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- B. ADMIN FMFPAC 270141Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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FORCE PLANNING (U) - ADMIN CAPABILITY OF A POST PHASE IV MAB
- C. CG FMFPAC 280202Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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- F. CG III MAF 020045Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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- G. PERSONAL LTR FROM BGEN JASKILKA *(u) Sensitive*
- H. CG III MAF 020923Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTG BUSE, MGEN THRASH, MGEN WHEELER & BGEN PADALINO  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - XXIV CORPS IDENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES
- I. CG XXIV CORPS 031405Z APRIL 1970 (TS) *gp - not shown*  
FM LTG ZAIS TO MGEN DOLVIN, INFO LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT,  
LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO  
IDENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM XXIV CORPS FORCES
- J. CG FMFPAC 042041Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
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- K. PERSONAL LTR FROM BGEN JASKILKA *(u)*
- L. CG III MAF 050252Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
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- M. CG III MAF 051629Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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- N. CG III MAF 051631Z APR 70 (C) *gp-4*  
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- O. CG III MAF 060551Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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FORCE PLANNING (U) - REVISED AND REFINED TROOP LIST
- P. CG III MAF 070605Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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- Q. CG FMFPAC 072346Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FOR INFO FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF CG FMFPAC TO CINCPAC (070428Z)
- R. CG FMFPAC 080009Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - TEXT OF GEN ABRAMS MSG
- S. CGXXIV CORPS 080323Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4 dit shown*  
FROM LTGEN ZAIS TO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE (MAB) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
- T. CG FMFPAC 071935Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND BGEN PADALINO FROM  
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- V. CMC 091232Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN VANRYZIN  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - COMPOSITION OF SUPPORT TRANSITION FORCE
- W. CG III MAF 091305Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
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FORCE PLANNING (U) - T/O'S FOR 10.8K MAB
- X. CG III MAF 111357Z APR 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - CHANGE OF PERSONNEL SPACES
- Y. PERSONAL LTR FROM BGEN JASKILKA (u) *Simitine*
- Z. CG III MAF 010534Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - SECURE TELCON RE JCS PLANS

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T O P S E C R E T/LINDIS/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/FOR LT GEN  
 BUZE FROM LT GEN MCCUTCHEON  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) ON ACTION OFFICER LEVEL, THIS COMMAND WAS NOTIFIED  
 BY MACV BY SECURE PHONE OF FOLLOWING JCS PLANNING PROPOSALS  
 CONCERNING PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS:

A. CURRENT PLANNING INDICATES THAT 29.4K USMC REDEPLOYMENT  
 FIGURE IS TENTATIVELY FIRM, TO BE COMPLETED NLT 15 OCT 1970.

B. PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION ROLL-UP TENTATIVELY  
 SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED NLT 1 JAN 1971.

C. MAB TO BE REDEPLOYED OUT OF COUNTRY NLT 1 MAY 1971.

2. (TS) IN RELATION TO ABOVE JCS PLANNING, MACV ACTION OFFICER  
 QUIRIED III MAF ACTION OFFICER ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DOES III MAF CONSIDER 29.4K REDEPLOYMENT FIGURE, 1.2K  
 ROLL-UP FORCE, .6K TRANSITIONAL FORCE, AND 11.4K REMAINING (MAB  
 AN

CAO) MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL SPACES (TOTAL 13.2K) FIRM, OR

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IS READJUSTMENT REQUIRED?

B. CAN RLY BE REDEPLOYED WITH ONLY A THREE WEEK STAND-DOWN  
 PERIOD?

C. HOW MUCH STAND-DOWN TIME IS REQUIRED TO REDEPLOY A MAG?

D. CAN THE ROLL-UP FORCE COMPLETE ITS OPERATIONS BY 1 JAN  
 1971?

E. WHAT CONFLICTS DOES III MAF ENVISION IN THE SIMULTANEOUS  
 REDEPLOYMENT OF A MAB AND ARMY DIVISION FROM I CORPS (MAR/APR  
 1971)?

3. (TS) III MAF ACTION OFFICERS WILL DEPART FOR MACV HQS THIS  
 DATE TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY  
 MACV ACTION OFFICER. NO PROBLEMS OR CHANGES IN PLANNING ARE  
 ENVISIONED.

4. (TS) MACV INDICATES THAT ACS MUST BE PROVIDED WITH COMMENTS  
 AND RECOMMENDATIONS NLT 4 MAY 1970.

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11 Apr 70

Dear Gen McCutcheon,

There is some big business brewing in the troop withdrawal business.

In the wee hours yesterday the boss had to respond to Amb Bunker. It is all super close hold. Message to Bunker is not in this Hq. However, there is to be a NSC meeting on Mon in Wash. Apparently the decision will be made then & the announcement on Thurs by the president.

No one here knows for sure what is likely to come out of this. Understand the boss is looking for a surprise on the order of a substantial number but to be taken out over the next 12-15 months as opposed to something like 40K over the next 4 months. A paper is being prepared here for discussion at next week's WIEU. I have no details at this time what it will say or whether you will be able to see it before next Sat. The key to this will be Monday's NSC meeting & such info as CTC's pass on to the boss.

Sam

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T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/FOR  
LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
(DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS)

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 012217Z APR 70  
B. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN 70

1. (TS) MY FLANNERS HAVE WORKED OUT DETAILS ON THE T/O'S FOR  
10.8K MAB. CURRENTLY THE T/O'S ARE UNDERGOING REVIEW BY  
DIVISION, WING, AND FLC TO INSURE THEY ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET  
THE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE MAB STAFF. MAJ  
BORJESSON WILL HAND CARRY THE GRADE AND SKILL BREAKDOWN TO  
YOUR HEADQUARTERS ARRIVING AT 120825W APR ON FLT T272.  
2. (TS) T/O DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO REF A WILL REQUIRE  
MODIFICATION OF THE TROOP LIST CONTAINED REF B AS FOLLOWS:

COMMAND ELEMENT  
MAB HQ AND HQ CO 349  
3RD CIT 16

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GROUND ELEMENT

1ST MAR REGT 3809  
1ST BN 11TH MAR (REIN) 570  
DET HQ BTRY 11TH MAR 57  
BTRY K (REIN) 4TH BN 11TH MAR 120  
CO A (REIN) 1ST RECON BN 85  
DET H&S CO 1ST RECON BN 16  
DET 1ST FORCE RECON 39  
CO A (REIN) 1ST ENGR BN 139  
DET H&S CO 1ST ENGR BN 4  
CO C 1ST SP BN 67  
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DET H&S CO 1ST MED BN 5  
CO A (REIN) 1ST MT BN 79  
DET H&S CO 1ST MT BN 3

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CC C (CENR): 1ST TR BN	118
DET N2S CG 1ST TR BN	19
1ST 175MM GUN BTRY	171
1ST 8" HOW BTRY	226
TOTAL	5635

AVIATION ELEMENT

MAG 11	
HMS 11	365
MABS 11	450
VIA-311 (20/A-4)	219
ZNA-VIA-311	34
VNA(AW)-242	295
ZNA-VNA(AW)-242	69
DET VMO-2 (4/OV-10)	53
DET MASS-3 (DASS, ASPT)	68
TOTAL	1958

MAG 16	
HMS-16	262
MABS-16	379
NNM-263 (21/CH-460)	237
INA NNM-263	21

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HML-167 (12/UH-1E, 18/AH1)	297
INA - HML-167	29
DET MNM-463 (6/CH-53)	68
HATCU-68	68
TOTAL	1372
TOTAL	2925

SUPPORT ELEMENT

DET 1ST FSR	542
DET 1ST SERV BN	364
DET 1ST RAD BN	75
2ND SSCT	10
COMM SPT CO 7TH COMM BN	255
DET 11TH DENT CO	2
CO A (-) REIN 1ST MP BN	183
CO B 1ST MP BN	121
CO A REIN 7TH ENGR BN	284
	1816
TOTAL	10,800

3. (TS) ABOVE SUPERSEDES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TROOP LIST FOR THE 10. BK MAB AS CONTAINED REF B. WARM REGARDS.

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He's only partly correct. Our figs were 700+ & we wanted to ensure that the transition 600 didn't bite the MAB for the expense w/ 600.

