of Staff
SUBJECT : Notations on SPECAT 160300Z MAR 70

1. Relative to comment on 2a. The reference says "Selective exchange of T/E equipment between units scheduled for redeployment and retention in the active FMF structure and III MAF units remaining in country is authorized".

Nothing is said about "CG FMFPac approval".

I think Jim may be confused and be thinking about retaining excesses--which is a different subject.

2. Relative to comment on 2c. CMC did not specify the mix to be provided the Army. Only specification by CMC was to provide six (later changed to four) to redeploying unit. In our negotiations with the Army but here, they stated a requirement for six 107's and 2 110's. This requirement along with float requirements and lack of 107 cannon assemblies precluded sending four 107's.

3. The gun situation was discussed with Jim, Col. WOOD, Capt. DEFFES, (Force Ord) discussed number of guns, condition of guns, and mix of guns returning at considerable length on several occasions with him. It was one discussion which prompted us to send our message of 9 March in which we listed every weapon in country. In addition, he discussed guns with FLC.

Very respectfully,



W. F. SIMLIK



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From: Chief of Staff

To: *S/S*

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TOP SECRET/NOFORN/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR
LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON (DELIVER DURING WORKING
HOURS)

PHASE IV, REDEPLOYMENT OF THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LTR I SENT TO CG, XXIV CORPS
THIS DATE ON SUBJ: QUOTE

1. (S/NF) IN VIEW OF THE WIDESPREAD EMPLOYMENT OF THE
COMBINED ACTION PLATOONS THROUGHOUT IOTZ AND THE CON-
SIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THEY ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE
TO THE OVERALL PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THESE AREAS, IT
APPEARS PRUDENT TO REVIEW PHASE IV PLANNING AS IT RELATES
TO THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE.

2. (T/S/LD) ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE
REGARDING THE STRENGTH OR COMPOSITION OF THE MARINE CORPS
FORCES TO REMAIN IN RVN AFTER PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS ARE
COMPLETED, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AT LEAST THREE OF THE
PAGE TWO RUM MPA2993 TOP SECRET/NOFORN/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
FOUR EXISTING COMBINED ACTION GROUPS (CAG) WILL BE REDE-
PLOYED.

3. (T/S/LD) THE STATUS OF THE 2D CAG IN QUANG NAM PRO-
VINCE IS UNDETERMINED. IN LATE JANUARY, COMMANDING GENER-
AL, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV
THAT THIS CAG REMAIN IN-COUNTRY AT A STRENGTH OF 600 AS
AN ADD-ON TO WHATEVER OTHER MARINE CORPS FORCES REMAIN.
COMUSMACV APPROVED THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR PLANNING PUR-
POSES, BUT THE FINAL DETERMINATION APPEARS DEPENDENT ON
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MARINES AUTHORIZED FOR RVN AFTER
PHASE IV.

4. (S/NF) COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS IS KNOWN TO BE AN
ENTHUSIASTIC PROPONENT OF THE COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM
AND ATTRIBUTES TO THE CAPS MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR PACI-
FICATION PROGRESS AND FAVORABLE SECURITY SITUATIONS WHICH
GENERALLY EXIST IN THEIR AREAS OF OPERATIONS. THE IMPACT
OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE UNITS, WHEN REQUIRED, WILL BE
SEVERE AND HIGHLY ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICALLY.

5. (S/NF) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
UNILATERAL PLANS BE DEVELOPED, AND LATER COORDINATED WITH
PAGE THREE RUM MPA2993 TOP SECRET/NOFORN/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS, TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUING
HIGH LEVEL OF SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THESE AREAS AND
THAT COMMANDING GENERAL, XXIV CORPS SUPPORT EFFORTS TO
RETAIN AT LEAST ONE COMBINED ACTION GROUP IN I CORPS
TACTICAL ZONE. UNQUOTE

2. (U) WARM REGARDS.
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TO CG III MAF

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN THRASH
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. 03 III MAF 130355Z MAR 70 (TS)

1. AS REQUESTED BY REF A, THE POSSIBILITY OF HOUSING BOTH FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT OF THE MAB AVIATION ELEMENT IN THE PRESENT MAG-11 OPERATING AREA HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED. THERE IS ADEQUATE RAMP AND REVENTMENT SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL AIRCRAFT IN THE NUMBERS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED.

2. WHILE THIS RAMP/REVENTMENT AREA IS LARGE ENOUGH TO HOUSE AND PROTECT BOTH HELICOPTERS AND FIXED WING, IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PERMIT HELICOPTER OPERATIONS OF ANY SCOPE. THE RAMP AND REVENTMENT DESIGN AND MEASUREMENTS ARE SUCH THAT SMALL TYPE HELICOPTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE SHUT DOWN ON THE TAILGATE; THE CH-46 AND CH-53 WOULD REQUIRE BLADE FOLDING BEFORE BEING TOWED INTO THE PARKING AREAS. FOR THE LARGER AIRCRAFT, THIS TOWING OPERATION, BOTH INTO AND OUT OF THE RAMP AREAS, WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN VERY CLOSE QUARTERS AND WOULD RESULT IN CONGESTION. COMBINED OPERATIONS FROM THE SAME AREA WOULD CREATE MUTUAL PROBLEMS: FOREIGN OBJECT DAMAGE (FOD) FOR FIXED WING DUE TO HELO DOWN WASH, AND AIR-TAXI DIFFICULTIES DUE TO JET BLAST FOR THE UH1E/AH1G.

3. STANAG AB CONDUCTED APPROX 53,200 TAKE OFF AND LANDING OPERATIONS IN DECEMBER, 53,400 IN JANUARY AND 46,700 IN FEBRUARY, IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THESE FIGURES WILL DECREASE BY MUCH IN THE COMING MONTHS. IT IS ALSO DOUBTFUL IF THIS HEAVY TRAFFIC COULD ACCOMMODATE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS FROM EITHER THE MAIN RUNWAY OR TAXIWAY. THEREFORE A LANDING ZONE, POSSIBLY TO THE NORTH OF THE EXISTING MAG-11 RAMP AREA, WITH AN ACCESS THROUGH WHERE THE TWO NORTH-EASTERN-MOST SOFT COVERED REVENTMENTS NOW STAND, WOULD BE REQUIRED.

4. IF A COMPOSITE GROUP IS A NECESSITY, I FULLY CONCUR IN THE SINGLE SITE CONCEPT. THE DESIGN OF THE MAG-11 AREA WOULD, HOWEVER, SERIOUSLY DEGRADE IF NOT PROHIBIT ANY DEGREE OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE SUPPORT GROUP AREAS, IE: H&MS-17 AND MARINE AIR FREIGHT RAMP AREAS, FOR HELICOPTERS HAS BEEN STUDIED. WITH MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION (EXPEDITIONARY REVENTMENTS) THESE AREAS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR HELO OPERATIONS HOWEVER THE SAME TRAFFIC CONTROL/LANDING-TAKEOFF AREA PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAG-11 AREA ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS AREA.

5. IN VIEW OF CG FMFPAC INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AS EXPRESSED DURING HIS LAST VISIT (MY QQPIQTZ MAR 70 APPLIES), IT IS REQUESTED THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS AND YOUR DECISION/RECOMMENDATION BE PASSED TO HIM BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

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 WHEELER FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT (S)

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS PASSED FOR YOU INFO:

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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT (S)

1. (IS) SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE TO EMPLOY
 THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOGISTIC CONCEPT IN ESTABLISHING
 SPECIFIC PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES AND
 EQUIP DURING THE IMPENDING PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE
 CORPS FORCES FROM RVN.

A. 1ST MARDIV AND 1ST MAW UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOY-
 MENT DURING PHASE IV WILL REDEPLOY WITH ALL ON-HAND SERVICE-
 ABLE AND UNSERVICEABLE REPARABLE T/E-T/A ALLOWANCES, ALL
 INDIVIDUAL EQUIP WEAPONS, AUTH MEDICAL AND DENTAL
 ALLOWANCES AND ALL ON-HAND OP STOCKS LESS CLASS Q, III (BULK/
 DRUMMED), V(W) AND V(A) MATERIEL AND LESS SPECIAL SOUTHEAST
 ASIA CLOTHING NOT IN THE HANDS OF TROOPS.

B. ALL SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (T/E P-4960 AND T/E P-4970)
 EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY REDEPLOYING 1ST MARDIV AND 1ST MAW UNITS,
 FLC END ITEM MAINTENANCE FLOAT ASSETS AND FLC END ITEM STOCK
 ASSETS WILL BE SCREENED/REDISTRIBUTED BY CG III MAF TO FILL
 T/E AND CLASS VII MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS
 (IN THE PRIORITY SHOWN BELOW), POST-PHASE IV MAB, ED MARDIV (-),
 1ST MAW (REAF), 3D FSR, 1ST MAW UNITS REDEPLOYING TO OKI AND
 JAPAN DURING IV, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE, 1ST MARDIV UNITS
 REDEPLOYING TO MIDPAC DURING PHASE IV, 1ST MARDIV AND 1ST MAW
 UNITS REDEPLOYING TO EASTPAC DURING PHASE IV, 5TH MEB, 3D MAW,
 5TH FSR AND FORCE TROOPS FMFPAC, ALL SPECIAL ALLOWANCE, END
 ITEM MAINTENANCE FLOAT AND END ITEM STOCK EQUIP ASSETS EXCESS
 TO REQ OF AFORMENTIONED UNITS WILL BE PREPARED FOR SHIP-
 MENT AND STAGED BY THE HOLDING UNITS. THESE EXCESS EQUIP
 ASSETS WILL BE RETROGRADED TO CONUS FOR RETURN TO STORES SYSTEM
 ON REDEPLOYING OR OPPORTUNE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING AND
 MSTs.

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C. NLT 15 DAYS AFTER START OF PHASE IV, FLC WILL BE DIRECTED TO CEASE REPLENISHMENT BUYS AND ZERO OUT THE REQUISITIONING OBJECTIVE (RO) ON ALL MARINE CORPS SOURCE CODED ITEMS EXCEPT DPI CONSUMABLES AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REPAIR PARTS. UPON ACTIVATION OF THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP (LSG) TO SUPPORT THE POST-PHASE IV MAF, FLC WILL CEASE ALL OTHER REPLENISHMENT BUYS AND UNITS WILL BEGIN REQUISITIONING FROM FLC ON A FILL OR PASS TO 3D FSR BASIS ON MARCORPS SOURCE CODED ITEMS. LATE IN PHASE IV. ALL UNIT REQUISITIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO 3D FSR, AND FLC WILL BEGIN ROLL-UP ACTIONS. AT THIS TIME, ALL FLC ON-HAND OP STOCKS WILL BE MADE AVAL TO FILL MO/MOA REQR OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS (IN PRIORITY SHOWN BELOW): POST-PHASE IV MAB, 3D MARDIV (1), 1ST MAR (REAR), 3D FSR, 1ST MAW UNITS REDEPLOYING TO OKI AND JAPAN DURING PHASE IV, 1ST MARDIV UNITS REDEPLOYING TO MIDPAC DURING PHASE IV, 1ST MARDIV AND 1ST MAW UNITS REDEPLOYING TO EASTPAC DURING PHASE IV, PJZXT SERV BN 5TH MEB AND 5TH FSR.

D. NON-TAM GARRISON PROPERTY/NON-TECHNICAL COLLATERAL EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY UNITS REDEPLOYING DURING PHASE IV WILL BE SCREENED BY CG III MAF AGAINST POST-PHASE IV MAB4: MARCORBASES WESTPAC, MCAS KANEHOE AND COMCABWEST ALLOWANCE DEFICIENCIES, IN THAT ORDER OF PRIORITY, AND REDISTRIBUTED ACCORDINGLY, ALL GARRISON PROPERTY AND COLLATERAL EQUIP ASSETS EXCESS TO REQR OF FMFPAC UNITS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE MADE AVAL FOR FURTHER REDISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE MARINE CORPS AS CMC MAY DIRECT.

E. ALL FLC SHOP STORES ASSETS WILL BE TURNED-OVER TO THE POST PHASE IV MAB LSG FOR SUPPORT OF FORCES REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

F. SECONDARY DEPOT REPARABLES WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED TO SATISFY EXISTING WESTPAC REQR/DEFICIENCIES. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME FRAMES ENVISIONED FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO RETURN EXCESS SECONDARY DEPOT REPARABLES DIRECTLY TO MCSC BARSTOW WITHOUT PRIOR REPORTING TO MCSA PHILA.

2. (TS) IF THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PAR 1. ABOVE IS APPROVED AND TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS, I PROPOSE TO EMBARK THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPS AND RETROGRADE CARGON ON NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS/SHIPPING UTILIZING ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT LOADING TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE MAXIMUM UNIT INTEGRITY. REMAINING PERSONNEL WOULD BE AIRLIFTED TO CONUS. MAKING MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EXISTING MAC CHANNEL/SAAM AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING CARGO WILL BE OFFERED TO MSTIS.

3. (U) YOUR CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ON THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PAR 1 AND 2 ABOVE IS REQUESTED. WARM REGARDS.

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2. I DESIRE TO INCLUDE THIS TOPIC AS A DISCUSSION ITEM AT MY FIRST WEEKLY COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 1970 HERE AT CAMP HASKINS, WARM REGARDS.

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LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS (S)

A. CG FMFPAC 11200Z MAR 70 (TS)

1. (U) REF A HAS BEEN REVIEWED. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
ARE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

2. (TS) RE PAR 1A.

A. ASSETS TO BE REDEPLOYED ARE STATED FOR 1ST MARDIV AND
1ST MAW. RCMD GUIDANCE FOR FLC AND III MAF UNITS BE THE
SAME AFTER T/E REENTS OF ROLL UP AND RESIDUAL FORCES
SATISFIED.

B. CLASS IV IS NOT EXCLUDED FROM RETURN WITH REDEPLOYMENT
UNITS. ECONOMY OF EMBARK OF BULKY FIELD FORT AND
CONSTRUCTION MATL IS DOUBTFUL. RCMD THAT CLASS IV NOT BE

PAGE TWO RUMLMPA2666 T O P S E C R E T M C E O
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3. (TS) RE PAR 1B. ORGANIC ASSETS OF FLC AND
III MAF UNITS ARE NOT MENTIONED. RCMD SAME AS PAR
2 ABOVE.

4. (TS) RE PAR 1C. PARA STATED FLC WILL CEASE
REFRESHMENT BUYS AND ZERO OUT RO OF MC SOURCE
CODED ITEMS WITH EXCEPTIONS. ALSO RECOMMEND
DECREASE RO AND BUYING OF IN-COUNTRY SOURCE CODED
ITEMS AS SOON AS PHASE IV COMMENCES.

5. (TS) RE PAR 1C. PARA STATED MO/MOA WOULD BE
ASSEMBLED FOR POST PHASE IV MAB. MO/MOA NOT
NORMALLY HELD BY UNITS IN COMBAT. CONSIDER
ROTATION OF STOCKS ESSENTIAL. RCMD ONE TIME AUTH
FOR UNITS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL 30 OR 60 DAY OF
STOCK QTY'S AND RECONSTITUTION OF MO/MOA BLOCK FOR
THIS MAB AT OKI OR CONUS.

6. (TS) REF A VERY HELPFUL. ADVANCE INFO APPRECIATED.
WARM REGARDS.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG 1STMAW MSG 110815Z MAR 70 (IS)

B. COMMANDER SEVENTH AIR FORCE MSG 090701Z MAR 70 (S)

1. I AGREE THAT IF BOTH FIXED WING AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT
 ARE REQUIRED IN THE AVIATION ELEMENT OF A MARINE BRIGADE,
 AND IF IT IS PLANNED TO OPERATE THEM ON TWO SEPARATE FIELDS,
 TWO AIR GROUPS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE MAB
 ORGANIZATION.

2. IN THE CASE UNDER CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE
 THAT SINGLE SITING IS BOTH PRACTICAL AND POSSIBLE. I
 VISUALIZE THAT ONE COMPOSITE AIR GROUP CONSISTING OF TWO
 JET SQUADRONS, ONE HMM AND ONE HML, TO INCLUDE BOTH
 SLICKS AND GUN SHIPS, PLUS A DETACHMENT OF OV10S AND CH53S PROBABLY
 CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST AIR ELEMENT THAT WOULD BE ASSIGNED
 TO THE BRIGADE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO INVESTIGATE AND
 ANALYZE THE PRACTICABILITY OF BEDDING THIS FORCE DOWN IN
 THE PRESENT MAG-11 SPACES. FURTHER REQUEST THAT YOU
 REPORT BACK WHAT YOU CONSIDER THE MAJOR PROBLEMS WOULD
 BE AND TO IDENTIFY THE SHORT FALLS OR CONSTRAINTS THAT WOULD
 PRECLUDE MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THIS MIXED BAG OF AIR-
 CRAFT IN THE PRESENT MAG-11 SPACES. IF THE ANALYSIS
 INDICATES THAT THE PROPOSED BAG WILL NOT FIT, THEN IDEN-
 TIFY WHAT SPECIFIC NUMBERS AND MODELS OF AIRCRAFT, BOTH
 FIXED WING AND ROTARY WING, COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

3. REF B BEARS ON THIS SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH SEVENTH AIR
 FORCE IS GOING ON RECORD REQUESTING ANY SPACES VACATED
 IN DAWANG BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM, I BELIEVE THAT WE
 CAN MAKE A CASE RETAINING PART OF OUR FACILITIES SINCE
 WE WILL VACATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE OTHER FACILITIES BOTH
 AT DA NANG AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN. WARM REAGRDS.

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PAGE THREE RUHHFMA1336 T O P S E C R E T SPECIAL EXCL FOR MORG
 G. UNT 15 DAYS AFTER START OF PHASE IV, ALL MARINE
 VEHICLES TO BE MAINTAINED BY MARINE CORPS AND NOT BY THE
 THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ON ALL MARINE CORPS VEHICLES TO BE
 ONT SPI CONSIGNABLES AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TO BE
 ASSOCIATION OF THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP (LSG) TO BE
 POST-PHASE IV MAB, FLC WILL CEASE ALL OTHER MAINTENANCE
 AND UNITS WILL BEGIN REQUISITIONING FOR ALL OF A FLIC IN CASE
 TO BE FOR BASIS ON MARCORPS SOURCE CODED ALL DATA IN
 PHASE IV, ALL UNIT REQUISITIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY
 TO 3D USF, AND FLC WILL BEGIN ROLL-UP ACTIONS. AT THIS
 TIME, ALL FLC ON-HAND OP STOCKS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
 MONITORING OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS (IN PHASE IV) SHOULD BE
 POST-PHASE IV MAB, 3D MARDEV (1), 1ST MAR (REG), 3D FER, 1ST
 MAR UNITS REDEPLOYING TO OKI AND JAPAN DURING PHASE IV, 1ST
 MAR UNITS REDEPLOYING TO MEDPAC DURING PHASE IV, 1ST MAR UNITS
 AND 1ST MAR UNITS REDEPLOYING TO EAST PAC DURING PHASE IV, 1ST
 SEREN 5TH MEB AND 5TH FER.

D. NON-TAM GARRISON PROPERTY/NON-TECHNICAL COLLATERAL
 EQUIP ASSETS HELD BY UNITS REDEPLOYING DURING PHASE IV WILL BE
 SCREENED BY CG III MAF AGAINST POST-PHASE IV MAB.

PAGE FOUR RUHHFMA1336 T O P S E C R E T SPECIAL EXCL FOR MORG
 MARCORP BASES WESTPAC, MCAS HANEHUE AND COMUSMACV ALL REPORT
 DEFICIENCIES, IN THAT ORDER OF PRIORITY, AND HAS IDENTIFIED ACCORD-
 INGLY. ALL GARRISON PROPERTY AND COLLATERAL EQUIP ASSETS EXCESS TO
 REQR OF FMFPAC UNITS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
 FURTHER REDISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE MARINE CORPS AS CG MAY
 DIRECT.

E. ALL FLC SHOP STORES ASSETS WILL BE TURNED-OVER TO THE
 POST PHASE IV MAB LSG FOR SUPPORT OF FORCES REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

F. SECONDARY DEPT REPARABLES WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED TO
 SATISFY EXISTING WESTPAC REQR/DEFICIENCIES. IN VIEW OF SHORT
 TIME FRAMES ENVISIONED FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT, IT IS
 RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO RETURN EXCESS SEC ON-
 DARY DEPT REPARABLES DIRECTLY TO MCSC BARSOQ WITHOUT PRIOR
 REPORTING TO MCSCA PHILA.

2. (TS) IF THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PAR 1. ABOVE IS APPROVED
 AND TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS, I PROPOSE TO ENHANCE THE MAXIMUM
 NUMBER OF TROOPS AND RETROGRADE CARGO ON AVAILABLE AMPHIBIOUS/SHIPPING
 UTILIZING ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT LOADING TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO
 PRESERVE MAXIMUM UNIT INTEGRITY. REMAINING PERSONNEL WOULD BE
 AIRLIFTED TO CONUS, MAKING MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EXISTING MAC
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PAGE FIVE RUHHFMA 1336 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCL FOR MCEO CHANNEL/SAAM AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING CARGO WILL BE OFFERED TO MSTs.

3. (U) YOUR CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ON THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PAR 1 AND 2 ABOVE IS REQUESTED. WARM REGARDS.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. 7th AF TSN AB 090701Z MAR 78 (S)

1. (TS) DURING CG FMFPAC VISIT TO FVAV 25 FEB 78, HE REQUESTED THAT THE WING TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE AVIATION ELEMENT OF THE 16th PHASE IN MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE (MAB) WITH THE VIEW OF PLACING ALL AVIATION ELEMENTS IN ONE COMPOSITE MAG. THIS COMMAND BELIEVED STRONGLY IN THE TWO MAG CONCEPT IF OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE IS ENVISIONED FROM TWO SEPARATE AIRFIELDS. THIS CONCEPT WAS PRESENTED TO CG FMFPAC DURING HIS VISIT.

2. (TS) THE SITING OF ALL AVIATION ELEMENTS OF THE MAB AT ONE LOCATION WOULD REDUCE MANY OF THE PROBLEMS ENVISIONED WITH THE COMPOSITE MAG, HOWEVER, IN PRELIMINARY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AIR FORCE, AND REF A, THEY ARE OPPOSED UNLITERALLY TO OPERATING HELICOPTERS OUT OF DANANG, AND THIS AVENUE APPEARS CLOSED - AT LEAST ON MY LEVEL.

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3. (TS) BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OPERATION OF ALL AVIATION ELEMENTS FROM DANANG WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE SINGLE COMPOSITE MARINE AIR GROUP, IF REQUIRED, SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

MAGS (FIXED WING)	DANANG
SUB UNIT MAGS (HEL O)	MNAF
MABS	DANANG
SUB UNIT MABS	MNAF
VMA(AW)	DANANG
VMA	DANANG
VMA	MNAF
MEL (REINF)	MNAF
DET MAM	MNAF
DET VMO	DANANG
MAS(-)	DANANG
DBSC	
ASRT	

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THIS COMPOSITE GROUP COMPRIZES THE AVIATION ELEMENT OF THE 16th MAW AND SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AROUND MAG-11 AUGMENTED WITH ALL OF THE ENTIRE MAG-16 MARS AND MABS. EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE, MARS AND

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PAGE THREE RUMLNHAB113 T O P S E C R E T
 HOUSEKEEPING AUGMENTATION IS REQUIRED AT THE BRIGADE LEVEL FOR ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MISSIONS/TASKS, AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT IS REQUIRED. EACH H&MS IS SPECIFICALLY ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT EITHER FIXED OR ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT. THE MAINTENANCE TACTICAL SQUADRON PROVIDES PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION ONLY WITH ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE H&MS. THE IMA OF A HELICOPTER SQUADRON OR OF A FIXED WING SQUADRON IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH A HELICOPTER OR HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT OR OUP. ADDITIONALLY THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SECTION WITHIN EACH H&MS MUST REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THOSE ASSOCIATED GROUP SUPPLY FUNCTIONS INTEGRAL TO SM.

4. (TS) ESSENTIALLY, THE COMPLETE SUPPORT ELEMENTS, LESS CERTAIN SECURITY AND BASE OPERATIONS FUNCTIONS, OF TWO MAGS ARE REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE COMPOSITE MAG CONCEPT FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME ENVISIONED. OF THE TWO CONCEPTS, I.E. COMPOSITE VS SEPARATE GROUPS, THE COMPOSITE MAG IS THE LEAST DESIRABLE. THE ONLY SAVINGS REALIZED IS IN GROUP COMMAND PERSONNEL. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT A PERSONNEL SAVINGS OF 2 MA'S, 9 AG'S AND 35 ENLISTED MIGHT BE REALIZED BY COMBINING ELEMENTS OF BOTH GROUP HEADQUARTERS. THE IMPACT OF THIS SAVINGS, HOWEVER, IS DIMINISHED IN THAT PROBLEMS OF COMMAND AND CONTROL, SPAN OF SUPERVISION, AND

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COMMUNICATIONS WILL REQUIRE PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION. ADDITIONAL SIMILAR PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED AT THE H&MS AND MAGS LEVEL WITH THE SUB-UNIT OF EACH SQUADRON LOCATED AT THE HELICOPTER ELEMENT. COMMAND ELEMENTS OF THE H&MS AND MAGS SUB UNITS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR SUPERVISION. SPAN OF CONTROL PROBLEMS AT BOTH GROUP AND SQUADRON LEVEL (H&MS AND MAGS) ARE MULTIPLIED DUE TO SIZE AND LOCATIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY DIFFICULTIES ARE COMPOUNDED.

5. (TS) ADMITTEDLY, THE AVIATION ELEMENT OF A BRIGADE IS BY DOCTRINE A SINGLE COMPOSITE MAG, TASK ORGANIZED FOR THE ASSIGNED MISSION. IT IS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DOCTRINE ENVISIONED EMPLOYMENTS OF SHORT DURATION AND/OR OPERATIONS FROM A SINGLE SITE, FOLLOWED BY EITHER RAPID EXPANSION OF FORCES TO DIVISION/WING SIZE, OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRIGADE, SUCH IS NOT THE CASE HERE. WITH PLANNED EMPLOYMENT OF ONE YEAR DURATION AND TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS OF DIFFERENT TYPES FROM TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS, TWO SEPARATE MAGS ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR SUPPLY/MAINTENANCE/AVIATIONICS SUPPORT, TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND COMMAND AND CONTROL. AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IS GAINED FROM THIS CONCEPT IN THAT, FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES, IN-COUNTRY FORCES COULD BE RAPIDLY AND EASILY REINFORCED

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(50,000 PACKAGE IS ALSO SHOWN FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISON).

A. 50,000 FORCE PACKAGE

USMC	III MAF (-ONE RL)	34.2
USN	SUPPORT	9.1
USA	BRIGADE	5.7
USA	SUPPORT	1.0
	TOTAL	50.0

B. 70,000 FORCE PACKAGE

USMC	III MAF (-ONE RL)	34.2
USN	SUPPORT	9.1
USA	DIVISION BASE PLUS 4 BDES	24.3
USA	SUPPORT	1.0
USAF	ELEMENTS	1.4
	TOTAL	70.0

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How does this number relate to 29.4 on P 95?

C. SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 70,000 PACKAGE AND 50,000 PACKAGE:

- (1) AN ARMY DIVISION BASE AND THREE ADDITIONAL BRIGADES ARE REDEPLOYED.
- (2) II CTZ IS ESSENTIALLY "VIETNAMIZED": THAT IS, US PRESENCE APPROXIMATES THE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE LEVEL.

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(3) TWO USAF TACTICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRONS ARE REDEPLOYED (CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR INACTIVATION IN 4TH QUARTER FY 70 AND 1ST QUARTER FY 71 UNDER APPROVED BUDGET GUIDANCE).

(4) REDUCTIONS ARE MADE IN USAF FAC ASSETS IN CONSONANCE WITH REDUCTIONS IN ARMY MANEUVER UNITS.

D. MAJOR US COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES REMAINING AFTER PHASE 4:

	50,000 PACKAGE	70,000 PACKAGE
COMBAT DIVISIONS	4 2/3	4
SEPARATE BRIGADE S/RLT	4	3
ARMED CAV REGT	1	1
SEP ARMED CAV SQDNS	3	3
SEP ARTY BNS	24	24
HELO SQDN/COS	61	60
SEP AIR CAV SQDNS	3	3
ATK/FTR SQDNS	18	18
AIRLIFT SQDNS	135	11
RECON SQDNS	5	5

INCLUDES USA ASLT HELO COS AND ASLT SPT HELO COS; ALL USMC HELO SQDNS REDEPLOYED.

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DOES NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASED IN THAILAND OR TWO CVA'S ON STATION.

INCLUDES THREE C-130 SQDNS FROM 834TH AIR DIV.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE IMPACT STATED IN REFERENCE B FOR THE 30,000 PACKAGE, THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS THE CURRENT SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS THE DECREASE IN OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM REDEPLOYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ARMY DIVISION EQUIVALENT PLUS SUPPORT FORCES.

A. INDICATORS OF ENEMY INTENTIONS. THE NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED SAM SITES IN THE MAJOR PASSES AND WEST OF VINH HAS INCREASED FROM 12 TO 25 (5 OCCUPIED). THESE, PLUS POSSIBLE 100MM AA POSITIONS, INCREASED ENEMY DETERMINATION TO PROTECT AND PRESS HIS LOG-
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ISTICS EFFORT AND LOC IN LAOS. AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE NVA CRASH LOGISTICS CAMPAIGN WAS PROVIDED BY REF C. THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS LOGISTICS EFFORT WILL RESULT IN PROVIDING THE ENEMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM WITH NECESSARY WEAPONS, MUNITIONS AND FOOD SUPPLIES FOR MAJOR MILITARY OFFENSIVE ACTION. INFILTRATION OF PERSONNEL THUS FAR HAS ONLY BEEN ADEQUATE TO SUSTAIN THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. THE INFILTRATION OF LARGER NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL IS A DECISION THAT RESTS ENTIRELY WITH THE ENEMY AND AT THIS

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POINT IN TIME CAN ONLY BE A MATTER OF SPECULATION.

B. CURRENT SITUATION

(1) IV CTZ. IN THE DELTA, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO BE THE MOVEMENT THERE OF FIVE ADDITIONAL ENEMY REGIMENTS. THIS HAS CAUSED COMMITMENT TO IV CTZ OF 2 VNNC BRIGADES ON A CONTINUING BASIS. SOME ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENT FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE MAY HAVE TO BE MADE.