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 INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN (MARINE CORPS  
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 250205Z MAR 70 (TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)

1. (TS) REFERENCE A ADDRESSED AMONG OTHER THINGS THE  
 POSSIBILITY OF REEXAMINING THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF  
 THE SUPPORT TRANSITION FORCE. UNDERLYING THIS RECOMEN-  
 DATION WAS THE INFERENCE THAT ANY SAVINGS THAT MIGHT  
 ACCRUE BY REDUCING THESE NON III MAF PROGRAM 9 SPACES  
 COULD CONCEIVABLY BE RE-CAPTURED AS III MAF SPACES,  
 THEREBY NEGATING THE NECESSITY TO DRAWDOWN ON THE STRUC-  
 TURE OF THE RESIDUAL MAF FORCES.

2. (S) FOR THE MOST PART THE SPACES IN QUESTION PERMIT  
 THE MARINE CORPS TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT STAFF ACTION

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 AND DEFENSE AGENCY SUPPORT MISSIONS. ANY EFFORT TO  
 REDUCE THESE BILLETS WOULD REQUIRE SEPARATE NEGOTIATION  
 WITH EACH ACTIVITY INVOLVED. IN ADDITION THE SPACES  
 WOULD NOT ACCRUE TO III MAF, BUT WOULD BE RETAINED BY  
 COMUSMACV AS PART OF HIS OVERALL CEILING.

3. (TS) THEREFORE THE SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE SHOULD  
 BE CONSIDERED AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ENTITY FROM  
 III MAF AND REGARDLESS OF ANY DETERMINATION OR FLUCTUATION  
 IN THE SIZE OR COMPOSITION OF THE SUPPORT/TRANSITION  
 FORCE THERE WOULD BE NO BENEFIT FOR III MAF.

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FORCE PLANNING

1. SAM JASKILKA CALLED AND STATED THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY GEN KRAFT, DEPUTY J-3, WHO WORKS ON FORCE PLANNING, THAT COMUSMACV WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS TROOP LIST ALTERNATIVES LAST NIGHT. COMUSMACV ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BUY THE USMC 1,200 TEMPORARY ROLL-UP FORCE AND THAT, IF REDEPLOYMENT NUMBERS REQUIRE IT, THE MARINE MATERIEL WOULD HAVE TO BE ROLLED UP NLT THE END OF PHASE IV.
2. SAM FURTHER STATED THAT DECISIONS IN REGARD TO PHASE IV WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON ON 13 APRIL. HAPPY DAY BEFORE BIRTHDAY.

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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND BGEN PADALINO FROM LTGEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //N00000// DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR POST PHASE IV RESIDUAL FORCES (TS)

A. CG FMFPAC 112001Z/MAR 70 (TS) (SPECAT)

B. CMC 262135Z/MAR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, AND UNODIR I PROPOSE TO EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE III MAF AND FLC SPECIAL ALLOWANCES AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCE DESIGNATIONS (T/E P-4960 AND T/E P-4970) IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROCEDURES RECOMMENDED REF A AND APPROVED REF B.

A. SUBSEQUENT TO UTILIZING III MAF AND FLC SPECIAL ALLOWANCE EQUIP ASSETS TO FILL T/E DEFICIENCIES OF THE RESIDUAL MAB AND PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SCREENING/REDISTRIBUTION ACTIONS

PAGE TWO RUHHFMA0307 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCL FOR MCEO IAW PAR 1.B. REF A, AS MODIFIED BY PAR. 2.B. REF B, SPECIAL ALLOWANCE REQUIREMENTS OF POST PHASE IV RESIDUAL MAB AND LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL BE SATISFIED.

B. UPON COMPLETION ACTION RECOMMENDED PAR 1.A. ABOVE, III MAF SPECIAL ALLOWANCE P-4963 WILL BE REDESIGNATED AS RESIDUAL MAB SPECIAL ALLOWANCE T/E P-4960. FLC SPECIAL ALLOWANCE T/E P-4970 WILL BE REDESIGNATED LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE SPECIAL ALLOWANCE T/E P-4970.

2. (TS) ACTIONS RECOMMENDED PAR. 1.A AND 1.B ABOVE WILL PERMIT SPECIAL ALLOWANCE REQUIREMENTS OF IN-COUNTRY RESIDUAL FORCES TO BE MET WHILE RETAINING ESSENTIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE DNG 813 EYES ONLY  
SUBJECT: MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE (MAB) CONCEPT OF  
OPERATIONS

REFERENCES: A. CG III MAF 020045Z MAR 70 (TS/SPECAT/EYES ONLY),  
SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING

B. XXIV CORPS 031405Z APR 70 (TS/SENSITIVE/EYES  
ONLY) DNG 784, SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING

1. REF A IDENTIFIES III MAF OPTIONS FOR 1000 ADDITIONAL  
SPACES FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT AND ADDRESSES CONCEPT OF  
OPERATIONS FOR THE MAB. REF B FORWARDS XXIV CORPS REC-  
COMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO MACV REGARDING YOUR SPACE OPTIONS.  
2. YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING MAB COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS, MISSION,  
CONCEPT AND AREA OF OPERATIONS ARE VALID FOR PLANNING PURPOSES  
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS IMPOSED BY APPROACHING AND FUTURE  
REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENT DECISIONS AND THE CURRENT SITUATION  
IN ICTZ AT THE TIME. I DO NOT VISUALIZE ANY CONDITIONS  
REQUIRING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT THEREFORE THIS  
CAPABILITY CAN BE TAILORED ACCORDINGLY. MY STAFF WILL MAINTAIN  
CLOSE COORDINATION WITH YOUR OPERATIONS/PLANNING ELEMENTS AS  
MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION AND/OR PLANS ARE DEVELOPED.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GEN ABRAM'S 061453Z APR 70 TO  
ADM MCCAIN, INFO GEN WHEELER, GEN HAINES, ADM  
HYLAND, GEN NAZZARO AND ME, WHICH I AM PROVIDING  
FOR INFORMATION. QUOTE:

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING - RVN (U)

REFERENCES: A. MAC 3805/131133Z MAR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

B. JCS 4615/032353Z APR 70 (TS)

C. CINCPAC 051034Z APR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A PROVIDES MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AS OF

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13 MARCH 1970.

B. REF B REQUESTS THE COMPOSITION AND US FORCES TO REMAIN  
IN RVN FOR PHASE 4 PACKAGES OF 20,000; 30,000; AND 40,000 SPACES.  
IT ALSO REQUESTS A STATEMENT OF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH.

C. REF C REQUESTS RESPONSE TO REF B BE ADDRESSED TO PACOM  
COMPONENT COMMANDERS.

2. (TS) THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFS B AND C.

3. (TS) THE SITUATION PERMITTING, FORCE PACKAGES WOULD CON-  
TINUE EXECUTION OF THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION AND WOULD BE COMPOSED  
APPROXIMATELY AS SHOWN BELOW. AN ALTERNATIVE INTRODUCING AN  
ARMY BRIGADE IS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH D, REMARKS.

A. 20,000 FORCE PACKAGE:

		T H O U S A N D   S P A C E S
USMC	RLI (PLUS), 1 ATK/PER SQDN	
	2 HELO SQDNS	12.5
USN	SUPPORT	5.2
USA	ELEMENTS	.9
USAF	ELEMENTS	1.4
	TOTAL	20.0

B. 50,000 FORCE PACKAGE:

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USMC	III MAF (-MAB REINF)	21.9	9.5
USN	SUPPORT	5.8	
USA	ELEMENTS	.9	
USAF	ELEMENTS	1.4	
	TOTAL	30.0	

C. 40,000 FORCE PACKAGE:

USMC	III MAF (-MAB)	29.4
USN	SUPPORT	8.0
USA	ELEMENTS	.9
USAF	ELEMENTS	1.7
	TOTAL	40.0

D. REMARKS.

(1) USMC MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE (MAB) COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

- RLT
- 2 ATK/ATR SQDNS
- 2 HELO SQDNS
- 2 175MM HOW BRTYS
- 1 COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG)
- MARINE ROLL-UP FORCE

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(2) UNDER 30,000 PACKAGE, USMC MAB REMAINING IN RVN WOULD BE REINFORCED BY AN ADDITIONAL BLT, 2 ATK/ATR SQDNS, 2 HELO SQDNS, 1 CAG, AND OTHER COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES.

(3) USA ELEMENTS TENTATIVELY INCLUDE THREE AIRPLANE COMPANIES.

(4) USAF ELEMENTS INCLUDE 2 TACTICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRONS.