(2) III CTZ. THE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL RESERVE (THE AIRBORNE DIVISION) IS COMMITTED IN III CORPS. THE 5TH AND 18TH ARVN DIVISIONS ARE STILL NOT PROVEN AS DIVISIONS. TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANY PART OF THE AIRBORNE DIVISION FOR EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE WILL REQUIRE AN IMPROVEMENT IN COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH DIVISIONS OVER THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. MOREOVER, THE 70,000 PACKAGE WOULD REQUIRE REMOVAL OF BOTH US SEPARATE BRIGADES FROM III CORPS ADDING TO THE DIFFICULTY OF RESTORING FLEXIBILITY TO THE GENERAL RESERVE.

(3) II CTZ. THE PRIMARY THREAT IN II CTZ IS POSED BY THE 3D NVA DIVISION. IN ADDITION, THE PATTERN OF ENEMY INFILTRATION INDICATES PREPARATION FOR NEW OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY IN THE B-3 FRONT, PROBABLY IN MAY. GVN IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING
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ELEMENTS OF THE 22D DIVISION TO THE HIGHLANDS AS THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, (-) CONCENTRATES TO THE EAST IN BINH DINH. THE 70,000 PACKAGE WOULD INCLUDE THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION(-). ITS REDEPLOYMENT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE MOMENTUM OF PACIFICATION IN BINH DINH AND WOULD REMOVE THE CAPABILITY TO COVER FOR ARVN FORCES WHO MAY BE REQUIRED TO REINFORCE THE HIGHLANDS.

(4) I CTZ. SECURITY AND PACIFICATION IN SOUTHERN I CTZ ARE SUCH THAT THE MARINES CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT BEING REPLACED BY OTHER FORCES. THESE FORCES WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE, WITH SOME POSSIBILITY OF REDISPOSITION OF THE 23D DIVISION. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, UTILIZATION OF GENERAL RESERVE UNITS IS REALLY PASED ON AN IMPROVED STATE OF EFFECTIVE-

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NESS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH DIVISIONS. IN NORTHERN I CTZ, THE THREAT FROM ACROSS THE DMZ, FROM WESTERN QUANG TRI AND FROM WESTERN THUA THIEN MILITATES AGAINST USE OF FORCES FROM NORTHERN I CTZ TO ASSIST IN SOUTHERN I CTZ.

(5) GENERAL: CRITICAL TO MAINTENANCE OF MOMENTUM OF VIETNAMIZATION IS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE OF VIETNAMESE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE. COMING MONTHS WILL INVOLVE SEVERAL SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS AREAS FOR VN, ASIDE FROM ADJUSTMENT TO US TROOP REDUCTIONS. POSSIBLE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES DURING THE SENATORIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN (MULTIPLICITY OF SLATES, "THIRD FORCE" ADVOCATES, POSSIBLE RESULTS FROM ALTERED COMMUNIST TACTICS AFFECTING WAR WITH EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL PENETRATION, SAPPER OPERATIONS, ETC.), AND LIKELY SPRING AND SUMMER INCREASE IN ANTI-WAR EFFORTS ABROAD. GVN IS GRADUALLY CHANGING FOCUS OF ITS PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO STRESS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT AS SECURITY THREAT REDUCES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL INITIATIVE. THESE PROGRAMS WILL TAKE SOME MONTHS TO ARTICULATE AND BEGIN HAVING FULL EFFECT IN TERMS OF INCREASING POSITIVE ALLEGIANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN GVN EFFORT BY THE PEOPLE. AN EXCESSIVE REDEPLOYMENT INCREASE COULD AFFECT DELI-

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CATE BALANCE OF ALL THESE FACTORS AND REVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE WHICH TO DATE HAS MAINTAINED CONFIDENCE IN VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS. THE 70,000 PACKAGE WOULD EXCEED LEVELS OF TOLERANCE ESTABLISHED BY PRECEDENTS OF SMALLER PACKAGES TO DATE AND PRODUCE VULNERABILITIES IN SEVERAL QZS WHICH COULD GENERATE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORIENTATION.
5. CONCLUSIONS.

A. THE CONCLUSIONS IN REF B REMAIN VALID.

B. THE DESIGNATION OF A 70,00 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE FOR PHASE 4 IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE ADVERSE STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL

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ARVN UNITS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF ADJUSTING TO PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS. THIS IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING INDICATIONS OF ENEMY PREPARATIONS FOR OFFENSIVE ACTION.

C. PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENTS OF THE MAGNITUDE SUGGESTED COULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE GVN AND RVNAF CONFIDENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS AT A TIME WHEN NVN STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION ARE BEING DEMONSTRATED BY PREPARATIONS IN LAOS FOR INCREASED OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY WITHIN RVN.

PART II - 36,000 PACKAGE

6. COMPOSITION OF A PACKAGE FOR PHASE 4.

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 USMC III MAF (-ONE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE WITH SUPPORT) 29.4
 USN SUPPORT 6.6
 36.0

THE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE REMAINING IN COUNTRY WOULD CONSIST OF AN RLT AND THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT:

- 2 AT K/FTR SQDNS
- 2 HELICOPTER SQDNS
- 2 175MM HOW BTIRYS
- 1 COMBINED ACTION GROUP
- MARINE ROLL UP FORCE

7. MAJOR US COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES REMAINING AFTER PHASE 4.

- COMBAT DIVISIONS 4 2/3
- SEPARATE BRIGADES/RLT 5
- ARMED CAV REGT 1
- SEP ARMED CAV SQDNS 3
- SEP ARTY BNS 24
- HELO SQDNS/COS 65
- SEP AIR CAV SQDNS 3
- ATK/FTR SQDNS 20
- AIRLIFT SQDNS 13
- RECONNAISSANCE SQDNS 5

PAGE FIVE RUHHFMA1049 TOP SECRET EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 NOTES: * INCLUDES 50 USA ASLT HELO COS; 11 USA ASLT SPT HELO COS; AND 2 USMC HELO SQDNS.

** DOES NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASES IN THAILAND OR 2 CVA'S ON STATION

*** INCLUDES 3 C-130 SQDNS FROM 834TH AIR DIV.

8. THE RESTRICTIVE TIMING PROPOSED FOR PHASE 4 (COMPLETION BY 30 JUNE) IN REF E WILL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

A. AUGMENTATION OF NORMAL FLEET SHIPPING MAY BE NECESSARY TO PERMIT LOADING AND SHIPPING OF 29,000 TROOPS WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT FROM THE SINGLE DEEP PORT OF DANANG WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE. ALTHOUGH THE 6,600 NAVAL SPACES WOULD BE "REDEPLOYED" BY 30 JUNE 70, A NUMBER OF THE PERSONNEL IN NSA DANANG MAY HAVE TO REMAIN FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS INTO FY 71 TO ASSIST IN SHIPPING THE EQUIPMENT.

B. THE TRANSFER OF SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN I CORPS FROM US NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY DANANG TO US ARMY 1ST LOGISTICAL COMMAND WAS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1 JULY 70; HOWEVER, THIS HAS HAD TO BE

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SLIPPED TO 1 AUGUST 70 IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE CHANGE SMOOTHLY
A MAJOR REDEPLOYMENT COMPRESSED IN TIME AND THE TRANSFER OF LOGISTIC
RESPONSIBILITY IN I CORPS WOULD BE MUTUALLY DISRUPTING, AND IN THE
JUDGEMENT OF THIS HEADQUARTERS THE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY SUPPORT OF

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FORCES REMAINING COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE
MONTH. THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF OTHER OPERATIONS IN I CORPS WILL
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C. THE 36,000 PACKAGE INCLUDES THE 1ST MARINE AIR WING (MINUS)
WITH FOUR (4) ATTACK/FIGHTER SQUADRONS. ALTHOUGH PREPARED TO
LOSE THIS AIR SUPPORT AS A TRADE-OFF FOR RETAINING GROUND COMBAT
POWER FOR A LONGER TIME IN 1970, THE ACCELERATED TIME PROPOSED FOR
PHASE 4 WOULD REMOVE THESE SQUADRONS BEFORE THE WET SEASON IN LAOS
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REQUIREMENT THERE.

D. THE RATIONALE FOR PROPOSING THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION
REMAINS VALID. THIS OPTION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE
REQUIRED NUMBER OF SPACES FOR A PHASE 4 PACKAGE AND STILL RETAIN
MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT POWER FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN 1970.
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1. (U) IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS ON REF A CONTAINED IN REF B, RECOMMEND EXPANSION OF ENEMY SITUATION IN NICTZ (PARA 7A(1), PART II, REF A) AS FOLLOWS.
2. (S) A. QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES: DEPLOYED IN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO NICTZ UNDER CONTROL OF NVA HQS MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE (MRTH) ARE 8 INF REGTS CONSISTING; OF 22 INF BNS, 6 SAPPER BNS AND 1 RECON BN; SUPPORTED BY 3 RKT/ARTY AND 3 FIELD ARTY BNS.
 B. NICTZ: TOTAL ENEMY FORCES AFFECTING NICTZ ON BOTH DMZ FRONT AND IN MRTH ARE 14 INF REGTS COMPRISING: 39 INF BNS, 8 SAPPER BNS AND 1 RECON BN; SUPPORTED BY 9 RKT/ARTY AND 9 FIELD ARTY BNS. TOTAL INF, SAPPER, RECON, RKT AND FIELD ARTY BNS CONFRONTING NICTZ ARE 66. MOST SIGNIFICANT IS GROWING ENEMY CONCENTRATION EAST OF A SHAU/DAKROMG;

VALLEYS IN CENTRAL THUA THIEN AND SW QUANG TRI PROVINCES INCLUDING: 3 AND POSSIBLY 4 NVA INF REGTS WITH FORWARD CONTROL ELEMENTS OF 2 NVA INF DIVS WHICH HAVE INFILTRATED SINCE LATE NOV 69

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1. CONCUR IN THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED PARA 5 OF REF A AND STRONGLY ENDORSE SUPPORTING RATIONALE.

2. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ARE MADE:

A. THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS TO DEFEND HIS LAOS LOC'S AGAINST AIR INTERDICTION AND THE ALL TIME HIGH SENSOR ACTIVATIONS IN THE PANHANDLE (PARA 6.F AND 6.G OF REF A) SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE PARA 4 SUMMARY. THESE FACTORS ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE CRITICALITY OF MAINTAINING IN SEA THE POST PHASE III LEVEL OF AIR UNITS (TO INCLUDE USMC) AND THE CURRENT SORTIE RATE AS STATED IN DETAIL IN PARA 7.F. IN THIS REGARD, IN DISCUSSION THE REDUCTION OF B-52 STRIKES AND FIGHTER/ATTACK SORTIES (PARAS 5.C AND 7.F (B) (3)), THE ASSETS OF THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF THE USAF AND USN. THE INCREASED NEED TO EMPLOY LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS AND TO SUPPORT THEM BY AIR IS AN ADDITIONAL VITAL CONSIDERATION IN THIS REGARD.

B. THE ADVANTAGES AND CAPABILITIES OF NAVAL GUNFIRE AS A SUPPORTING WEAPON, PARTICULARLY IN THE DMZ, SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. ANY DECREASE OF SHIP AVAILABILITY WOULD REQUIRE A CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY.

C. IN REGARD TO PACIFICATION PROGRESS (PARA 8.A), IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE NEW HES DEMONSTRATES THAT WHILE ICTZ IS MAINTAINING ITS UPWARD TREND IN SECURITY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IT IS LAGGING BEHIND THE OTHER CTZ'S IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MORE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IS NOW REQUIRED IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AREA IF PACIFICATION IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

D. IN SUMMARY, CONTINUED AND ACCELERATED PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION OBJECTIVES IN ICTZ WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON A PERIOD OF STABILITY FOLLOWING PHASE III. WARM REGARDS.

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1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF GEN WHEELER'S 251919 MAR 70
 TO ADM MCCAIN AND GEN ABRAMS. PLEASE PROTECT OUR SOURCE.
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1. (TS) REFERENCE A REQUESTED INFORMATION ON COMPOSI-
 TION OF TWO ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES FOR A FOURTH INCREMENT
 REDEPLOYMENT FROM RVN IN THE APR - AUG 70 TIMEFRAME.
 REFERENCES B AND C PROVIDED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED,
 RECOMMENDING THAT NO REDEPLOYMENTS BE MADE IN SPRING OR
 EARLY SUMMER OF 1970. REFERENCE D REQUESTED SIMILAR

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 INFORMATION FOR A 70,000 INCREMENT.

2. (TS) AS IT STANDS NOW, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE ASKED
 FOR AN ASSESSMENT AND FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A
 FOURTH INCREMENT BY MID-MARCH. THOUGH I CONCUR TO YOUR
 RATIONALE FOR DEFERRAL ON THIS INCREMENT, THE PROCESS
 MOST PROBABLY WILL BE DRIVEN BY BUDGETARY AND INTERNAL
 POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND WE THEREFORE CAN BE EXPECTED
 TO REDUCE MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE
 SPRING AND SUMMER.

3. (TS) ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN
 REFERENCES A AND D SHOULD PREPARE US FOR THE MORE
 OBVIOUS PACKAGE SIZES AND TIMING, ONE ADDITIONAL POSSI-
 BILITY HAS ENTERED THE PICTURE. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THIS
 PACKAGE WOULD BE TO REDUCE MACV AUTHORIZATION TO A
 FIGURE BELOW 400,000 BY 30 JUN 70. THOUGH I HAVE THE
 COMPOSITION OF A PACKAGE OF THE PROPER SIZE IN
 REFERENCE B, YOU MAY WISH TO MODIFY IT IN VIEW OF THE
 TIME FRAME COMPRESSION. I, THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE
 IT IS YOU WOULD ADVISE ME BY 12 MAR OF THE CHANGES YOU
 DESIRE TO UPGRADE YOUR 35,900 PACKAGE TO 36,000 TO BE
 REDEPLOYED 15 APR TO 30 JUN 70, WITH THE ASSOCIATED

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CHANGES IN THE LIST OF FORCES REMAINING.

4. (TS) IN A CLOSELY-RELATED ACTION, WE EXPECT SECDEF
TO ACT MOMENTARILY ON OUR PHASE III REPORT. WE ANTICI-
PATE BEING ASKED FOR A REASSESSMENT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE GVN PROPOSALS OF 12 JAN 70, THE REDUCTION TO 32,200
IN THAILAND, AND ANY TRADEOFFS AND ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED
TO REMAIN WITHIN THE FY71 BUDGET. THE FOURTH INCREMENT
REDUCTION WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED INTO THE REASSESSMENT
AND THE SUCCEEDING ILLUSTRATIVE REDEPLOYMENTS REVISED
ACCORDINGLY. A SUSPENSE TO OSD OF 15 APR IS EXPECTED ON
THIS REASSESSMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU
RECEIVE ADVANCE WARNING IN THE FORM OF COPIES OR EXTRACTS
OF RELEVANT OSD INSTRUCTIONS, FOLLOWED AS RAPIDLY AS
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1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A IS MACV ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN VIETNAM AS OF 28 JAN 70.