(5) IF INDICATED BY THE SITUATION, A PRIMARY ALTERNATIVE TO PROVIDE FOR RETENTION OF MORE US MARINE COMBAT POWER IN I CTZ WOULD BE TO REDEPLOY AN ARMY BRIGADE. THAT BRIGADE, WITH SUPPORT, WOULD PERMIT REDUCING USMC SPACES SHOWN ABOVE BY ABOUT 6.3 THOUSAND SPACES. SUCH ACTION WOULD ALLOW RETENTION IN RVN OF THE BULK OF AN RLT PLUS OTHER COMBAT SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

4. (TS) MAJOR US COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES REMAINING AFTER PHASE 4 WOULD BE:

	20,000 PACKAGE	30,000 PACKAGE	40,000 PACKAGE
COMBAT DIVISIONS	5 1/3	4 2/3	4 2/3
SEP BDE/MAB	4	5 (1)	5
ARMY CAV REGT	1	1	1
SEP ARMY CAV SQDN	3	3	3

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SEP AIR CAV SQDNS	3	3	3
ATK/FTR SQDNS (3)	23	22	20
AIRLIFT SQDNS (4)	11	11	11
RECON SQDNS	5	5	5

## NOTES:

- (1) RL1 WITH USMC MAB REINFORCED.
- (2) INCLUDES 61 USA HELLO COS, BALANCE ARE USMC HELLO SQDNS.
- (3) DOES NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASED IN THAILAND OR 2 CVA'S ON STATION.
- (4) INCLUDES 3 C-130 SQDNS FORM 834TH AIR DIV.
5. (TS) THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DECISION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS AT THIS TIME ARE COVERED IN REF A. EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND ENEMY ACTIONS IN LAOS AND RVN SINCE DISPATCH OF THAT ASSESSMENT HAVE MAGNIFIED THOSE RISKS AND PLACED ADDED IMPORTANCE ON MAINTENANCE OF FLEXIBILITY TO REACT TO THE OPTIONS OPEN TO THE ENEMY. THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPECIFIC PACKAGES UNDER CONSIDERATION IS ESSENTIALLY A MATTER OF DEGREE RELATED TO THE SIZESGF THE INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE

PAGE SIX RUHNFMA 0852 TOP SECRET SENSITIVE EXCL FOR MCEO AND, ALTERNATIVELY, THE AREA FROM WHICH FORCES WOULD BE REDEPLOYED. REDEPLOYMENT OF USMC FORCES FROM I CTZ WOULD REQUIRE REPLACEMENT BY RVNAF IN THAT RELATIVELY HIGH THREAT AREA; SUCH REPLACEMENT WOULD DRAW DOWN THE GENERAL RESERVE AND REDUCE CAPABILITY FOR REINFORCING OTHER AREAS SUCH AS NORTHERN I CTZ AND IV CTZ. SIMILARILY, ALTERNATIVE REDEPLOYMENT OF AN US ARMY BRIGADE (PROBABLY COMING FROM III CTZ) WOULD REDUCE THE CAPABILITY OF US FORCES TO FILL GAPS LEFT BY MOVEMENT OF RVNAF GENERAL RESERVE REINFORCEMENTS TO OTHER AREAS.

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ADM NYLAND FROM LTGEN BUSE. //NO0000//

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CINCPAC 051035ZAPR/70 (TS-EYES ONLY)

B. COMUSMACV 061453ZAPR/70 (TS-SENSITIVE-EYES ONLY)

1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED MY CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO COMUSMACV'S RESPONSE (REF B) TO PHASE IV FORCE PACKAGE ALTERNATIVES OF 20K, 30K AND 40K.

2. (TS) MY PARAMOUNT CONCERN IN CONSIDERING THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PHASE IV MARINE WITHDRAWALS HAS BEEN TO INSURE THAT WHATEVER SIZE MARINE FORCE IS LEFT IN RVN AFTER PHASE IV IS A BALANCED AND THEREFORE EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE. THE COMMENTS BELOW ARE PREMISED ON THIS RATIONALE.

3. (TS) SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO REF B:

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A. PAR 3.A. PROPOSES A USMC WITHDRAWAL OF 12.5K AS PART OF THE 20K FORCE PACKAGE. THIS SIZE WITHDRAWAL WOULD LEAVE REMAINING IN RVN A MAF CONSISTING OF ONLY TWO INFANTRY REGIMENTS SUPPORTED BY A MARINE AIRCRAFT WING TO INCLUDE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF WING LEVEL SUPPORT. I CANNOT CONCUR IN THE IMBALANCE REPRESENTED BY THIS FORCE MIX AND THEREFORE RECOMMEND NO MARINE WITHDRAWALS UNDER THE 20K FORCE PACKAGE. IN THE EVENT THE FOREGOING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, I RECOMMEND WITHDRAWAL OF AN ARMY BDE AT 6.3K (PAR 3.D.(5) REF B) THEREBY REDUCING THE USMC SHARE OF 6.2K WHICH WOULD BE A LESSER IMBALANCE. IN THIS CASE MY RECOMMENDED 6.2K MARINE WITHDRAWAL FORCE PACKAGE WOULD CONSIST OF:

- ONE ELT
- DET REGT HQ CO
- HMM
- ENGR BN(-)
- D/S ARTY BTRY
- FORCE RECON CO
- TWO CAGS

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B. PAR 3.B. PROPOSES A USMC WITHDRAWAL OF 21.9K AS  
PART OF THE 30K FORCE PACKAGE. THIS WOULD SERVE TO  
REDUCE III MAF TO ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT  
SUPPORTED BY A MARINE AIRCRAFT WING(=) TO INCLUDE A FULL  
COMPLEMENT OF WING LEVEL SUPPORT. THIS OBVIOUS FORCE  
IMBALANCE CANNOT BE CONCURRED IN AND I RECOMMEND,  
RATHER, WITHDRAWAL OF 29.4K MARINES OR AS CLOSE THERETO  
AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE 30K CEILING.

C. PAR 3.C. PROPOSES WITHDRAWAL OF 29.4K MARINES  
AS PART OF THE 40K FORCE PACKAGE. I CONCUR IN THIS  
ALTERNATIVE SINCE IT PERMITS RETENTION IN RVN OF A  
BALANCED FORCE CONSISTING OF:

- (1) MAB-10.8K
    - ONE RLI
    - TWO ATK/FTR SQDNS
    - ONE MED AND ONE LIGHT HELO SQDN W/A DET OF HEAVY HEL OS
    - ONE 175 MM BTRY AND ONE 5" HOW BTRY
    - LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP
  - (2) SUPPORT/TRANSITION FORCE - .6K
  - (3) CAG - .6K
  - (4) LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE - 1.2K
- TOTAL 13.2K

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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O 070605Z APR 70

FM CG III MAF

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BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

(DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS)

FOR CE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 060551Z APR 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. (TS) CERTAIN WING ELEMENTS ERRONEOUSLY OMITTED FROM LIST  
OF UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED CONTAINED IN REF A. REQUEST CHANGE  
PARA 2.0 AND 2.6 TO INDICATE THAT RLT-5 (-) CONSISTS OF  
HQ CO AND 1 BLT. FURTHER, ADD THE FOLLOWING:

MWHG-1 (-)

MWSG-17 (-)

MWHG-18 (-)

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DATE 6 APR 70

C. A. Leedy Sgt

VZNY TTTT  
O 060551Z APR 70  
FM CG 111 MAF  
TO CG FMFRAC  
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XFOR LTGEN BUSE  
FROM LTGEN MCDUTCHSON  
(DELIVER IMMEDIATELY)  
FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. 060730H APR 70 TELECON BETWEEN MAJOR BORNESON 111 MAF PLANS AND COL GERRITY MAGJO PLANS
- B. CG 111 MAF 051629Z APR 70 (TTS) SPECAT/MCEO
- 1. (TTS) BY REFERENCE A MAGJ HAS MODIFIED OPTION A OF PACKAGES 1 AND 2 BY INCLUDING .9K REPEAT .9K ARMY UNDER EACH PACKAGE NOW MARINE CORPS PACKAGES ARE 1.A. 12.5K AND 2.A. 21.9K.
- 2. (TTS) FOLLOWING IS REVISED AND MORE REFINED LIST OF MAJOR UNITS RECOMMENDED FOR REDEPLOYMENT UNDER EACH FORCE PACKAGE AND OPTION CONTAINED REF B AS MODIFIED BY REF A:

A. PACKAGE 1, OPTION A - 12.5K  
RLT-7  
1ST MP BN (-)

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- 2 MM
- VMFA-314
- 9TH ENGINEER BN (-)
- 3D 8" HOW BTRY
- 3D BN, 11TH MARINES
- 3D FORCE RECON CO
- 3 CAG'S
- DET FLC 916
- OTHER
- TOTAL 12.5K INCLUDES 388 NAVY SPACES.
- B. PACKAGE 1, OPTION B - 6.3K
- BLT 3/7
- HQ 7TH MARINES
- MM-364
- 9TH ENGINEER BN (-)
- BTRY 3D BN, 11TH MARINES
- 3D FORCE RECON CO
- 2 CAG'S
- DET FLC 350
- OTHER

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TOTAL 6.5K INCLUDES 151 NAVY SPACES.