B. REF B IS MACV INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND ITS EFFECTS ON SOUTH VIETNAM.

C. REF C IS MACV CODEWORD INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE NVA CRAS LOGISTICS CAMPAIGN THROUGH LAOS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IT APPEARS PRUDENT TO PROVIDE CINCPAC AND THE CJCS THE NEXT MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION ABOUT MID-MARCH. THE ASSESSMENT UPDATE WHICH FOLLOWS IS BASED ON THE SITUATION TO-DATE AND HIGHLIGHTS THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURED SINCE THE 28 JAN ASSESSMENT. REF A. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING BY 8 MAR 70. UP DATE INFORMATION ON RVNAF PERFORMANCE AND STATUS OF PACIFICATION IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO OFFSET LAG TIME IN MACV REPORTS.

3. THIS MESSAGE IS IN TWO PARTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PART I-SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

B. PART II-DETAILED ASSESSMENT.

- (1) THE ENEMY SITUATION
- (2) THE ALLIED SITUATION
 - (A) BY CTZ
 - (B) GENERAL RESERVE
 - (C) AIR SUPPORT
 - (D) LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS
- (3) PACIFICATION
- (4) RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS

PART I - SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

4. SUMMARY

A. AFTER A CONTINUING DECLINE DURING 1969, ENEMY STRENGTH IN AND ADJACENT TO SVN LEVELED OFF TO APPROXIMATELY 228,600.

B. THE GENERAL TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITY CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY IN I CORPS AND IV CORPS.



C. THE CURRENT INCREASED ENEMY LOGISTIC EFFORT THROUGH LAOS IS INDICATIVE THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE HIS CAPABILITY FOR INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING 1970.

D. NORTH VIETNAM'S CRASH LOGISTIC PROGRAM HAS BEEN A SUSTAINED EFFORT FROM LATE DECEMBER 1969 TO-DATE, TO MOVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES THROUGH LAOS OVER ITS EXPANDED LOGISTIC SYSTEM WHILE PROTECTING THE LOC'S WITH SAM'S AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. IT NOW APPEARS THE ENEMY CAN MAINTAIN RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION CONCURRENTLY.

E. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT CAMBODIA IS INCREASING ITS INTERDICTION OF SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION ROUTES AND HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF VC/NVA SANCTUARIES IN CAMBODIA.

F. THE ENEMY THREAT IN I CORPS HAS REMAINED SUBSTANTIAL THROUGHOUT THE SIZEABLE US REDEPLOYMENTS FROM THAT AREA.

G. THE FIVE ENEMY REGIMENTS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN IV CORPS POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE DELTA. IF REINFORCEMENT OF IV CORPS IS NECESSARY, US TROOPS IN III CORPS WILL HAVE TO COVER FOR THE ARVN FORCES PLANNED TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

H. DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES, THE ENEMY HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN A FORCE STRUCTURE IN SVN POSSESSING A CAPACITY TO ABSORB REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL RAPIDLY AND TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER OPERATIONAL HIGH DURING 1970.

I. PACIFICATION PROGRESS AND RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS CONTINUE TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

J. IN I CORPS, RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS REMAINS BEST IN COUNTRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 51ST REGIMENT WHICH WAS ONE OF ARVN'S LOWEST UNITS IN OVERALL RESULTS DURING 4TH QUARTER 69. DUE TO THE SITUATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AND SOUTHERN I CTZ THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION SHOULD REMAIN THROUGH EARLY SUMMER.

K. IN II CORPS, OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 23D ARVN DIVISION HAS IMPROVED; THE 22D DIV REMAINS LARGELY UNTESTED; AND THE 42D REGIMENT CONTINUES TO BE ARVN'S LOWEST IN OVERALL RESULTS.

L. WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D BDE, 4TH INF DIV FROM THE HIGHLANDS, THE 47TH ARVN REGIMENT WILL MOVE TO PLEIKU FROM PHU YEN PROVINCE. TROOP READJUSTMENTS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE AND VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS WILL BE CRITICAL TO PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN II CORPS.

M. DUE TO THE THREAT POSED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIVISION IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, THE REMAINDER OF THE 4TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN IN THAT AREA AT LEAST THROUGH THE SUMMER AND TO COVER POSSIBLE REINFORCEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS BY ARVN FORCES.

N. SAIGON MUST REMAIN A NO RISK AREA. REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 1ST INF DIV WILL REQUIRE ARVN UNITS IN III CORPS TO ASSUME INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERDICTING ENEMY ROUTES OF APPROACH TO SAIGON. THE THREE ARVN DIVISIONS IN III CORPS WILL NEED TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE READJUSTMENTS AND BECOME FULLY EFFECTIVE. THIS MAY REQUIRE THE 199TH LT INF BDE AND THE 3D BDE, 9TH INF DIV TO REMAIN WELL INTO THE SUMMER.

O. THE 25TH ARVN DIVISION HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING PROGRESS;

HOEER, EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH DIVISIONS DECLINED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69.

P. IN IV CORPS ARVN/VNMC AND TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE PERFORMED WELL AGAINST THE NEW ENEMY FORMATIONS. THE 9TH AND 21ST ARVN DIVISIONS HAVE SHOWN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS BUT THE 7TH DIV DETERIORATED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69.

Q. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RVNAF GENERAL RESERVE WILL SHORTLY EXCEED THEIR CAPABILITY. MASSED AIR STRIKES HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN THE ONLY REAL ALLIED RESERVE AND WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF VIETNAMIZATION AS US PRESENCE IN SVN DECREASES. THE REALITIES OF THE COMBAT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MILITATES AGAINST A REDUCTION OF AIR UNITS IN THAILAND OR A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE B-52 AND TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WITHOUT TAKING THE SERIOUS RISKS OF INCREASING US AND ALLIED CASUALTIES AS WELL AS REDUCING THE CAPABILITY TO PREEMPT, DETER OR DEFEAT ENEMY INITIATIVES AS THEY DEVELOP.

R. LOGISTICAL READJUSTMENTS NECESSITATED BY US REDEPLOYMENTS REQUIRE A CONSOLIDATION PERIOD AFTER 15 APRIL.

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5. CONCLUSIONS

A. THE ENEMY LOGISTICAL BUILD-UP IN LAOS, THE SHIFTING OF FIVE REGIMENTS FROM III CORPS TO IV CORPS AND THE PRESENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL CACHES IN II AND III CORPS PORTEND AN INCREASE IN VC/NVA OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 1970.

B. US GROUND, AIR AND NAVAL FORCES COMMITTED TO THE CONFLICT IN SVN ARE ALL AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MAKE VIETNAMIZATION SUCCEED AS WE CONTINUE TOWARDS THE GOALS SET FOR 1971. A REDUCTION IN ANY ONE OF THESE ELEMENTS, ARRIVED AT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE "CUT AND TRY" METHOD WHICH ASSESSES THE IMPACT OF ALL ELEMENTS ON THE TOTAL SITUATION, COULD UPSET THE MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BALANCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND JEOPARDIZE THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM.

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C. BEYOND 15 APRIL 1970, NO REPEAT NO FURTHER REDUCTION IN B-52 SORTIES OR USAF AND USN ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES CAN BE SUSTAINED.

D. US REDEPLOYMENTS TO-DATE HAVE STRETCHED RVNAF ABILITY TO TAKE OVER NEW AND EXTENDED AREAS OF TACTICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVE REDUCED THEIR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT RESERVE FORCES AT CORPS AND NATIONAL LEVEL TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES. RVNAF NEEDS A BREATHING SPELL AFTER PHASE 3 US REDEPLOYMENTS TO ADJUST TO THIS NEW SITUATION.

E. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, FURTHER US REDEPLOYMENTS DURING THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 1970 ARE NOT RECOMMENDED.

PART II - DETAILED ASSESSMENT

6. THE ENEMY SITUATION

A. AFTER A CONTINUING DECLINE DURING 1969, THE ENEMY STRENGTH IN AND ADJACENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM LEVELED OFF TO APPROXIMATELY 228,600.

B. IN GENERAL, THE TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITY OF COMBAT CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY IN I CORPS AND IN IV CORPS.

C. TO-DATE THE ENEMY HAS MADE NO POSITIVE RECIPROCAL RESPONSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO ALLIED INITIATIVES TO DE-ESCALATE THE CONFLICT. ON THE CONTRARY, CURRENT INCREASED ENEMY LOGISTIC ACTIVITY THROUGH LAOS IS INDICATIVE THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE HIS CAPABILITY FOR INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING 1970.

D. THE TWO MAIN SOURCES OF SUPPLIES FOR ENEMY FORCES IN SVN REMAIN NVN AND CAMBODIA. IT APPEARS THAT CAMBODIA IS ATTEMPTING TO RESTRICT THE ACTIVITIES AND CONTROL THE PRESENCE OF THE VC/NVA WITHIN ITS TERRITORY. THERE ARE RECENT INDICATIONS WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAS:

(1) CONTINUED TO SEND SUPPLIES OTHER THAN ARMAMENTS TO THE VC/NVA.

(2) FULFILLED ITS OBLIGATIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF MUNITIONS DESTINED FOR THE VC/NVA AND AT THIS TIME APPEARS UNWILLING TO ASSUME ANY FURTHER COMMITMENTS.

(3) DELIVERED TO BORDER AREAS, ALL MUNITIONS IN THE DEPOTS OF KOMPONG SPEU AND LOVEK WHICH WERE EARMARKED FOR THE VC/NVA, BY THE END OF DECEMBER 1969.

(4) INCREASED ITS INTERDICTION OF VC/NVA SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION ROUTES AND HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF VC/NVA SANCTUARIES IN CAMBODIA

E. DUE TO THE APPARENT VC/NVA SUPPLY PROBLEM IN THOSE AREAS TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED THROUGH SIHANOUKVILLE, THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT SUPPLIES ARE BEING PUSHED INTO CAMBODIA FROM LAOS DESTINED FOR THE COSVN AREA OF SVN. THE ENEMY SUPPLY PROBLEMS WERE EXACERBATED BY THE CAPTURE IN-COUNTRY OF ALMOST 3000 CACHES OF ENEMY MATERIAL IN 1969, A 41 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1968. THE ENEMY'S LOGISTICS PROBLEMS WILL BE FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY THE 272 CACHES SEIZED IN JANUARY 1970 AND THE DISCOVERY OF THE EXTENSIVE CACHES IN II AND III CORPS IN FEBRUARY, TOTTALLING OVER 80 AND 360 TONS RESPECTIVELY.

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F. SINCE EARLY FALL THE ENEMY HAS IMPROVED HIS LOGISTIC POSTURE BY EXTENSIVE ROAD REPAIR (COMPLETING 400 KILOMETERS OF NEW ROAD IN LAOS), POL PIPELINE EXTENSIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ, AND PROTECTION OF HIS LOC'S. TWENTY-FIVE (25) SAM SITES (5 OCCUPIED) AND POSSIBLE 100MM AA POSITIONS REFLECT THE EXTENT OF HIS DETERMINATION TO DEFEND HIS SUPPLY ROUTES.

G. THE SHARP INCREASE IN ENEMY LOGISTIC ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH 1970, WITH SENSOR ACTIVATION AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. IN SPITE OF THE INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALLIED INTERDICTION PROGRAM, THE ENEMY REMAINS CAPABLE OF MOVING LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES THROUGH THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE.

H. THE ENEMY CRASH LOGISTICS PROGRAM MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECLINE IN PERSONNEL INFILTRATION NOTED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1969. IT APPEARS THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES ONCE IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE EXPANDED LOGISTIC SYSTEM COULD NOT HANDLE THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF BOTH MEN AND MATERIALS. HOWEVER, DUE TO HIS SUSTAINED EFFORTS, IT NOW APPEARS HE CAN MAINTAIN RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION CONCURRENTLY.

I. THE ENEMY RETAINS A SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITY FOR INITIATING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE IN SELECTED AREAS, BUT HE DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO SUSTAIN SUCH ATTACKS. PRESENT ENEMY STRATEGY REPRESENTS A BLEND OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIVITY CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE DOMESTIC ANTI-WAR PRESSURE IN THE US LEADING TO A RAPID REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES, THE COLLAPSE OF THE GVN AND THE CREATING OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

J. ALL CURRENT INDICATIONS UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP INFILTRATION ROUTES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FIELD LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO INCLUDE STOCKPILING OF SUPPLIES IN BAS AREAS. DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES, HE HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN A FORCE STRUCTURE POSSESSING A CAPACITY TO ABSORB REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL RAPIDLY AND TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER OPERATIONAL HIGH DURING 1970.

7. THE ALLIED SITUATION

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(1) THE ENEMY THREAT TO NORTHERN I CORPS IS SUBSTANTIAL AND HAS REMAINED UNDIMINISHED THROUGHOUT SIZEABLE US REDEPLOYMENTS FROM THAT AREA. IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ, THERE ARE 17 ENEMY MANEUVER BATTALIONS AND SEVEN ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, AND THE NVA CAN REINFORCE WITH UP TO THREE DIVISION EQUIVALENTS IN SEVEN DAYS. WEATHER IN THIS AREA FROM NOW THROUGH THE SUMMER WILL BE INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE FOR MOVEMENT.

(2) THE THREE PROVINCES OF SOUTHERN I CORPS CONTINUE TO BE A SECURITY PROBLEM, WITH 13 ENEMY INFANTRY AND TWO ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL EQUIVALENTS IN THIS AREA TARGETED PRIMARILY AGAINST US ELEMENTS AND THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. MOST OF THE RECENT ACTIVITY HAS CENTERED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

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(3) IN QUANG DA STZ (QUANG NAM PROVINCE), THE 51ST REGIMENT CONTINUES TO SHOW A DOWN-TREND IN RESULTS ATTAINED. IT'S POTENTIAL IS STILL RATED HIGH EVEN THOUGH ITS OVERALL RESULTS WERE ONE OF ARVN'S LOWEST FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 69. THE HIGH DESERTION RATE OF THE 51ST REGIMENT IS ALSO OF CONCERN. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 51ST REGIMENT HAVE BEGUN COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH ELEMENTS OF THE US 5TH MARINE REGIMENT. THE MOVE OF THE 51ST REGT OUT OF DANANG INTO A MORE OPERATIONAL POSTURE IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE. DUE TO THE SITUATION IN QUANG NAM AND IN SOUTHERN I CTZ THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION SHOULD REMAIN THROUGH EARLY SUMMER.

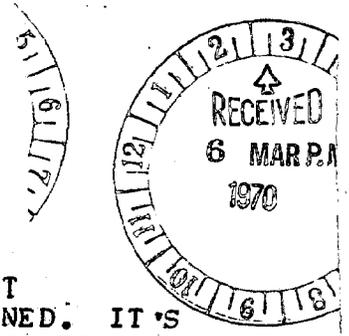
(4) RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS IN I CORPS REMAINS THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 1ST ARVN DIV CONTINUES TO BE RATED HIGH; HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL RESULTS OF THE 2D ARVN DIV EXCEEDED THAT OF THE 1ST DIV FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 69.