C. PACKAGE 2, OPTION A - 21.9K

HQBN, 1ST MARDIV (-)

RLT - 7

RLT-5 (-)

→ (= HqCo + 1BLT) MAF 09060523

1ST MP BN (-)

2 VMFA

VMCJ-1

2 HMM

1 HMM (-)

ADD MWHG-1 (-)

VMO-2 (-)

MW 56-17 (-)

MAL-167

MW 6-18 (-)

7TH ENGINEER BN (-)

9TH ENGINEER BN (-)

5TH COMM BN (-)

3D FORCE RECON CO

1ST BRIDGE CO (-)

HQ BTRY (-), 11TH MARINES

2D BN, 11TH MARINES (-)

3D BN 11TH MARINES

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4TH BN, 11TH MARINES (-)

1ST ENGINEER BN (-)

1ST RECON BN (-)

1ST MT BN (-)

11TH MT BN (-)

1ST MED BN (-)

3 CAG'S

DET FLO 1,585

OTHER

TOTAL 21.9K INCLUDES 985 NAVY SPACES.

D. PACKAGE 2, OPTION B - 16K (GROUND HEAVY)

RLT-7

RLT-5 (-)

DET HQBN 1ST MARDIV

1ST MP BN (-)

2 HMM

VMFA-314

HMM-263 (-)

VMO-2 (-)

9TH ENGINEER BN (-)

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PAGE FIVE RUMLEPAD911 TOP SECRET SPECAT/MCEO  
7TH ENGINEER BN (-)  
30 8<sup>TH</sup> HOW BTRY  
30 BN, 11TH MARINES  
20 BN, 11TH MARINES (-)  
3 CARS  
DET FLD 916  
OTHER  
TOTAL 16K INCLUDES 577 NAVY SPACES  
E. PACKAGE 2, OPTION B - 16K, 0A1R HEAVY  
PLT-7  
30 BN, 5TH MARINES  
1ST MP BN (-)  
30 FORCE RECON CO  
DET HQ BN  
30 8<sup>TH</sup> HOW BTRY  
9TH ENGINEER BN (-)  
30 BATTALION, 11TH MARINES  
MAG -13 (-)  
2UMFA  
VMO-2

PAGE SIX RUMLEPAD911 TOP SECRET SPECAT/MCEO  
2 HMM  
VMOJ-1  
MAGS (-)  
HMH-7  
3 CARS  
DET FLD 916  
OTHER  
TOTAL 16K INCLUDES 524 NAVY SPACES.  
MAG-13 RELOCATES (2) F-4 SQUADRONS OUT OF COUNTRY AND (1)  
F-4 SQUADRON AND (1) A-4 SQUADRON TO DAMANG CLOSING CHU LAI.  
F. PACKAGE 3, OPTION B - 22.4K  
ALL UNITS LESS THE 13.9K (10.3K MAB AS PREVIOUSLY  
SUBMITTED.  
G. PACKAGE 3, OPTION B - 22.4K  
SAME AS PACKAGE 2, OPTION A, WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO  
7TH ENGINEER BN (-) PLUS 270  
HQB, 1ST MARDIV (-) PLUS 100  
DET FLD PLUS 115  
NAVY SPACES PLUS 7  
D. (C) ABOVE RETAINS WAF STRUCTURE FOR PACKAGE 1 AND PACKAGE  
BT

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FM CG III MAF  
TO CG PYPAC  
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FOR LT GRN DISE FROM LTGEN MCCOY/CHRON 2,  
2, OPTION 5. MAB STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE WITH PACKAGE 2, OPTION 2,  
AND PACKAGE 3.  
WARM REGARDS  
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From: Chief of Staff  
 To: CG

SENT THIS OUT IN VIEW OF CRASH ON NEW FROOP LISTS & THE FACT WE UNDERSTAND FMFPCC DOES NOT REALLY EXIST UNTIL 10 APRIL.

V. R.  
 LEO J. DULACKI

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- A. CG FMFPAC 012217Z APR 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)
  - B. CG III MAF 051629Z APR 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)
  - 1. (C) IN VIEW REF B REQUEST FORTY EIGHT HOUR DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF GRADES AND SKILLS REQUESTED REF A.
- W A R M R E G A R D S .

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O 051629Z APR 70

FM CG III MAF

TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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TOP SECRET/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

(DELIVER IMMEDIATELY)

FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO MACV REQUEST, XXIV CORPS AND III MAF FORCE PLANNERS VISITED SAIGON AFTERNOON OF 5 APRIL AND WERE INFORMED:

A. JCS HAS RECOMMENDED TO SECDEF DELAY OF PHASE IV UNTIL 15 JUNE, BUT ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC.

B. CJCS HAS REQUESTED COMUSMACV VIEWS ON PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS TOTALING 20K, 30K, AND 40K.

C. INPUT DUE CINCPAC BY COB 6 APRIL (HOTEL TIME).

C. COMUSMACV IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RETAINING ADDITIONAL MARINE FIXED WING AIR.

2. (TS) DISCUSSIONS AT ACTION OFFICER LEVEL RESULTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF TWO OPTIONS, MARINE HEAVY (OPTION A) AND ARMY

PAGE TWO RUMLNPA0814 TOP SECRET/SPECAT/MCEO CONTRIBUTING (OPTION B), FOR EACH OF THREE FORCE PACKAGES. FIGURES THAT FOLLOW ARE FORCES TO BE REDEPLOYED IN EACH CASE: (READ 7 COLUMNS).

PACKAGE	1 20,000		2 30,000		3 40,000	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
USMC	13.4	6.3	22.8	16.3	29.4	22.4
USA	5	7.2	0	7.2	.9	3.1
USN	5.2	5.1	5.8	5.4	8.0	7.8
USAF	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.7

3. (TS) IN GENERAL TERMS, WE ENVISION MARINE CORPS FORCES FOR EACH OF THE PACKAGES AND OPTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

PACKAGE 1		PACKAGE 2	
OPTION		OPTION	
A	B	A	B
RLT PLUS BN	RLT	2 RLT MINUS BN	RLT PLUS BN
2 TFS	MMM	2 TFS	2 TFS
2 HELO		3 HELO	3 HELO
2 CAG		3 CAG	3 CAG

13.4

6.3

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 13.4                      6.3                      22.8                      16.0

PACKAGE 3  
 OPTION

A	B
PER CURRENT 13.2K	2 RLT MINUS BN
MAB PLANNING	2 TFS
	3 HELD
	3 CAS

29.4                      22.4

4. (IS) WE ARE EXAMINING THE VARIOUS OPTIONS TO DETERMINE AT WHAT LEVEL THE PRESENT MAF STRUCTURE SHOULD BE RETAINED VICE THE PLANNED MAB.
5. (IS) I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ANY OF FOREGOING WITH MEL ZAIS. I BELIEVE HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO OPT STRONGLY FOR THE RETENTION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER MARINES IN ICIZ POSSIBLY AT SACRIFICE OF SOME ARMY SUPPORT FORCES.
6. (IS) MY STAFF IS LABORING THROUGH THE NIGHT TO REFINE ACTION OFF. INPUT CONTAINED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE PRIOR TO MACV SUBMISSION TO CINCPAC TOMORROW. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT COMUSMACV INPUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT OPT FOR EITHER OPTION UNDER THE THREE

PAGE FOUR RUMLPASS14 T O P S E C R E T /SPECAT/MCEO  
 PACKAGES. I SHALL OF COURSE ADVISE YOU OF CHANGES ASAP. IF PRACTICAL, SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS.  
 WARM REGARDS.

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FM CG III MAF

TO RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC

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"EXCLUSIVE"

T O P S E C R E T / EXCLUSIVE / MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
 (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO:  
 QUOTE

O 031405Z ZYX ZFF-3 ZFF-6  
 FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS DA NANG  
 TO MG DOLVIN COPS MACV SAIGON  
 INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVPORV SAIGON  
 LTG MC CUTCHEON CG III MAF DA NANG  
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE DWG 784 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)  
 REFERENCE: MAC 2791 EYES ONLY, DTG 220930Z MAR 70.

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1. (TS) REFERENCE REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO IDENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM XXIV CORPS FORCES FOR PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT.
2. (TS) SHOULD THE PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT REQUIRE A DRAWDOWN OF ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM THIS COMMAND, RECOMMEND THAT THE SPACES BE REDEPLOYED FROM THE 1200 USMC SPACES PROPOSED BY CG III MAF FOR A LOGISTICAL ROLL-UP FORCE, WHILE RETAINING THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED AS A TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH. DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPPING AND THE DATES OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF PHASE 4, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ROLL-UP FORCE WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS TASKS IN 90-120 DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE LAST PHASE 4 MARINE CORPS UNIT. THIS PROPOSAL IS FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO THIS COMMAND AND CG III MAF.
3. (TS) CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE 10,800 SPACES FOR THE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE TO REMAIN IN THIS COMMAND SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY CG III MAF. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED:
  - A. THE MAB IS A CAREFULLY TAILORED FORCE WHICH HAS UNDERGONE PREVIOUS REVIEW TO DETERMINE MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE FORCE LEVELS. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS UNISERVICE FORCE OF COMBINED

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"MCEO" "EXCLUSIVE"

PAGE THREE RUMLNPA0744 T O P S E C R E T / EXCLUSIVE / MCEO  
 ARMS CAN NOT BE FURTHER REDUCED AND AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN  
 ITS CAPABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY PERFORM MISSIONS REQUIRED BY THIS  
 COMMAND.

B. A REDUCTION OF UP TO 221 SPACES FROM THE MAB HAS BEEN  
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 THAT THE ROLL-UP FORCE PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND FURTHER  
 MARINE SPACES MUST BE IDENTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ELIMINATE THE FORCE ENGINEER BATTALION (-) AND REPLACE  
 WITH A COMPANY OF COMBAT ENGINEERS.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION IS NOT RECOMMENDED IN VIEW  
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(2) DELETE THE HEAVY HELICOPTER (CH-53) DETACHMENT.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION IN HELICOPTER CAPABILITY IS  
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 TROOP DENSITY WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN SUPPORT RE-

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 FORCES AS WELL AS EXPANDING AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RE-  
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 FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT.

(3) REDUCE THE DETACHMENT RADIO BATTALION TO A TOTAL OF 85  
 SPACES.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: NOT RECOMMENDED. THERE IS A PRESSING NEED  
 FOR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM SOURCES TARGETED DIRECTLY  
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 HAS PROVEN INVALUABLE TO THIS COMMAND AND IS EXPECTED TO  
 BECOME INCREASINGLY CRITICAL IN THE FUTURE.

(4) DELETE THE MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: ANY REDUCTION IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WHILE  
 THE DENSITY OF AIR TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA IS MAINTAINED AT  
 CURRENT LEVELS WOULD PRESENT A FURTHER CRITICAL PROBLEM IN  
 THE DA NANG AREA.

(5) ELIMINATE THE DETACHMENT OF THE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE  
 COMPANY.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THE LOSS OF THE MAB CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT

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 LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IS NOT RECOMMENDED. A CRITICAL  
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UNQUOTE. WARM REGARDS.

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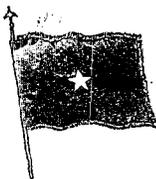
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4 April 70

Dear Gen McCutcheon,

Regarding my note of a couple days ago on regarding troop re-deployments.

I have now seen the CJCS message. It says in effect that:

a. CJCS recognizes COMUSMACV view that there be a pause for the next 90 days.

b. JCS supported COMUSMACV view and added the impact of recent activity in Laos + Cambodia as reasons for <sup>suspensions</sup> COMUSMACV's view.

c. SECDEF is apparently heading for a fourth phase which will end about mid-August and which he will keep as low as possible. CJCS estimates SECDEF is thinking in terms of 35-40 thousand.

The info I gave you about Marines was NOT in that message of course. Rather it was the thinking of the principal officer working on the problem.

The staff is busy working up some kind of message to CJCS. However, at this time I know too little to be informative at this time.

VR,

Sam Jaskella

PS. Things are moving along fine at this end on an award for CSC.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) I HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED TO CAMP SMITH TO FIND YOUR MESSAGE OF CONCERN AS TO PERSONNEL STAFFING OF THE MAF. YOUR THOUGHTS REGARDING THE "SHOWCASE" CONCEPT AND GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENT ARE APPRECIATED AND I WILL DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU PERSONNALLY DURING MY VISIT LATER IN THE MONTH.
2. (TS) WITH REGARD TO THE EFFECT OF MIXMASTER, AS YOU KNOW THE DILEMMA IN SELECTING PERSONNEL CRITERIA FOR THESE WITHDRAWALS IS ALWAYS THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE BETWEEN EQUITY OF TOUR LENGTH FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT READINESS. INDIVIDUAL EQUITY REQUIRES "MIX-MASTERING" OF PERSONNEL WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECTS UNIT

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 READINESS. IN THE LAST TWO REDEPLOYMENTS THE CRITERIA HAS BEEN A COMPROMISE TOWARD EQUITY, AS YOU HAVE STATED THIS HAS RESULTED IN LESS THAN OPTIMUM READINESS POSTURE. WITH THIS IN MIND THE SUBJECT OF PERSONNEL CRITERIA FOR PHASE IV WAS OPENED TO HOMC SOMETIME AGO. RECENTLY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND MY STAFF HERE WORKED OUT A PROPOSED PLAN THAT ACCOMMODATES QUITE WELL TO EQUITY, READINESS, PERSONNEL AVAILABILITY, TRANSPORTATION AND ROTATION HUMPS. THE PLAN STRESSES ADHERENCE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO AN "AS IS" STATUS FOR UNITS REMAINING IN-COUNTRY AND WILL RETAIN THEIR 12 MONTH EVEN SPREAD OF RYD'S.  
 PERHAPS I WILL HAVE FURTHER INDICATION OF STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL BY THE TIME OF MY VISIT. ALTHOUGH THE "SHOWCASE" CONCEPT MIGHT ENTER THE PICTURE, I HAVE A FEELING IT WILL RELATE TO A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF KEY BILLETS.

3. (TS) THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU ADDRESSED OF THE DESIREABILITY OF UNITS VS. INDIVIDUAL ROTATION TO ACCOMPLISH SPLIT TOURING WILL DEPEND GREATLY ON HOW

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STRONGLY THE COMMANDANT FEELS REGARDING SPLIT TOUR  
IN THE POST PHASE IV CLIMATE. WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, DONE  
OUR BEST TO PROVIDE FOR INDIVIDUAL SPLIT TOUR OPPOR-  
TUNITIES ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT READINESS IS NOT TOO  
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. THERE WILL BE NO SPLIT TOUR QUOTAS  
ASSIGNED FOR APRIL.

4. REST ASSURED THAT IN ALL THESE STAFF  
MACHINATIONS WE WILL PUSH FOR THE COURSE OF ACTION  
WHICH WILL GIVE THE FORCES IN-COUNTRY THE BEST  
POSSIBLE READINESS POSTURE. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE DNG 784 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: MAC 2791 EYES ONLY, DTG 220930Z MAR 70.

1. (TS) REFERENCE REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO IDENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM XXIV CORPS FORCES FOR PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT.

2. (TS) SHOULD THE PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT REQUIRE A DRAWDOWN OF ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM THIS COMMAND, RECOMMEND THAT THE SPACES BE REDEPLOYED FROM THE 1200 USMC SPACES PROPOSED BY CG III MAF FOR A LOGISTICAL ROLL-UP FORCE, WHILE RETAINING THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED AS A TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH. DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPPING AND THE DATES OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF PHASE 4, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ROLL-UP FORCE WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS TASKS IN 90-120 DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE LAST PHASE 4 MARINE CORPS UNIT. THIS PROPOSAL IS FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO THIS COMMAND AND CG III MAF.

3. (TS) CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE 10,800 SPACES FOR THE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE TO REMAIN IN THIS COMMAND SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY CG III MAF. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED:

A. THE MAB IS A CAREFULLY TAILORED FORCE WHICH HAS UNDERGONE PREVIOUS REVIEW TO DETERMINE MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE FORCE LEVELS. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS UNISERVICE FORCE OF COMBINED ARMS CAN NOT BE FURTHER REDUCED AND AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN ITS CAPABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY PERFORM MISSIONS REQUIRED BY THIS COMMAND.