B. II CTZ

(1) SINCE THE ENEMY UNITS WITHDREW FROM BU PRANG/DUC LAP UNDER RVNAF PRESSURE, WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY SIGNIFICANT OBJECTIVES, THE HIGHLANDS HAVE REMAINED QUIET. THE PRIMARY THREAT IN II CORPS IS POSED BY THE CURRENT DISPOSITION OF 3 REGIMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIV IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. REPORTS INDICATE THAT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST PACIFIED AREAS ALONG THE POPULOUS COASTAL PLAIN. NEUTRALIZATION OF THE 3D NVA DIVISION HAS BEGUN AND WILL BE PURSUED WITH AVAILABLE FORCES, TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE DRY SEASON DURING THE SUMMER. THIS HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ENEMY CONTACTS AND SIZEABLE CACHES SEIZED.

(2) A POTENTIAL THREAT ALSO EXISTS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AREA WHERE FOUR NVA INFANTRY REGIMENTS AND ONE NVA ARTILLERY REGIMENT ARE REFITTING AND REPLACING THE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED IN THE BU PRANG/DUC LAP CAMPAIGN. BY LATE SPRING THESE UNITS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED TO TEST ARVN CAPABILITIES BY LAUNCHING UP TO MULTI-REGIMENTAL OPERATIONS IN THE BEN HET/DAK TO AREAS.

(3) WITH THE BU PRANG/DUC LAP OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, THE 23D ARVN DIV HAS A NEW FOUND CONFIDENCE IN ITS CAPABILITY. THE 22D DIV ON THE OTHER HAND HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO PACIFICATION MISSIONS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND ITS CAPABILITIES ARE LARGELY UNTESTED. THE 42D REGT CONTINUES TO SHOW POOR RESULTS AND ITS OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS IS THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY.



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(4) WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D BDE, 4TH INF DIV, THE SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT OF THE 47TH ARVN REGIMENT FROM PHU YEN PROVINCE TO PLEIKU AND THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS WILL BE A CRITICAL FACTOR IN THE PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN II CORPS. ABDUCTION INCIDENTS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE TRIPLED IN FEBRUARY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND WILL REQUIRE INCREASED ATTENTION WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE 47TH REGIMENT. THIS SITUATION COULD PROVE TROUBLESOME DURING THE READJUSTMENT OF FORCES.

(5) THE REMAINDER OF THE 4TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST THROUGH THE SUMMER TO MAINTAIN THE PACIFICATION MOMENTUM IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND TO COVER ARVN FORCES WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE DEPLOYED FROM THE COASTAL PLAIN OF II CORPS TO COUNTER ENEMY INITIATIVES IN THE HIGHLAND.

C. III CTZ

(1) COMBAT ACTIVITY IN III CORPS CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL; HOWEVER, THREE ENEMY DIVISIONS REMAIN POISED IN THE NORTH-WESTERN BORDER AREAS. IT APPEARS THE ENEMY HAS BEEN CONCENTRATING ON LOGISTIC ACTIVITIES. THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF SIZEABLE CACHES OF AMMUNITION, WEAPONS AND RICE IN THE BORDER PROVINCES AND IN WAR ZONE D ATTESTS TO THE CONTINUED DETERMINATION OF THE ENEMY TO MOUNT ATTACKS BY FIRE AND BY SAPPERS ON THE CAPITAL AND ITS ENVIRONS.

(2) SAIGON MUST REMAIN A NO RISK AREA. THE BORDERING PROVINCES OF HAU NGHIA AND LONG AN STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. POPULATION SECURITY HAS REGRESSED SLIGHTLY IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE AND ACCORDING TO THE LATEST HES/70 RATINGS IT IS SIXTH FROM THE BOTTOM. LONG AN IS RATED 23 WITH POPULATION SECURITY STATUS REMAINING STEADY. EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY IN THESE AREAS. SINCE 1 JAN THREE VNMIC COMBAT BATTALIONS HAVE LEFT THE CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT, WITH THIRTEEN ARVN/VNMC BATTALIONS REMAINING. OF SIGNIFICANCE, DURING THE TET PERIOD, SECURITY FOR SAIGON WAS MAINTAINED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE TERRITORIAL FORCES WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT. IF VIETNAMIZATION IS TO PROGRESS, NATIONAL POLICE AND TERRITORIAL FORCES MUST DEVELOP A SIMILAR CAPABILITY NATIONWIDE TO SECURE POPULATION CENTERS WHILE REGULAR FORCES KEEP THE ENEMY AT BAY IN REMOTE AREAS.

(3) LONG KHANH AND PHOUC TUY PROVINCES STILL HAVE SIZEABLE COMBAT EFFECTIVE ENEMY FORCES IN THE VICINITY. RECENTLY, COMBAT ACTIVITY IN LONG KHANH INCREASED SLIGHTLY. THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE US 1ST INF DIV WILL REQUIRE THE 5TH, 18TH AND 25TH ARVN DIVISIONS TO ASSUME INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERDICTING ENEMY ROUTES OF APPROACH TOWARD SAIGON. THESE DIVISIONS WILL NEED TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE READJUSTMENTS AND BECOME FULLY EFFECTIVE.

(4) THE 25TH ARVN DIVISION HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING PROGRESS AND HAS ADVANCED TO ONE OF THE FOUR TOP DIVISIONS IN OPERATIONAL RESULTS ACHIEVED. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH ARVN DIVISIONS DECLINED IN THE 4TH QUARTER 69 DUE MAINLY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF SEVERAL OF THEIR BATTALIONS AND INDECISIVENESS IN COMBAT.

(5) THE 199TH LIGHT INF BDE AND THE 3D BDE, 9TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN IN LONG KHANH AND LONG AN RESPECTIVELY WELL INTO THE SUMMER IN AN EFFORT TO ALLOW ARVN TO MOVE OUTWARD FROM POPULATION CENTERS AND PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN HOLDING THE ENEMY AT BAY IN THE BORDER AREAS.

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D. IV CTZ

(1) IN IV CORPS, ENEMY CONTACTS HAVE DECREASED SOMEWHAT; HOWEVER, THE FIVE ENEMY REGIMENTS WHICH HAVE MOVED INTO NORTHERN AND WESTERN IV CORPS POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE DELTA. THE ARVN/VNMC AND TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE PERFORMED WELL SO FAR IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THESE NEW ENEMY FORMATIONS; HOWEVER, THE ENEMY HAS NOT YET MADE HIS MOVE. WHEN HE DOES, REINFORCEMENT BY ADDITIONAL GENERAL RESERVE FORCES FROM III CORPS MAY WELL BE NECESSARY. IN THIS EVENT, US TROOPS WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER FOR THOSE ARVN FORCES DEPLOYED FROM III CORPS.

(2) THE 9TH AND THE 21ST ARVN DIVISIONS HAVE SHOWN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS WHILE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 7TH DIV HAS DETERIORATED IN THE 4TH QUARTER 69. IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED IN THE 7TH DIV UNDER ITS NEW LEADERSHIP. THE AGGRESSIVENESS, FLEXIBILITY AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS OF THE 9TH DIV IMPROVED MEASURABLY AS CONFIDENCE IN ITS ABILITIES INCREASED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69. EMPLOYMENT OF THE 9TH DIV AS A MOBILE FORCE, OPERATING OUT OF ITS DTA, MARKS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN INCREASED ARVN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.

E. GENERAL RESERVE

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RVNAF GENERAL RESERVE WILL SHORTLY EXCEED ITS CAPABILITY. BY 15 APRIL 1970, ALLIED LOSS OF FLEXIBILITY RESULTING FROM US REDEPLOYMENTS WILL MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO RESPOND WITH GROUND COMBAT FORCES TO SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY INITIATIVES IN TWO AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY SUCH AS NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN I CORPS, THE DELTA OR IN III CORPS.

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F. AIR SUPPORT

(1) QUITE ASIDE FROM ANY REDEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE REDUCED US MANEUVER BATTALIONS BY 30 PERCENT, BUDGET REDUCTIONS HAVE IMPOSED A CUT OF OVER 22 PERCENT IN B 52 AND TACAIR SORTIES SINCE 1 JULY 69. THIS HAS REDUCED ALLIED CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO MULTIPLE CONTINGENCIES WITH MASSED FIREPOWER. MASSED AIR STRIKES HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN THE ONLY REAL ALLIED RESERVE AND WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS AS US PRESENCE IN SVN DECREASES. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY INCREASED DEMANDS FOR AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT ARMED FORCES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO DETER THE NVA/PATHET LAO CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN LAOS. NVA DISPOSITION IN LAOS AND THEIR CONTROL OF KEY LAOTIAN TERRITORY HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON THE WAR IN SVN AND MUST BE TREATED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

(2) THERE ARE NOW INDICATIONS THAT ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUTS WILL BE IMPOSED IN FY 71 WHICH WILL REDUCE US FORCES IN THAILAND AND FURTHER REDUCE B52 SORTIES BY 14 PERCENT AND TACAIR SORTIES BY 22 PERCENT FROM PRESENT LEVELS. THIS APPROACH WOULD ABANDON THE "CUT AND TRY" CONCEPT BY FIXING US REDUCTIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE ENEMY SITUATION OR THE PACE OF VIETNAMIZATION WHICH IS GATHERING SPEED GRADUALLY AS VIETNAMESE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE GRADUALLY DEVELOPS. IN ADDITION, THE EXTENT OF THE AIR EFFORT THAT WAS DIVERTED TO NORTHERN LAOS DURING THE MILITARY ACTION THERE IN FEBRUARY, HIGHLIGHTS THE GROWING DANGER THAT WILL INCUR IF AIR RESOURCES ARE ARBITRARILY REDUCED BY BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS AT THE VERY TIME THE ENEMY MAY WELL DECIDE TO MAKE A MAJOR MILITARY TEST OF VIETNAMIZATION AND/OR PRESS ON IN LAOS TO TIP THE DELICATE MILITARY BALANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE REALITIES OF THE COMBAT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MILITATES AGAINST A REDUCTION OF AIR UNITS IN THAILAND OR A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE SORTIES FOR THE REASONS STATED BELOW:

(A) THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY SUPPLIES BEFORE THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES IN SVN IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR MAINTAINING THE PACE OF VIETNAMIZATION. THE INTERDICTION STRATEGY IS TO ATTACK ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ENEMY LOGISTIC SYSTEM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING CONSTANT PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY RESUPPLY EFFORTS. WHEN THE ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO MOVE HIS SUPPLIES AT NIGHT, HIS VEHICLES ARE ATTACKED. WHEN HE PARKS THE VEHICLES OR STORES THE SUPPLIES TO HIDE FROM AIR ATTACK DURING THE DAY, THE TRUCK PARKS AND STORAGE AREAS ARE SOUGHT OUT AND ATTACKED. CONSTANT PRESSURE IS KEPT ON HIS LOC'S TO SLOW AND CHANNEL HIS MOVEMENT THEREBY LENGTHENING THE TIME HIS SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR RVN ARE EXPOSED TO ATTACK.

(B) TACTICAL AIR SORTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE UNDER A SINGLE MANAGER, DEPCOMUSMACV FOR AIR, WHICH PROVIDES THE FLEXIBILITY OF ALLOCATING AIR ASSETS TO THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS. OF NECESSITY, OPERATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY VARIED TO INTERACTION WITH THE ENEMY. PREPLANNED SORTIES AGAINST ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN RVN DENY HIM THE INITIATIVE, DISRUPT HIS PLANNING, FORCE HIM TO TAKE EXTENSIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES, DESTROY HIS MATERIAL AND KILL HIS PERSONNEL. THE IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST RESPONSIVE MEANS OF FIRE SUPPORT FOR TROOPS IN CONTACT. HOWEVER, IF SORTIES WERE REDUCED TO A POINT WHERE THERE ARE ONLY SUFFICIENT SORTIES AVAILABLE FOR TROOPS IN CONTACT, THE ENEMY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GROUP HIS FORCES, MOVE AND ASSEMBLE HIS SUPPLIES AND STRIKE FRIENDLY FORCES AT HIS DISCRETION. SINCE ALLIED CASUALTIES ARE MARKEDLY HIGHER DURING MASSED ENEMY ATTACKS, THE ABILITY TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN MINIMIZING FRIENDLY LOSSES ESPECIALLY DURING THE PHASE DOWN OF US FORCES. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES GIVE NO INDICATION OF A SHARP DECLINE IN ENEMY STRENGTH IN THE FORE-SEEABLE FUTURE WHILE US FORCES ARE WELL INTO A REDEPLOYMENT PHASING WHICH MAY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. THIS REDUCTION IN US GROUND COMBAT POWER MEANS FEWER GROUND PATROLS AND LESS AREAS WHERE THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES IS FELT. PREPLANNED AIR ATTACK SORTIES ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN US PRESENCE, BOTH AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL LIFT FOR RVNAF AND AS A REAL DETERRENT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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(3) BEYOND 15 APRIL 1970, NO REPEAT NO FURTHER REDUCTION IN B52 STRIKES OR USAF AND USN ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES CAN BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT TAKING THE SERIOUS RISKS OF INCREASING US AND ALLIED CASUALTIES AS WELL AS REDUCING THE CAPABILITY TO PREEMPT, DETER, OR DEFEAT ENEMY INITIATIVES AS THEY DEVELOP. BATTLES AT BEN HET/DAK TO AND BU PRANG/DUC LAP HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT ADEQUATE AND TIMELY APPLICATION OF AIR SUPPORT IS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN MINIMIZING ALLIED CASUALTIES AND DEFEATING WELL-ARMED AND WELL-TRAINED NVA FORCES CLOSE TO THEIR SANCTUARIES.

G. LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

(1) THE REDEPLOYMENT OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCES HAS GENERALLY KEPT PACE WITH THE OVERALL STRENGTH REDUCTION IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT MISSIONS PROPORTIONATELY. EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THAT ROLL-UP OPERATIONS CAUSE A MAJOR SURGE IN WORKLOAD OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL MISSIONS DURING AND AFTER EACH REDEPLOYMENT PHASE. THIS ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD INVOLVES THE TURN-IN, CLASSIFICATION, MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, PREPARATION AND RELEASE OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO RVNAF, AND RELOCATION OF FACILITIES BEING VACATED. IN THE CASE OF KEYSTONE BLUE JAY THIS WILL AMOUNT TO SOME 120,000 ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCESSED BY USAFV ALONE AND OVER 19 COMPANY MONTHS OF ENGINEER EFFORT IN THE TRANSFER/RELOCATION OF FACILITIES. THERE IS ALSO A CURRENT BACKLOG OF SOME 16,000 SHORT TONS OF RETROGRADE MATERIAL AT DANANG PORT WHICH WILL BE PROCESSED BETWEEN NOW AND MAY.

(2) THE ARMY SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS ORGANIZED LARGELY ON AN AREA BASIS. IN REDUCING THIS SUPPORT STRUCTURE, THE ELIMINATION/REDUCTION OF BASES AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TROOPS SUPPORTED. IN MOST AREAS THE VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT THE CONSOLIDATION OF US FORCES SINCE THEIR PRESENCE PROVIDES THE REQUIRED STIFFENING INFLUENCE TO RVNAF AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCESS.

(3) WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ, USARV IS FACED WITH AN INCREASE IN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. 1ST LOGISTICS COMMAND, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELOCATE ALMOST 2000 PERSONNEL INTO I CTZ BY 1 JULY TO ASSUME THIS NEW MISSION. REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMY AVIATION, ENGINEER, MEDICAL, MP, AND SIGNAL SUPPORT ARE ALSO INCREASED. WITH THE ALREADY THINLY SPREAD SUPPORT ASSETS AND INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES, FURTHER REDEPLOYMENT OF USARV SUPPORT FORCES WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY LIMITED UNTIL SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS ARE MADE IN THE OVERALL FORCE STRUCTURE OR UNTIL FURTHER PROGRESS IS MADE IN CLOSING BASES OR ELIMINATING AND REDUCING AREAS OF SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY.

(4) BY 30 JUNE 1970 APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF THE USN COMBAT CRAFT WILL HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE VNN. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT INADEQUACY OF THE VNN LOGISTIC SYSTEM REQUIRES RETENTION OF ESSENTIAL US SUPPORT FORCES UNTIL THE VNN BECOMES LOGISTICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT.

(5) A BREATHER AFTER PHASE 3 REDPLOYMENTS WOULD PERMIT THE REDUCTION OF THE RETROGRADE AT DANANG, CONSOLIDATION OF ARMY COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LOCS AND LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS IN I CORPS IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE US REDEPLOYMENTS. PACIFICATION.

A. THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT. SINCE THE NUMERICAL RATING (PERCENT ABC) PRODUCED BY THE NEW HES, IMPLEMENTED ON 1 JANUARY, IS BASED ON DIFFERENT CRITERIA THAN THAT PREVIOUSLY USED, IT WILL BE LATE APRIL BEFORE MEANINGFUL TRENDS BASED ON THE NEW HES CAN BE DETERMINED.

B. THE NUMBER OF RALLIERS HAS RETURNED TO THE DECEMBER 1969 LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 600 PER WEEK AFTER THE EXPECTED SHARP DROP OFF DURING THE TET HOLIDAYS.

C. THE PSDF CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED BY THE ENEMY, PARTICULARLY IN III AND IV CORPS. TO UPGRADE THEIR COMBAT CAPABILITY, THE GVN IS ORGANIZING 15,000 35-MAN UNITS CALLED INTERTEAMS. SPECIAL TRAINING HAS BEGUN FOR 7,795 OF THE PROPOSED 60,000 LEADERS OF THESE TEAMS. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE MONITORED CAREFULLY SINCE THESE KEY INTERTEAM MEMBERS WILL SERVE AS CIVILIANS WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND THEIR PSDF DUTIES WILL TAKE TOO MUCH TIME AWAY FROM NORMAL PURSUITS.

D. THE NUMBER OF VCI NEUTRALIZED IN JANUARY (NEUTRALIZED INCLUDES KILLED, RALLIED AND SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR OR MORE) IS DOWN 420 FROM THE DECEMBER 1969 TOTAL OF 1637. THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CRITERIA WHEREBY A CAPTURED VCI MUST BE SENTENCED TO A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN PRISON BEFORE HE CAN BE CONSIDERED NEUTRALIZED. AN ADDITIONAL 691 WERE CAPTURED IN JANUARY AND ARE AWAITING TRIAL.

E. MANY PROVINCES HAVE REPORTED INCREASED ASSASSINATION AND ABDUCTION ATTEMPTS DURING JANUARY DIRECTED TOWARD PSDF AND VILLAGE/ HAMLET OFFICIALS. THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE INCREASING VC RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

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9. RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS

A. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AS REPORTED ON 28 JAN. NO DEGRADATION IN THE QUALITY OR COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF UNITS HAS BEEN CAUSED BY NON-AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT. DESERTIONS CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR PERSONNEL PROBLEM. FOR RVNAF AS A WHOLE, THE AVERAGE MONTHLY DESERTION DROPPED FROM 15.4 PER 1000 ASSIGNED IN 1968 TO 11.5 IN 1969. ALTHOUGH DIVISIONS AND SEPARATE REGIMENTS AVERAGED 32.2 PER 1000 IN DEC 69, ARVN UNITS AS A WHOLE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED WITH THE DESERTION RATE LOWERED FROM 17.7 PER 1000 ASSIGNED IN 1968 TO 14.9 IN 1969. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY THE JGS AND MAGV IN UNDERSTANDING THE DESERTION PROBLEM AS MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED.

B. RAPID MOBILIZATION OF BOTH RVNAF AND PARAMILITARY FORCES HAS STRETCHED THE SUPPLY OF CAPABLE LEADERS. FURTHER PROGRAMMED EXPANSION OF FORCES WILL CUT DEEPLY INTO THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF TRAINED AND COMBAT EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL IN UNITS, WITH THE SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS AND NCO'S POTENTIALLY ACUTE. IMPROVEMENT IS CONSTRAINED BY THE LARGE PROPORTION OF AVAILABLE TALENT THAT IS CONCENTRATED IN ELITE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE VNAF. WITHIN ARVN UNITS, A LEADERSHIP EVALUATION IN FEBRUARY 1970 OF THE 243 OFFICERS COMMANDING DIVISION, REGIMENTS AND BATTALIONS SHOWS THAT 59 PERCENT ARE ABOVE AVERAGE IN LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, 23 PERCENT AVERAGE AND 13 PERCENT BELOW AVERAGE. FIVE PERCENT WERE RECENTLY ASSIGNED AND COULD NOT BE RATED AT THIS TIME.

C. ARVN

165 OF THE 186 ARVN/VNMC INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRONS HAVE BEEN COMBAT TESTED AGAINST ENEMY UNITS OF PLATOON OR SMALLER SIZE IN CONTACTS OF SHORT DURATION. CONTACTS REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARVN FORCES LARGER THAN COMPANY AND BATTALION HAVE BEEN FEW RECENTLY. SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE ARVN BATTALIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IMPROVING AND ONLY 4 PERCENT REGRESSING.

D. VNN

VNN EXPANSION IS CONTINUING TO PROGRESS ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. WITH US ADVISORY ASSISTANCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE VNN WILL BE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING ALL WATERBORNE COMBAT MISSIONS EXCEPT UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE BY JANUARY 1971. PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO EXIST IN LOGISTICS, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, SIMILAR TO THOSE FACED IN OTHER SERVICES, NONE IS CONSIDERED INSURMOUNTABLE.

E. VNAF

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VNAF AIRCRAFT IS PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED. RECENTLY, VNAF HAS SHOWN AN IMPROVEMENT IN TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN. THEY PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 27 PERCENT OF THE ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES FLOWN IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69. PRIMARY WEAKNESSES CONTINUE IN AREAS OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, LACK OF SKILLED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND A CONCENTRATION OF

DECISION- MAKING AT VNAF HEADQUARTERS.

F. TERRITORIAL FORCES

SINCE THE JANUARY ASSESSMENT, REFA, 28 NEW RF COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AS A RESULT OF CIDG CONVERSION. AN ADDITIONAL 15 PF PLATOONS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AND HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. THE TRAINING OF NEWLY ORGANIZED RF AND PF UNITS IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE NUMBER OF ARVN BATTALIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION REMAINED AT SEVENTEEN (17). THE GVN IS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO RELEASE THESE UNITS FROM PACIFICATION SUPPORT BY REPLACING THEM WITH RF BY 1 JULY 1970.

G. OVERALL, RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS REMAIN GENERALLY ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAMS COULD BE ANTICIPATED FROM A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND TERRITORIAL FORCES. WHOSE TRAINING AND SUPERVISION HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY THE RAPID FORCE EXPANSIONS.

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2. (U) THE ABOVE CHANGE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A
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SIDERED AND DISCUSSED WITH RADM DILLON. BELIEVE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS PERTINENT:

A. THE MAB PACKAGE SUBMITTED TO MACV TOTALED 18,300.
THIS IS CONSIDERED THE SMALLEST FORCE POSSESSING THE CAPABILITIES
REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE EXPECTED MAB MISSION.

B. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE ON 12 JAN, IT WAS AGREED THAT
ONE MCB WOULD DEPART IN AUGUST AND ONE MCB IN SEPTEMBER. IN
VIEW OF RECENT AND ANTICIPATED CANCELLATIONS OF WORK, DILLON
CONSIDERS THAT THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO AND ONE-THIRD MCB COULD
REDEPLOY IN AUGUST AND TWO-THIRDS OF A BATTALION COULD REDEPLOY
IN SEPTEMBER. HOPEFULLY THIS COULD BE CREDITED TO REDEPLOYMENT
QUOTAS. DILLON ASSURES ME THAT WE CAN MEET YOUR ACTCV REQUIRE-
MENTS AND SUPPORT THE MAB WITH A TWO BATTALION FORCE.

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NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

(DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS)

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 212106Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

B. CG III MAF 211234Z JAN 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. (TS) AS REQUESTED REF A, TRADE OFF FOR INCREASE IN RAD BN
STRENGTH IS IDENTIFIED AS A REDUCTION IN THE D/S ARTY BN
(REIN), REF B. CHANGE ARTY BN (REIN) FROM 742 TO 717.

WARM REGARDS. LTGEN NICKERSON.

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 B. CG III MAF 211234Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-NCEO)
 C. CG III MAF 120206Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-NCEO)
 1. (U) CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDED CHANGES, PAR 2,
 REF A.
 2. (TS) REQUEST YOU IDENTIFY 25 SPACES IN TROOP
 LIST, REF B (MODIFIED BY REF C), TO BE TRADED-OFF FOR
 NET INCREASE IN RAD BN STRENGTH. WARM REGARDS.

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 LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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B. CG III MAF 120206Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

C. CG FMFPAC 312121Z DEC 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A RECOMMENDED AN 8.9K MAB WITH 51 RAD BN SPACES
 AND AN SSCT OF 9. REF B CONTAINS PROPOSED ADD-ONS TO THE
 8.9K MAB TO REACH 9.4K IN RESPONSE TO CMC GUIDANCE. REF C
 PROVIDED THE INITIAL GUIDANCE IN DEVELOPING A 10.8K MAB.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE 8.9K MAB AS OUTLINED
 REF A, IN ADDITION TO THOSE CONTAINED REF B, ARE REQUESTED:

A. DELETE: SSCT 9
 DET RAD BN 51

B. ADD: DET RAD BN 85

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3. (TS) THE ABOVE CHANGE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A MORE VIABLE
 RADIO BN CAPABILITY WHICH CANNOT BE SUSTAINED WITH THE 51 RAD BN
 SPACES LISTED REF A AND C. THE 85 SPACES IN THIS DETACHMENT
 WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ASSIGNED
 MISSIONS.

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FROM LTGEN BUSE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS) //NOB20//
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1. (TS) I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JOHNNY HYLAND
THIS MORNING AND AM FORWARDING IT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
QUOTE

R 182143Z FEB 70
FM CINCPACFLT
TO RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT
RUMPSDD/COMPHIBPAC

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TOP SECRET NOFORN LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADMS BRINGLE
AND SMITH AND INFO LTGEN BUSE FROM HYLAND
FORCE PLANNING (U)
A. COMSEVENTHFLT 301058Z JAN 70

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B. COMSEVENTHFLT 130214Z FEB 70 (PASEP)

1. (TS) WITH THE PLANNING FOR KEYSTONE BLUEJAY COMPLETED AND THE
MOVEMENT UNDERWAY, IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT TO UNDERTAKE GENERAL
PLANNING AT THIS TIME FOR THE PROBABLE PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT, EVEN
BEFORE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE. THE U.S. NAVAL PACKAGE
LISTED BELOW IS SPECULATIVE, AND DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY, THIS
MESSAGE BEING SENT SPECAT TO ALL ADDRES TO ASSIST IN CONTROLLING
DISSEMINATION.

2. (TS) THE DEGREE OF PLANNING ENVISIONED WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE
PERIOD 15 APR - 15 AUG 70 AND THE OTHER FROM 15 MAY - 15 AUG 70.
THE PLANS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND
ASSUMPTIONS.

A. REQUIREMENTS.

(1) MARINE CORPS.

THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON FANREP LIFT REQUIREMENTS:

DEST	PERS	VEH/SOFT	CARGO CUBE
OKI	383	18,968	215,260
JAPAN 1/	2,105	34,299	402,264
HAWAII 2/	4,660	102,061	679,973
CONUS 3/	27,132	797,904	1,388,494

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TOTAL 34,200 2953,232 2,680,991

1/ FLIGHT FERRY: 10 RF4B, 12 E4GA, 3C-J17
2/ TRANSPAC: 24 F4B; SURFACE: 30 CH-46D, 23 CH-53, 15 OV-10A
3/ TRANSPAC: 23 F4B, 11 A4A, 20 A4E; SURFACE: 2C-117, 44 CH-46D,
8 IAFA, 3 US23

& DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRCRAFT SQUARE FEET.

(2) U.S. NAVY
DEST PERS VEH SOFT CARGO CUBE
CONUS 7,300 83,000 600,000

PERS WILL BE AIRLIFTED CONUS VIA MAC

&& NMCS'S EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(3) MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF AUGMENTATION EASTPAC AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPPING (LESS THOSE ASSIGNED RAV AND OVERHAUL) AS SPECIFIED BY
COMPHI EPAC.

(4) UTILIZE FIVE LSTS (542 CLASS) SCHEDULED FOR INACTIVATION
DURING 1ST QTR FY71 (COMMITTED TO MSTSFE UNTIL RETURNING CONUS).
REF A REFERS.

(5) UTILIZE ONE ARG'S SHIPPING PLUS CHARLIE GROUP SHIPPING
DURING ENTIRE PERIOD. LST'S HOMEPORTED WPAC UTILIZED ONLY FOR
INTRA-THEATER REDEPLOYMENT.

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PAGE FOUR RUHHFMA2425 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS SPECAT EXCL FOR
B. ASSUMPTIONS:

(1) ONE ARG REMAINING IN WESTPAC WILL BE ON 120 HOURS
REACTION TIME TO RVN.

(2) ALL LIFTS WILL BE MADE BY ADMINISTRATIVE LOADING.

3. (S) FOR COMPHI EPAC: REQUEST PROVIDE EASTPAC AMPHIBIOUS
AUGMENTATION SHIPS AVAILABLE BOTH PERIODS BY 23 FEB INFO
COMSEVENTHFLT.

4. (S) FOR COMSEVENTHFLT: REQUEST GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANS FOR BOTH
PERIODS UTILIZING INPUT PARA 3 AND BASED ON REQUIREMENTS AND
ASSUMPTIONS PARA 2.

5. (C) REF B RECEIVED WHILE STAFFING THIS MESSAGE. UPON RECEIPT
OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT PHASE IV A PRELIMINARY PLANNING
CONFERENCE ALL CONCERNED WILL BE CONVENED BY CINCPACFLT,
SHORTFALLS REQUIRING MSTS LIFT WILL BE REQUIRED AT THAT TIME.

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UNQUOTE:

2. (C) OF COURSE, REQUIREMENTS REFLECTED ABOVE ARE ORDER OF
MAGNITUDE IN A WORST CASE SITUATION ONLY AND DO NOT REPRESENT
FINAL TROOP LIST, APPROVED DESTINATIONS, OR AIRCRAFT COMPOSITION.

PAGE FIVE RUHHFMA2425 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS SPECAT EXCL FOR
PROVIDED FOR INFO AND TO KEEP YOU ABBREAST OF PLANNING EFFORTS
BY CINCPACFLT. WARM REGARDS.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR III MAF (C)

A. CG III MAF 150522Z/FEB70 (C) PASEP

1. (C) YOUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A IS APPROVED
 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. PAR 4.D.(2). INSERT THE WORDS "III MAF" BETWEEN "THE" AND "TACTICAL" APPEARING ON LINE 3 OF THE PAR. RATIONALE: CLARITY.