B. A REDUCTION OF UP TO 921 SPACES FROM THE MAB HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY CG III MAF FOR CONSIDERATION, UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ROLL-UP FORCE PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND FURTHER MARINE SPACES MUST BE IDENTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ELIMINATE THE FORCE ENGINEER BATTALION (-) AND REPLACE WITH A COMPANY OF COMBAT ENGINEERS.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION IS NOT RECOMMENDED IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL REQUIREMENT IN THIS COMMAND FOR HEAVY ENGINEER ASSETS AND THE CONSIDERABLE BACKLOG OF APPROVED, PRIORITY ENGINEER PROJECTS PENDING START OR COMPLETION IN I CTZ. REPLACEMENT ARMY OR NAVY MCB SUPPORT WOULD NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR SUBSTITUTION.

(2) DELETE THE HEAVY HELICOPTER (CH-53) DETACHMENT.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION IN HELICOPTER CAPABILITY IS NOT RECOMMENDED IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL REQUIREMENT FOR AVIATION ASSETS IN THIS COMMAND. THE CONTINUING DECREASES IN TROOP DENSITY WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS MILITATES AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOSS OF ANY FURTHER HELICOPTER CAPABILITY. INCREASING SUPPORT FOR ARVN FORCES AS WELL AS EXPANDING AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMAINING US FORCES WILL INCREASE RATHER THAN REDUCE REQUIREMENTS FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT.

(3) REDUCE THE DETACHMENT RADIO BATTALION TO A TOTAL OF 85 SPACES.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: NOT RECOMMENDED. THERE IS A PRESSING NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM SOURCES TARGETED DIRECTLY AGAINST THE ENEMY. THIS TYPE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THE PAST HAS PROVEN INVALUABLE TO THIS COMMAND AND IS EXPECTED TO BECOME INCREASINGLY CRITICAL IN THE FUTURE.

(4) DELETE THE MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: ANY REDUCTION IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WHILE THE DENSITY OF AIR TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA IS MAINTAINED AT CURRENT LEVELS WOULD PRESENT A FURTHER CRITICAL PROBLEM IN THE DA NANG AREA.

(5) ELIMINATE THE DETACHMENT OF THE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THE LOSS OF THE MAB CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IS NOT RECOMMENDED. A CRITICAL REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR MORE SURVEILLANCE ASSETS THROUGHOUT THIS COMMAND DUE TO FORCE REDUCTIONS. MARINE FORCE RECON HAS ALREADY BEEN REDUCED 50 PER CENT IN PHASE 3 AND WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED IN THE PRESENT PHASE 4 REDEPLOYMENT. ANY FURTHER REDUCTION OF THIS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FORCE WOULD SERIOUSLY DEGRADE AN ALREADY SUB-STANDARD LEVEL OF CAPABILITY IN THIS COMMAND.

(6) DELETE THE 175MM GUN BATTERY (AS A LAST RESORT).

XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION OF HEAVY ARTILLERY IS NOT RECOMMENDED DUE TO THE CRITICAL REQUIREMENT FOR LONG RANGE ARTILLERY TO SUPPORT BOTH US AND GVN FORCES IN THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED INCREASED RELIANCE UPON HEAVY ARTILLERY TO MAKE UP FOR FORCES LOST TO REDEPLOYMENT IN THIS AREA, THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF THIS FIREPOWER WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SEVERE AND WOULD FURTHER DEGRADE THE PROTECTION OF THE DA NANG VIAL AREA.

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A. CG III MAF 020045Z MAR 70 (TS/SPECAT/EYES ONLY)

1. (TS) REF A IN ITS ENTIRETY IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE

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A. MACV 220930Z MAR 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) MAC 2781

B. CG III MAF 070057Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY)

1. REF A REQUESTS THAT CG, XXIV CORPS IDENTIFY LOGG ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM FORCES UNDER HIS OPCON FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT. STATEMENT OF IMPACT AND RELATIVE PRIORITY OF UNITS FOR REDEPLOYMENT ALSO DESIRED WITH SPECIFIC COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING 16.8K MAB AND/OR REDEPLOYING 1200 LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE SPACES, BUT RETAINING PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY AS TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH.

2. THE LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE IS A TEMPORARY ADD ON TO POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCES AND IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ORDERLY RETROGRADE OF MARINE CORPS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV IS COMPLETED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED FORCE HAS NO ORGANIC SECURITY UNIT AND MUST RELY ON OTHER FORCES TO PROVIDE SECURITY UNTIL RETROGRADE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 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 1, THIS HEADQUARTERS INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO REDEPLOYMENT

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 OF 1200 SPACES DURING PHASE IV AS PROPOSED REF A PROVIDED THE PER-  
 SONNEL ARE RETAINED IN COUNTRY AS 1200 FOR THE PROGRAM STRENGTH FOR  
 UP TO 120 DAYS POST PHASE FOUR.

3. A. IF TEMPORARY OVERAGE IN PARA 2 IS NOT APPROVED, UP TO 750  
 SPACES COULD BE TAKEN FROM THE MAB AS FOLLOWS (OPTION II):

(1) ELIMINATE THE FORCE ENGINEER BATTALION (-) AND REPLACE  
 WITH A COMPANY OF COMBAT ENGINEERS.

(2) DELETE THE HEAVY HELICOPTER (CH-53) DETACHMENT.

(3) REDUCE THE DETACHMENT RADIO BATTALION TO A TOTAL OF  
 6 SPACES.

(4) DELETE THE MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT.

(5) ELIMINATE THE DETACHMENT OF THE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE  
 COMPANY.

B. IF MORE THAN 750 SPACES MUST BE REDUCED, THE 175MM GUN  
 BATTERY (6 GUNS) COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE TASK ORGANIZATION OF THE  
 MAB WITH AN ADDITIONAL SAVING OF 171 SPACES.

4. A. ADOPTION OF OPTION I WOULD HAVE NO FORESEEABLE IMPACT ON  
 EITHER THE MAB OR OPERATIONS IN RVN. IN REGARD TO OPTION II, THE  
 MAB CAPABILITIES AS SET FORTH TO COMUSMACV IN REF B, WOULD BE  
 REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) LOSS OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT ORGANIC TO THE FORCE  
 ENGINEERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF ARMY ENGINEER OR NAVY MOB  
 SUPPORT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

(2) NO HEAVY HELICOPTER LIFT WITHIN THE MAB.

(3) MINIMAL SUPPORT FROM THE RADIO BATTALION.

(4) THE CAPABILITY TO CONTROL HELICOPTERS UNDER ALL WEATHER  
 CONDITIONS IS REMOVED.

(5) THE MAB LOSES THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT LONG RANGE  
 RECON PATROLS.

B. THE IMPACT OF LOSS OF THE 175MM GUN BATTERY WOULD BE PAR-  
 TICULARLY SEVER FOR U.S. AS WELL AS ARVN FORCES OPERATING IN THE  
 AO. THIS BATTERY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REDUCTION ONLY AS A  
 LAST RESORT.

5. THE UNCERTAINTY OF TIMING FOR PHASE IV AND ATTENDANT VARIABLE  
 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AVAILABILITY RENDERS INFEASIBLE AT THIS TIME  
 THE PROMATION OF A DETAILED TIME PHASED REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. IN  
 GENERAL TERMS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ONE RLI, MOST LIKELY RLI-5,  
 AND ONE FIXED WING ATTACK SQUADRON WOULD REDEPLOY RELATIVELY EARLY  
 IN PHASE IV. THE BULK OF THE FMAW (INCLUDING THE REDEPLOYING FIXED  
 WING SQUADRONS) AND ITS HEADQUARTERS WOULD DEPART NEXT FOLLOWED BY

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RLT-7 WITH THE III MAF AND ISE MARINE HEADQUARTERS.

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SERVICES, FIRE PROTECTION, BRIG OPERATIONS AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES WILL REQUIRE ARMY ASSISTANCE.

7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES OF MISSION, CONCEPT AND AREA OF OPERATIONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6.  
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2 Apr 70

Dear Gen McCutcheon,

Here is some information - piecemeal -  
on the subject of re-deployments.

CJCS came in with a message yesterday detailing the present climate and the recommendations of the JCS to SECDEF. As I understand it, the JCS have recommended a 35 to 38 thousand package for the period 15 April - 15 August. There were other alternatives mentioned but I don't know what they were. I did not see the correspondence.

With respect to USMC am told it means all but an RCT of 10,000 Marines, ground and air, will go. Also, there was some provision for a 2000 man roll-up force for an unspecified period.