B. PAR 4.D.(5). DELETE. RATIONALE: MISLEADING AND COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT HQ III MAF IS NOT A TACTICAL HQ.

C. PAR 4.D.(6). DELETE THE WORDS "AN AUSTERE" AND SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "A". RATIONALE: THE STAFFING

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2412 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 OF THE COC IS NOT OF CONCERN TO COMUSMACV.

2. (C) ALSO, PAR 5-8 ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF INTERNAL III MAF STAFF FUNCTIONING AND ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION WITH COMUSMACV AND OTHER NON-MARINE COMMANDS.
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1. THIS MESSAGE IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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P 190146Z ZFF-1 ZFF-4
FM COMNAVFORV
TO CG III MAF
INFO ZEN/COM THREE NCB

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EYES ONLY //NO0000//
PERSONAL FOR LTG NICKERSON INFO RADM DILLON FROM ZUNWALT
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) LIAISON WITH MACJ3 STAFF INDICATES PHASE IV
CONSIDERATIONS NOW INCLUDE RETENTION OF ONE MEB

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA2297 T O P S E C R E T /SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
VICE ONE RLT UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE IV. IN THIS
ALTERNATIVE, TO COMPENSATE FOR RETENTION OF THE
3,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES IN-COUNTRY, ADDITIONAL
SPACES FOR REDEPLOYMENT WOULD BE SPLIT EVENLY
BETWEEN USN AND USAF.

2. (TS) IMPLICATIONS FOR NAVY ARE REDEPLOYMENT
OF THREE NMCB'S VICE ONE PREVIOUSLY SCHED-
ULED FOR PHASE IV. BY THE AUGUST 70 TIME FRAME IT
IS LIKELY THAT MOST OF THE VERTICAL CAPABILITY OF
APPROXIMATELY TWO NMCB'S WOULD BE DEVOTED TO ACTOV
CONSTRUCTION TO KEEP OUR VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM GOING
AND ON SCHEDULE.

3. (TS) SHOULD COMUS APPROVE THE CONCEPT IN PARA
ONE ABOVE, AS IT STANDS, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE
TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THREE NMCB'S IN PHASE IV IN
ORDER TO MEET USN QUOTA.

4. (TS) A NAVY-MARINE COMPROMISE WHEREIN MEB
WOULD BE LIMITED TO 9,500 VICE 10,200, WITH ONLY 2
NMCB'S BEING REDEPLOYED UNDER PHASE IV MIGHT BE
ACCEPTABLE TO MACV. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THIS

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PAGE THREE RHMMAF2297 T O P S E C R E T / S P E C I A L E X C L U S I V E F O R
 ALTERNATIVE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS. ADVICE FROM
 YOU AND RADM DILLON ON THE FUTURE IMPACT
 OF THE MEB ON NAVY TROOP CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD
 AND CONSTRUCTION TROOP STRENGTH REQUIRED FOR THE
 MEB WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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III MAF/XXIV CORPS COMMAND RELATIONS

A. CG III MAF MSG 150322Z FEB 70

1. COMUSMACV VISITED III MAF TODAY AND AT HIS REQUEST WAS BRIEFED ON III MAF AND XXIV CORPS COMMAND RELATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSFER OF AREA RESPONSIBILITIES TO XXIV CORPS ON 9 MARCH. MEL ZAIS ALSO ATTENDED THE BRIEFING.
2. REF A AND A DRAFT MACV DIRECTIVE ON COMMAND RELATIONS WAS USED AS THE BASIS FOR THE BRIEFING. THE LATTER IS REMARKABLY CONSISTENT WITH REF A.
3. MEL ZAIS STATED THAT HE WAS EVIDENTLY MISLED SINCE HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT III MAF WOULD BE A SERVICE/ADMINISTRATIVE ORIENTED HEADQUARTERS AND THAT XXIV CORPS WOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE DIVISION AND WING. IN PARTICULAR ZAIS TOOK EXCEPTION TO THAT PORTION OF MACV

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DRAFT WHICH STATED THAT III MAF WOULD CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS AND THAT PORTION OF THE III MAF TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH STATE THAT III MAF WOULD OPERATE A COMBAT CENTER. TO HIM THIS INDICATED AN INTERVENING NOS BETWEEN XXIV CORPS AND THE DIVISION AND WING.

4. I EXPLAINED MARINE CORPS DOCTRINE IN REGARD TO THE DIVISION/WING TEAM AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMUSMACV STATED THAT THIS WAS WHY HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN THE MARINES LEAVE IT BE A CLEAN SWEEP BUT NOS DECIDED OTHERWISE AND THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT BE WORKED OUT SO THAT MOST SENSITIVITIES ARE ACCOMMODATED RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE DOCTRINAL MATTERS WHICH CANNOT BE OVERCOME. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE BASIC REASON ZAIS' COMPARISON OF FORTHCOMING ROLE OF III MAF TO USARV COULD NOT BE MADE IS THAT III MAF INCLUDES AN AIRCRAFT WING. HE STATED THAT HIS ONLY INTEREST WAS THAT EVERYONE CONCERNED BE BIG ENOUGH AND SHOW A LARGE ENOUGH MEASURE OF UNDERSTANDING SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON COMBAT OPERATIONS. COMUS-

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 MACV EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN TRYING TO GET
 SOMETHING LIKE THIS RESOLVED IN WASHINGTON.

6. COMUSMACV APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED AND DOES NOT APPEAR
 TO HAVE ANY INTENTION OF ROCKING THE BOAT.

7. ZAIS WAS SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED WHEN HE WAS SHOWN THAT PORTION
 OF THE PROPOSED III MAF TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH STATE
 THAT CG III MAF IS AUTHORIZED TO DELEGATE OPERATIONAL
 CONTROL OF THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE FORCE AS MAY BE MUTUALLY
 AGREED UPON TO THE DESIGNATED OVERALL COMMANDER.
 COMUSMACV LET ZAIS KNOW WHERE HE STANDS ON THIS ISSUE.
 ZAIS WILL NOT ROCK THE BOAT. WARM REGARDS.

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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) LIAISON WITH MACJ3 STAFF INDICATES PHASE IV

CONSIDERATIONS NOW INCLUDE RETENTION OF ONE MEB
 VICE ONE RLT UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE IV. IN THIS
 ALTERNATIVE, TO COMPENSATE FOR RETENTION OF THE
 3,222 ADDITIONAL MARINES IN-COUNTRY, ADDITIONAL
 SPACES FOR REDEPLOYMENT WOULD BE SPLIT EVENLY
 BETWEEN USN AND USAF.

2. (TS) IMPLICATIONS FOR NAVY ARE REDEPLOYMENT
 OF THREE NMCB'S VICE ONE PREVIOUSLY SCHED-
 ULED FOR PHASE IV. BY THE AUGUST 70 TIME FRAME IT
 IS LIKELY THAT MOST OF THE VERTICAL CAPABILITY OF
 APPROXIMATELY TWO NMCB'S WOULD BE DEVOTED TO ACTOV
 CONSTRUCTION TO KEEP OUR VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM GOING

AND ON SCHEDULE.

3. (TS) SHOULD COMUS APPROVE THE CONCEPT IN PARA
 ONE ABOVE, AS IT STANDS, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE
 TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THREE NMCB'S IN PHASE IV IN

ORDER TO MEET USN QUOTA.

4. (TS) A NAVY-MARINE COMPROMISE WHEREIN MEB
 WOULD BE LIMITED TO 9,500 VICE 10,200, WITH ONLY 2

MEB'S BEING REDEPLOYED UNDER PHASE IV MIGHT BE
 ACCEPTABLE TO MACV. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THIS
 ALTERNATIVE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS. ADVICE FROM
 YOU AND RADM DILLON ON THE FUTURE IMPACT
 OF THE MEB ON NAVY TROOP CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD
 AND CONSTRUCTION TROOP STRENGTH REQUIRED FOR THE
 MEB WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CMC 022218Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
- B. CG FMFPAC 310234Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
- 1. (IS) IN REPLY TO YOUR REQ FOR COMMENTS REGARDING
ADDITIVES (REF A) TO 8.9K MAB TROOP LIST (REF B),
THE FOLLOWING REVISED TROOP LIST IS PROVIDED:

MAB
COMMAND ELEMENT:
MAB HQ 161
1ST CI TM, FMF 16
3D IT TM, FMF 11
1ST INTERP TM 6

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2D SSCT (REIN)

GROUND ELEMENT:
1ST MARINE REGIMENT 3797
1ST BN (REIN), 11TH MAR 742
BTRY X (REIN), 4TH BN, 11TH MAR 120
1ST 8TH MOB BTRY (SP), FMF 226
CO A (REIN), 1ST RECON BN 114
CO A, 1ST MT BN 79
CO A (REIN), 1ST TANK BN, FMF 129
CO A (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN 161
TOTAL 5368

AVIATION ELEMENT:
MAG-11 1290
VMA (AW)-225 12-AGA (372) (INCLUDES
IMA)
VMA-311 22-A4 (260) (INCLUDES
IMA)
DET VMO-2 4-OV-10A (53)
H&S-11 2-CL17 (318)

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MABS-11		(287)
MAG-16		1227
HMH-262	21-CI-46	(265) INCLUDES
		(10)
		(323) INCLUDES
HML-167	12-MH-1E	
	18-AH-1	(84)
	6-CA-85	(249)
DET MHM-463		(329)
HMS-16		61
MABS-16		(15)
MAS-3 (-)		(16)
DASC (1)		
ASRT (1)		
	TOTAL	2611

SUPPORT ELEMENT:

DET 1ST SERV BN	381
DET 1ST FSR	415
1ST PLT, CO A, 7TH ENGINE BN, FMF	32
SHORE PARTY CO, SP BN	67
COL 2 CLEAR CO, 1ST MED BN	25
11TH DENTAL CO (-)	2

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CO A, 1ST MP BN, FMF	121
DET RAD BN, FMF	31
COMM SPT CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF	204
	TOTAL 356

RECAPITULATION:

COMMAND ELEMENT	5368
GROUND ELEMENT	2611
AVIATION ELEMENT	1213
SUPPORT ELEMENT	
	TOTAL 9192

2. (TS) MAJOR REVISIONS FROM THE 6.9K MAB TROOP LIST (REF B) ARE:
- A. GROUND ELEMENT: CHANGED TO REFLECT A T/O 3RD HOW BTRY (SP) VICE A BTRY (-). THE 3RD HOW BTRY IS PREFERRED OVER THE 175MM GUN.
 - B. AVIATION ELEMENT:
 - (1) RESTRUCTURED TO REFLECT TWO SEPARATE AIR GROUPS VICE A COMPOSITE AIR GROUP FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
 - (A) SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF TACAIR RESOURCES

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REQUIRES FULL WORKING FIXED WING STAFF FOR MAXIMUM
COORDINATION.

(B) REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE FROM TWO
AIRFIELDS IN DANANG AREA.

(C) SEPARATION AND FRAGMENTATION OF HUMS,
MABS PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT CREATES SPAN OF CONTROL
PROBLEM.

(2) THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THE
AVIATION ELEMENT:

(A) NO MARINE CRASH/FIRE FIGHTING
CAPABILITY FOR VA/MAG.

(B) VM MAG OPERATES AS TENANT FROM
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AF.

(C) NO CAPABILITY FOR HELO SATELLITE
FIELD OPERATIONS.

(D) NO PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDED FOR
PERIMETER SECURITY FOR EITHER MAG.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG FMFPAC 040322Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

B. COMUSMACV 011052Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) (PASEP)

C. CNC 022218Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

D. CG III MAF 071358Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY)

E. CG III MAF 211234Z JAN 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. (TS/LD) REF A PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR CG, III MAF RES-
PONSE TO REQUEST FOR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE
ADDITIONAL 100,000 TROOP REDEPLOYMENT AFTER PHASE III AS
CONTAINED REF B. REF A ALSO REQUESTED COMMENTS ON S.9K
MAB ADD ONS SUGGESTED BY REF C.

2. (TS/LD) REF D IS CG, III MAF REPLY TO COMUSMACV AND
INCORPORATES GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A. REF E CONTAINS CG, III

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MAF RECOMMENDED S.9K MAB.

3. (TS/LD) IN REGARD TO COMPROMISE SUGGESTED BY REF C, ORDER
OF PREFERENCE IS:

A. FULL 8" HOW BATTERY.

B. VMA SQUADRON.

C. 175 GUN BATTERY.

4. (TS/LD) CG, 1ST MAW STATES THAT AS LONG AS BOTH FIXED AND
ROTARY WING ASSETS ARE TO REMAIN IN-COUNTRY FOR INDEFINITE
PERIOD, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT THEY BE ORGANIZED AS
TWO SEPARATE AIR GROUPS WHICH REQUIRE 302 SPACES IN ADDITION TO
THOSE CONTAINED REF E. REASONS CITED:

A. SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF TACAIR RESOURCES REQUIRES FULL
WORKING FIXED WING STAFF FOR MAXIMUM COORDINATION.

B. REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE FROM TWO AIRFIELDS IN DANANG AREA.

C. SEPARATION AND FRAGMENTATION OF HQMS, MAB'S PERSONNEL/
EQUIPMENT CREATES SPAN OF CONTROL PROBLEM.

5. (TS/LD) IN VIEW PARA 4, RECOMMEND FOLLOWING CHANGES/
ADD ONS TO S.9K MAB OUTLINED REF F.

A. COMMAND ELEMENT: NO CHANGE.

B. GROUND ELEMENT:

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C. AVIATION ELEMENT:
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	VA MAG	
UNIT	A/C	PERS.
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VMA	20-AA	260 (INCLUDES IMA)
DET VMO	4-OV-10A	53
H&MS	2-C117	318
MASS		287
	TOTAL	1,290
	VH MAG	
HMM	21-CH-46	265 (INCLUDES IMA)
HML	12-UH-1E,	326 (INCLUDES IMA)
	18-AH-1	
DET HMM	6-CH-53	88
H&MS		249
MASS		329

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	TOTAL	1,297
	MASS (-)	
DASC (1)		48
ASRT (1)		16
	TOTAL	64
	TOTAL AVIATION ELEMENT	2,611

- D. SUPPORT ELEMENT: NO CHANGE.
- E. TOTAL ADD ON 500. GRAND TOTAL 9,400.
- G. THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS APPLY TO THE AVIATION ELEMENT IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY CITED:
 - A. NO MARINE CRASH/FIRE FIGHTING REQUIREMENT FOR VA/MAG.
 - B. VH MAG OPERATE AS A TENANT FROM MARBLE MT AF.
 - C. NO REQUIREMENT FOR HELO SATELLITE FIELD OPERATIONS.

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T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT. EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON
FROM BGEN DULACKI (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
FORCE PLANNING

1. SOUNDED OUT SAM JASKILKA ON MACV STAFF'S REACTION TO OUR PROPOSED 13.2K POST PHASE IV TROOP LIST. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
2. COMUSMACV INTENDS NOT TO DISCUSS PHASE IV NUMBERS WITH SECDEF DURING FORTHCOMING TRIP UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS NUMBERS PRIVATELY WITH CJCS AND WILL PUSH FOR FIGURE NO GREATER THAN 35.9K. THE MACV STAFF HAS NOT YET COME TO GRIPS WITH THE NUMBERS PROBLEM SINCE ALL FORCE COMMANDERS ARE RECOMMENDING MINIMUM REDUCTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. IF PHASE IV IS NO GREATER THAN 35.9K, WE SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE 13.2K TROOP LIST. HOWEVER, IF THE FIGURE IS 50K WE WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES AND MAY HAVE TO COME DOWN TO ABOUT 10K.