Soon as I can see the correspondence, will advise. Matter isn't settled yet. More to come.

VK

Sam Jaskella

P.S. Respectfully request you not divulge your source & to treat it with your sound discretion. Realize you appreciate the sensitivity of it at this time. SJ

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# HEADQUARTERS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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A. MACV 220930Z MAR 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) MAC 2781

B. CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY)

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 PRIORITY OF UNITS FOR REDEPLOYMENT ALSO DESIRED WITH SPECIFIC COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING 10.8K MAB AND/OR REDEPLOYING 1200 LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE SPACES, BUT RETAINING PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY AS TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH.

2. THE LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE IS A TEMPORARY ADD ON TO POST PHASE IV MARINE FORCES AND IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ORDERLY RETROGRADE OF MARINE CORPS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL REMAIN AFTER PHASE IV IS COMPLETED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED FORCE HAS NO ORGAINC SECURITY UNIT AND MUST RELY ON OTHER FORCES TO PROVIDE SECURITY UNTIL RETROGRADE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 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 1, THIS HEADQUARTERS INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO REDEPLOYMENT OF 1200 SPACES DURING PHASE IV AS PROPOSED REF A PROVIDED THE PERSONNEL ARE RETAINED IN COUNTRY AS 1200 FOR THE PROGRAM STRENGTH FOR UP TO 120 DAYS POST PHASE FOUR.

3. A. IF TEMPORARY OVERAGE IN PARA 2 IS NOT APPROVED, UP TO 750 SPACES COULD BE TAKEN FROM THE MAB AS FOLLOWS (OPTION II):

(1) ELIMINATE THE FORCE ENGINEER BATTALION (-) AND REPLACE WITH A COMPANY OF COMBAT ENGINEERS.

(2) DELETE THE HEAVY HELICOPTER (CH-53) DETACHMENT.

(3) REDUCE THE DETACHMENT RADIO BATTALION TO A TOTAL OF 85 SPACES.

(4) DELETE THE MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT.

(5) ELIMINATE THE DETACHMENT OF THE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.

B. IF MORE THAN 750 SPACES MUST BE REDUCED, THE 175MM GUN BATTERY (6 GUNS) COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE TASK ORGANIZATION OF THE MAB WITH AN ADDITIONAL SAVING OF 171 SPACES.

4. A. ADOPTION OF OPTION I WOULD HAVE NO FORESEEABLE IMPACT ON EITHER THE MAB OR OPERATIONS IN RVN. IN REGARD TO OPTION II, THE MAB CAPABILITIES AS SET FORTH TO COMUSMACV IN REF B, WOULD BE REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) LOSS OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT ORGANIC TO THE FORCE ENGINEERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF ARMY ENGINEER OR NAVY MCB SUPPORT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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- (2) NO HEAVY HELICOPTER LIFT WITHIN THE MAB.  
 (3) MINIMAL SUPPORT FROM THE RADIO BATTALION.  
 (4) THE CAPABILITY TO CONTROL HELICOPTERS UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS IS REMOVED.  
 (5) THE MAB LOSES THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT LONG RANGE RECON PATROLS.

B. THE IMPACT OF LOSS OF THE 175MM GUN BATTERY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SEVER FOR U.S. AS WELL AS ARVN FORCES OPERATING IN THE AO. THIS BATTERY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REDUCTION ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

5. THE UNCERTAINTY OF TIMING FOR PHASE IV AND ATTENDANT VARIABLE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AVAILABILITY RENDERS INFEASIBLE AT THIS TIME THE FROMATION OF A DETAILED TIME PHASED REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. IN GENERAL TERMS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ONE RLT, MOST LIKELY RLT-5, AND ONE FIXED WING ATTACK SQUADRON WOULD REDEPLOY RELATIVELY EARLY IN PHASE IV. THE BULK OF THE FMAW (INCLUDING THE REDEPLOYING FIXED WING SQUADRONS) AND ITS HEADQUARTERS WOULD DEPART NEXT FOLLOWED BY RLT-7 WITH THE III MAF AND 1ST MARDIV HEADQUARTERS.

6. AS A NEW BUT RELATED ITEM, ONGOING PLANNING FOR MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE ASSUMES THIS UNISERVICE FORCE OF COMBINED ARMS WILL BE TASKED TO EXECUTE MISSIONS AND TASKS AS DIRECTED BY COMUSMACV AND WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CG, XXIV CORPS. THE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ENVISAGES THAT THE MAB WILL USUALLY OPERATE IN AREAS ADJACENT TO THE DANANG VITAL AREA, BUT WILL RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO RELOCATE TO ANY AREA IN ICTZ FOR OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE THOSE SUPPORTED EXCLUSIVELY BY HELICOPTER FOR LIMITED DURATION. THE MAB IS TRAINED FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT, BUT MIGHT REQUIRE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS AND REINFORCEMENTS PRIOR TO EXECUTING AN OPPOSED LANDING. AIR ELEMENTS WILL OPERATE FROM DANANG AIRFIELD AND POSSIBLY MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY. THE COMMAND AND CONTROL ELEMENT IS STRUCTURED TO PERMIT RAPID EXPANSION OF THE MAB BY ONE OR MORE SPECIAL LANDING FORCES IF SO DIRECTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. THE CONCEPT OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT ASSUMES THAT DELIVERY OF ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLY WILL BE MADE BY THE MAB LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP ON SURFACE LOC'S TO ORGANIC ACCOUNTS IN THE DANANG AREA. DELIVERY TO MORE DISTANT AREAS OR BY OTHER MEANS WILL LIKELY REQUIRE SOME SUPPORT FROM SOURCES EXTERNAL TO THE BRIGADE. SUPPORT FOR SUCH SERVICES AS POST EXCHANGE, SPECIAL SERVICES, FIRE PROTECTION, BRIG OPERATIONS AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES WILL REQUIRE ARMY ASSISTANCE.

7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES OF MISSION, CONCEPT AND AREA OF OPERATIONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6.

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FROM MAJ GEN ADAMS. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //N00000//  
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A. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN70 (IS)

1. (IS) THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS AT THIS TIME TO DEVELOP  
A POST PHASE IV TENTATIVE MANNING LEVEL WHICH CAN  
PROVIDE AN ADVANCE BASIS FOR PERSONNEL/MANPOWER  
PLANNING BOTH AT THIS HQ AND AT HOMC. EVEN THOUGH  
A FIRM FINAL TROOP LIST HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED,  
THERE IS SUFFICIENT INFO AVAILABLE UPON WHICH TO  
BUILD SUCH A MANNING LEVEL NOW AND IF NECESSARY  
MODIFY IT LATER.

2. (IS) REQUEST YOUR HEADQUARTERS COORDINATE THE SUB-  
MISSION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 06APR70 OF A GRADE  
AND SKILL BREAKDOWN BASED GENERALLY ON FIGURES  
CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A FOR THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

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- A. MAB HQ (390)
- B. H&MS 11 (362)
- C. DET VMO-2 (53)
- D. DET HMK-463 (88)
- E. HML-167 (297)
- F. DASC (36)
- G. DET 1ST SERV BN (301)
- H. DET 1ST FSR (437)
- I. 7TH ENGR BN (-) (669)
- J. COMM SPT CO 5TH COMM BN (235)
- K. REINFORCING ELEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS:
  - (1) 1ST BN 11TH MARINES
  - (2) BTRY A 4TH BN 11TH MARINES
  - (3) 1ST 175MM GUN BTRY
  - (4) CO A 1ST TANK BN

L. LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE (1.2K)  
3. (U) THE ABOVE INCLUDES ONLY GRADES AND SKILLS FROM  
THOSE UNITS NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE BY THIS  
HEADQUARTERS.

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A. CMC 311225Z/MAR70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO) (NOTAL)  
 B. TELCON BETWEEN C/S FMFPAC AND C/S III MAF 30MAR70  
 1. (TS) IN REF A, AS DISCUSSED DURING REF B, YOUR  
 OPTION II WAS NOT APPROVED AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED  
 IN CONNECTION WITH XXIV CORPS REQUIREMENT TO IDENTIFY  
 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT.  
 2. (TS) APPROVAL OF YOUR OPTION I IS AFFIRMED. IF THIS  
 OPTION IS NOT ACCEPTED, YOUR FALL BACK OPTION III WITH  
 PRIORITY OF REDUCTION FROM 10.8K TO 9.8K MAB IS  
 APPROVED FOR NEGOTIATION WITH CG XXIV CORPS. IN THIS  
 REGARD, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU NOT OFFER UP THE  
 ENTIRE 1000 SPACES INITIALLY BUT RATHER ONLY THAT  
 NUMBER WHICH YOU CONSIDER PRUDENT UNDER THE

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 CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. (TS) CMC ADVISES THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE  
 SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL NON-III MAF FORCES WILL BE  
 ADDRESSED SEPARATELY BUT THAT THE .6K STILL REMAINS  
 THE PREFERRED POSITION. WARM REGARDS.

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- A. III MAF 250619Z MAR 70 (TS-MCEO)
  1. (TS) REF A PROPOSES THREE OPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMUSMACV REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES UNDER OPCON CG XXIV CORPS FOR PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT.
  2. (TS) OPTIONS I AND II TOGETHER WITH APPLICABLE PORTION OF PAR 5 ARE APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO CG XXIV CORPS. THE STAFF IS STUDYING OPTION III; WILL ADVISE YOU OF MY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT SHORTLY.
  3. (TS) I CONCUR THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO REDUCE NON-III MAF SPACES PROPORTIONALLY WITH III MAF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT SO AS TO IMPROVE OPTIONS II AND III. HOW-

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EVER, UNFORTUNATELY NEITHER THE RVN REQUIREMENT FOR  
THESE FORCES NOR THE CRITERIA FOR THEIR REDUCTION ARE  
RELATED TO THE STATUS OF III MAF. ADDITIONALLY, MOST  
OF THE SPACES RELATIVE TO THESE FORCES ARE CONTROLLED  
AT THE JCS/DOD LEVEL THROUGH THE OPCON CHAIN AND  
SOME ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REDEPLOYMENT. THESE FACTORS  
PRECLUDE MUCH INFLUENCE ON THE REDEPLOYMENT OF  
THESE NON-III MAF FORCES; HOWEVER, I HAVE PASSED YOUR  
CONCERN ON THIS SUBJECT TO OMC.

- 4. (TS) UNLESS PRESSED TO PROVIDE CG XXIV CORPS A  
PRIORITY OF REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST, I RECOMMEND THAT  
SUCH BE DEFERRED AT LEAST UNTIL HOMC RESOLVES MIDPAC/  
EASTPAC BASE LOADING PROBLEMS WHICH WILL DETERMINE TO  
WHAT EXTENT, IF AT ALL, KANEONE BASE LOADING DURING  
PHASE IV IS DESIRABLE. THIS CONSTRAINT COUPLED WITH  
AN UNCERTAIN PHASE IV COMMENCEMENT DATE AND  
ATTENDANT VARIABLE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AVAILABILITY,  
SUGGESTS THAT PASSAGE OF A DETAILED UNIT REDEPLOYMENT  
PRIORITY LIST TO XXIV CORPS MAY BE PREMATURE. WARM  
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 FM ADMIN FMFPAC  
 TO RUMLMPA/CG III MAF  
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 FROM MAJ GEN ADAMS. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //NO0000//  
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CG III MAF 200648Z/MAR70 (TS) (SPECAT-MCEO)
- B. CG III MAF 211234Z/JAN70 (TS) (SPECAT-MCEO)
- C. CG III MAF 120206Z/FEB70 (TS) (SPECAT-MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A CITED THE MARGINAL ADMIN CAPABILITY OF  
 A POST PHASE IV MAB LACKING A HQ CO AND PROPOSED PAS-  
 SING ADCON OF THE GROUND AND SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS  
 OF A LESS THAN 10.8K MAB TO CG 3D MARDIV AND RETENTION  
 OF ADCON OF THE AVIATION ELEMENT BY 1ST MAW REGARDLESS  
 OF MAB SIZE. REF A FURTHER REQUESTED COMMENTS/GUIDANCE  
 REGARDING FUTURE STATUS OF HQ III MAF. ✓

2. (TS) ADMINISTRATIVE DEFICIENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
 THE LACK OF A HQ CO IN THE MAB OF LESS THAN 10.8K ARE  
 RECOGNIZED. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED IN REFS B AND C,

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 THE MAB HQ, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD  
 SATELLITE ON A SUBORDINATE HQ FOR ADMIN/LOG SUPPORT  
 AND SECURITY. THIS ARRANGEMENT, WHILE NOT TOTALLY  
 SATISFACTORY, IS NOT CRITICAL TO THE PROBLEM OF WHICH  
 HQ HAS ADCON OF THE MAB OR ITS SUBORDINATE UNITS.

3. (TS) THE ADCON ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED IN REF A MAY  
 SHORTEN THE ADMIN/LOG CHAIN FROM THE IN-COUNTRY  
 VIEWPOINT. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD CREATE A PROBLEM IN  
 COORDINATING DIVERSE SUPPORT FROM THREE DIFFERENT  
 COMMANDS (I.E., 3D MARDIV (OKINAWA), 1ST MAW (JAPAN),  
 AND 3D FSR (OKINAWA)) AS WELL AS PERSONNEL SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM  
 CONUS. RETENTION OF COMMAND LESS OPCON BY CG FMFPAC  
 WOULD PRECLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROBLEM.  
 FURTHER, EVER SINCE THE DELETION OF THE NAVAL COMPONENT  
 COMMANDER'S FUNCTION FROM CG III MAF, THIS HEAD-  
 QUARTERS HAS SERVED AS A DEFACTO COMPONENT COMMANDER  
 FOR MARINES IN RVN TO PARALLEL THE IN-COUNTRY COMPO-  
 NENT COMMANDERS FOR OTHER SERVICES. RETENTION OF  
 COMMAND LESS OPCON BY THIS HEADQUARTERS WOULD  
 CONTINUE THAT RELATIONSHIP. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS

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 CONSIDERED ADVISABLE THAT THIS HQ RETAIN COMMAND LESS  
 OPCON OF THE ENTIRE MAB.

4. (TS) TO FACILITATE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF THE MAB,  
 DIRECT LIAISON, INFO THIS HQ, WOULD BE AUTHORIZED  
 BETWEEN THE MAB AND 1ST MAW, 3D MARDIV AND 3D FSR.  
 THESE COMMANDS WOULD BE TASKED BY THIS HQ TO PROVIDE  
 THE SUPPORT REQUIRED.

5. (TS) WITH RESPECT TO HQ, III MAF, IT IS INTENDED THAT  
 THE HQ WILL TRANSITION TO HQ 3D MAB (PLANNED DESIGNA-  
 TION). SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO FORM THE MAB HQ WILL  
 BE DERIVED FROM III MAF HQ ASSETS. PERSONNEL STAFFING  
 FOR THE MAB HQ WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY. THE  
 TIMING FOR THE TRANSITION FROM MAF TO MAB IS  
 UNDETERMINED AT PRESENT AND WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON  
 THE TIMING OF UNIT DEPLOYMENTS WITHIN PHASE IV. YOUR  
 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SOLICITED  
 IN THIS REGARD. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

1. PRESENT REDUCTION IN DOG HANDLING PERSONNEL COUPLED WITH  
PENDING PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT INDICATES NECESSITY TO BEGIN  
REDUCTION OF IN COUNTRY MARINE CORPS WAR DOG ASSETS.  
CURRENT STATUS OF DOGS AND HANDLERS IS:

A. SENTRY DOGS - 54; HANDLERS - 34.

B. SCOUT DOGS - 67; HANDLERS - 37.

C. MINE AND BOOBY TRAP (MBT) DOGS - 14; HANDLERS - 18.

2. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF WAR DOGS  
IS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE COUNTRY DUE TO  
RVN COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.

3. CURRENT INFORMATION INDICATES 14 ADDITIONAL MBT DOGS AND 30  
MARINE CORPS SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL ARRIVE RVN ABOUT 1 JUN 70

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COMPLETING TOTAL PACKAGE OF 28 DOGS AND 48 SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN  
MBT DOG TEAM PROGRAM.

4. PROPOSED MAB INCLUDES 121 SPACES FOR MF COMPANY. TENTATIVE  
PLANS WOULD ALLOCATE 10 SENTRY, 10 SCOUT AND 28 MBT DOGS TO MAB  
WITH 70 HANDLERS ASSIGNED TO MF CO.

5. RECOMMEND ACTION BE INITIATED TO TURN OVER SURPLUS DOGS TO  
ARMY FORCES REMAINING RVN STARTING 1 MAY 70 AND/OR ARVN REQUIRE-  
MENT BE DETERMINED.

6. REQUEST COMMENT/APPROVAL.

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