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA1293 T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/EXCLUSIVE FOR/
THE MACV STAFF IS NOT OBJECTING TO THE FIXED WING AIR, IN
FACT THEY APPEAR TO LIKE THE IDEA, BUT FORCE LEVELS WILL
BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR.

3. ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON OUR TROOP LIST. MACV STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT AIR FORCE AT WASHINGTON LEVEL WANTS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF AIR SORTIES. CONUS INTENDS TO OPPOSE THIS. IF THIS REDUCTION IN AIR FORCE SORTIES IS EFFECTED, MACV WILL BE DESIROUS OF RETAINING THE FIXED WING AIR WITH THE MAB. WARM REGARDS.

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NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING WORKING
HOURS) SECTION ONE OF TWO

FORCE PLANNING

A. CG FMFPAC 040322Z FEB 70

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGES, REFLECTING THE POSITION CONTAINED
IN REF A, HAVE BEEN SENT TO COMUSMACV:

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TO COMUSMACV

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EYES ONLY FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM
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A. COMUSMACV 011052Z FEB 70 (TS/LD/EYES ONLY)

PAGE TWO RHMMFA0838 T O P S E C R E T / S P E C A T EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

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TY OF REDEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 U.S. TROOPS FROM
RVN DURING 1970 SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE III.

2. BASED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS IN REF A, A SIZEABLE
REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN I CORPS IS FEASIBLE DURING
THE LATTER HALF OF 1970.

3. HOWEVER, THE TIME PHASING POSTULATED (1 APRIL - 15
AUGUST) APPEARS TO BE UNREALISTIC ON THE BASIS OF THE
FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. PHASE III MOVEMENT OF RLT-26
AND ITS ASSOCIATED AIR AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IS UTILIZING
ALL (LESS ONE ARG/SLF) AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING IN WESTPAC
PLUS SHIPPING FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. THE LAST SHIPS
WILL DEPART ABOUT 28 MARCH. TURNAROUND TIME MIGHT PERMIT
THEIR RETURN BY ABOUT 1 MAY, BUT THIS ALLOWS FOR NO
MAINTENANCE, CASUALTY REPAIR, OR CREW REST. IT IS OVERLY
OPTIMISTIC. IN ADDITION, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUFFICIENT
SHIPPING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MOVE FORCES OF THE SIZE
CONTEMPLATED WITHIN THE FRAME GIVEN.

B. DANANG PORT CAPACITY. DURING PHASE III, MANY

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C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT BACKLOG. PHASE III PERSONNEL WILL HAVE DEPARTED RVN BY 15 APRIL, BUT MUCH EQUIPMENT AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES WILL NOT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE AMOUNT OF MATERIEL TO BE MOVED EXCEEDS THE CAPACITY OF THE SHIPPING AVAILABLE. THE BACKLOG MUST BE SHIPPED OUT AFTER THE PHSE III TIME FRAME ENDS. PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS WILL FURTHER INCREASE THIS BACKLOG. A LOGISTIC

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D. TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IF PHASE IV BEGINS ON 15 APRIL, THERE WILL BE NO PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS. IN FACT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS OF THE MAGNITUDE INDICATED, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME IN LATE MARCH WHILE PHASE III IS STILL ONGOING. TACTICAL TURBULENCE IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE. WITHDRAWAL OF THE BULK OF MARINE CORPS FORCES WILL REQUIRE RELOCATION OF ARVN FORCES, REDISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING U.S. FORCES IN I CORPS, REALLOCATION OF FIRE SUPPORT MEANS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LOC'S AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS, IN OUR OPINION, TO DELAY THE BEGINNING OF PHASE IV.

4. THE ASSIGNMENT OF A BRIGADE OF RVN MARINES TO QUANG NAM PROVINCE, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA L.C. (2) (B), WILL OFF-

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 MARINES IN I CORPS. HOWEVER, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
 THAT A VNMAR BRIGADE BE DEPLOYED TO I-CORPS IN MARCH CON-
 CURRENT WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 26TH MARINES. THE
 JUNE DATE MENTIONED FOR ARRIVAL OF THIS UNIT DOES NOT FUL-
 FILL I CORPS NEEDS IF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS START IN
 APRIL OR MAY.

5. A CONTINUING PROBLEM IN REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING HAS
 BEEN THE INABILITY TO PLAN AND COORDINATE WITH ARVN DUE
 TO SECURITY RESTRICTIONS. SOME DOWNGRADING OF CLASSIFICA-
 TION EARLY IN THE PLANNING CYCLE WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN
 MAINTAINING THE DESIRED PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION
 MOMENTUM.

6. AS A RELATED FORCE PLANNING MATTER, WE HAVE BEEN
 EXAMINING THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE MARINE FORCE TO
 REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV. A BALANCED FORCE OF COMBINED
 ARMS (TO INCLUDE AIR) SOMEWHAT IN EXCESS OF THE 7500
 TROOPS PLANNED FOR THE RLTI IS DEEMED NECESSARY. RECOM-
 MENDATIONS ON THIS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. THE
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G. APART FROM THE MARINE COMBAT FORCE, A LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN-COUNTRY AN ESTIMATED THREE MONTHS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF PHASE IV.

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 REGIMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT TO CONUS.

7. REF C DISCUSSES THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE AND PROPOSED RETEN-
 TION OF A COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG) OF 600 TROOPS IN QUANG NAM
 PROVINCE. REF D APPROVED THE PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. IT IS
 EMPHASIZED THAT 600 IS THE BOTTOM LIMIT FOR THE GROUP BEFORE IT
 BECOMES NON-EFFECTIVE AND BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE MISSION IT IS ADDI-
 TIVE TO THE MARINE COMBAT FORCE.

8. THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE LEVEL OF 600 FOR MARINE CORPS
 AS PREVIOUSLY CONTAINED IN RESIDUAL FORCE PLANNING REMAINS FIRM.

9. IN SUMMARY, THE REQUIREMENT FOR A POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCE
 IN RVN IS:

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| A. MAB | 10.8K |
| B. SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE | .6K |

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| C. CAG | .6K |
| D. LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE | 1.2K (LIMITED PERIOD AFTER |
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10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES OF THE 13.2K MARINE
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TOTAL	59	1175

B. THE MAJORITY OF THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE FORCE LOGISTIC COMMAND (FLC) WILL DEPART RVN DURING PHASE IV. HOWEVER, AS STATED IN REF B, NOT ALL OF THE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY CURRENTLY ON HAND CAN BE RETURNED TO CONUS IN THE FOUR MONTH TIME FRAME PLANNED FOR PHASE IV. THE AMOUNT OF BACKLOG WILL BE DEPENDENT ON SHIPPING AVAILABILITY AND TIMING OF PHASE IV AS DISCUSSED IN REF B. THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES EMBARKATION, AMMUNITION/EO, MATERIEL, SHIPPING AND RECEIVING, SALVAGE, AND STOCK CONTROL ELEMENTS, WILL COMPLETE WORK STARTED BY FLC. PREPARE AND PACKAGE STOCK CONTROL ELEMENTS, WILL COMPLETE WORK STARTED BY FLC. PREPARE EQUIPMENT ORGANIC TO THE FORCE SERVICE REGIMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT TO CONUS.

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7. REF C DISCUSSES THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE AND PROPOSED RETENTION OF A COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG) OF 600 TROOPS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. REF D APPROVED THE PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT 600 IS THE BOTTOM LIMIT FOR THE GROUP BEFORE IT BECOMES NON-EFFECTIVE AND BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE MISSION IT IS ADDITIVE TO THE MARINE COMBAT FORCE.

8. THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE LEVEL OF 600 FOR MARINE CORPS AS PREVIOUSLY CONTAINED IN RESIDUAL FORCE PLANNING REMAINS FIRM.

9. IN SUMMARY, THE REQUIREMENT FOR A POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCE IN RVN IS:

A. MAB	10.8K	
B. SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE	.6K	
C. CAG	.6K	
D. LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE	1.2K	(LIMITED PERIOD AFTER PHASE IV)
TOTAL	13.2K	

10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES OF THE 13.2K MARINE FORCE.

WARM REGARDS. LT GEN NICKERSON.

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A. CG FMFPAC 310234Z JAN70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

B. CMC 022218Z FEB70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

1. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REF A, REF B DID NOT ADDRESS THE LOGISTIC
 ROLL UP FORCE.2. (TS) THE COMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL SERVICE
 BATTALION DANANG, I.E., LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE, AS SET
 FORTH IN REF A, IS CONCURRED IN SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.3. (TS) RECOGNIZING THE THRUST FOR MANPOWER ECONOMY IN THE
 RESIDUAL FORCE IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO PROGRAM A LOG ROLL
 UP SECURITY UNIT ADDITIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION,
 DANANG. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE COURSES
 OF ACTIONS:

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A. PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE FROM WITHIN 1200 LOG ROLL UP FORCE

B. PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES FROM ASSETS OF THE RESIDUAL MAF.

IF A & B ABOVE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

C. IDENTIFY SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE
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4. (U) YOUR COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING ARE REQUESTED

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A. COMUSMACV 011052Z FEB 70 (TS/LD/EYES ONLY)

1. REF A REQUESTED VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 U.S. TROOPS FROM RVN DURING 1970 SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE III.

2. BASED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS IN REF A, A SIZEABLE REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN I CORPS IS FEASIBLE DURING THE LATTER HALF OF 1970.

3. HOWEVER, THE TIME PHASING POSTULATED (1 APRIL - 15 AUGUST) APPEARS TO BE UNREALISTIC ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. PHASE III MOVEMENT OF RLI-26 AND ITS ASSOCIATED AIR AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IS UTILIZING ALL (LESS ONE ARG/SLF) AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING IN WESTPAC PLUS SHIPPING FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. THE LAST SHIPS WILL DEPART ABOUT 28 MARCH. TURNAROUND TIME MIGHT PERMIT THEIR RETURN BY ABOUT 1 MAY, BUT THIS ALLOWS FOR NO MAINTENANCE, CASUALTY REPAIR, OR CREW REST. IT IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. IN ADDITION, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUFFICIENT SHIPPING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MOVE FORCES OF THE SIZE CONTEMPLATED WITHIN THE TIME FRAME GIVEN.

B. DANANG PORT CAPACITY. DURING PHASE III MANY FUNCTIONS NOW BEING PERFORMED IN I CORPS BY THE NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN DANANG WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ARMY. OVER 1,600 NSA SPACES WILL LEAVE COUNTRY. THE ARMY IS BEING SEVERELY STRETCHED TO ASSUME THOSE FUNCTIONS IN THE ALLOTTED TIME FRAME WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY REDEPLOYING FROM VIETNAM MORE THAN 28,000 OF THEIR OWN PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO ACCOMPLISH THE CHANGE AS SMOOTHLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, SOME PROBLEMS ARE BOUND TO DEVELOP. A SHAKEDOWN PERIOD AFTER 15 APRIL WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR NSA AND THE ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND BEFORE ANOTHER REDEPLOYMENT, THE LARGEST YET IN NUMBERS AND TONNAGE THROUGH THE DANANG PORT FACILITIES COMMENCES.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT BACKLOG. PHASE III PERSONNEL WILL HAVE DEPARTED RVN BY 15 APRIL, BUT MUCH EQUIPMENT AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES WILL NOT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE AMOUNT OF MATERIEL TO BE MOVED EXCEEDS THE CAPACITY OF THE SHIPPING AVAILABLE. THE BACKLOG MUST BE SHIPPED OUT AFTER THE PHASE III TIME FRAME ENDS. PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS WILL FURTHER INCREASE THIS BACKLOG. A LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL BE AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO REMAIN IN-COUNTRY AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE PHASE IV UNITS. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THIS FORCE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.



D. TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IF PHASE IV BEGINS ON 15 APRIL, THERE WILL BE NO PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS. IN FACT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS OF THE MAGNITUDE INDICATED, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME IN LATE MARCH WHILE PHASE III IS STILL ONGOING. TACTICAL TURBULENCE IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE. WITHDRAWAL OF THE BULK OF MARINE CORPS FORCES WILL REQUIRE RELOCATION OF ARVN FORCES, REDISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING U.S. FORCES IN I CORPS, REALLOCATION OF FIRE SUPPORT MEANS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LOC'S AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS, IN OUR OPINION, TO DELAY THE BEGINNING OF PHASE IV .

4. THE ASSIGNMENT OF A BRIGADE OF RVN MARINES TO QUANG NAM PROVINCE, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 1.C. (2) (B), WILL OFFSET TO SOME DEGREE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE BULK OF THE U.S. MARINES IN I CORPS. HOWEVER, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT A VNMC BRIGADE BE DEPLOYED TO I CORPS IN MARCH CONCURRENT WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 26TH MARINES. THE JUNE DATE MENTIONED FOR ARRIVAL OF THIS UNIT DOES NOT FULFILL I CORPS NEEDS IF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS START IN APRIL OR MAY.

5. A CONTINUING PROBLEM IN REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING HAS BEEN THE INABILITY TO PLAN AND COORDINATE WITH ARVN DUE TO SECURITY RESTRICTIONS. SOME DOWNGRADING OF CLASSIFICATION EARLY IN THE PLANNING CYCLE WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE DESIRED PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION MOMENTUM.

6. AS A RELATED FORCE PLANNING MATTER, WE HAVE BEEN EXAMINING THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE MARINE FORCE TO REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV. A BALANCED FORCE OF COMBINED ARMS (TO INCLUDE AIR) SOMEWHAT IN EXCESS OF THE 7500 TROOPS PLANNED FOR THE RLT IS DEEMED NECESSARY. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE OF 600 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES REMAINS FIRM BASED ON PACIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. WARM REGARDS. LTGEN NICKERSON
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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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A. COMUSMACV CITE 1707 DTG 051038Z FEB 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. BY REF A COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED THE ASSIGNMENT OF
 LTGEN BOWMAN AS DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS. WARM REGARDS.

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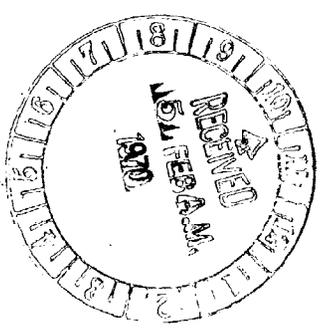
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- A. CG III AAF 275333Z JAN 72
- 1. REF DISCUSSED COMMAND BILLETS IN I CORPS.
- 2. IN VIEW OF PLANS TO ASSIGN THREE STAR AS CG III AAF AND TWIN DOWMAN'S REMAINING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT DOWMAN BE ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS. MEL ZAIS CONCURS. DOWMAN'S TOUR ENDS IN JULY 72.
- 3. IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL SO INFORM CMC AND HAVE APPRO-
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WICKERSON
 FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CG III MAF 020810Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT)
 B. CG FMFPAC 140321Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
 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:
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 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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 FORCES.

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

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

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

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 (174 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
 COMUSMACV.

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