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PACE TWO RUMLMPAG258 TOPSECRETYLIMDIS/SPECAT/MCEO FORCE PLANNING A. MACV 220930Z MAR TO (TS/EYES ONLY) MAC 2781 B. CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70 (TS/EYES ONLY) 1. REF A REQUESIS THAT CG, XXIV CORPS DENTIFY 1000 ADDITIONAL SPACES FROM FORCES UNDER HIS OPCON FOR PHASE IV REDEFLOYMENT. STATE-MENT OF IMPACT AND RELATIVE PRIORITY OF UNITS FOR REDEFLOYMENT ALSO DESIRED WITH SPECIFIC COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING 10.8K MAB AND/OR REDEPLOYING 1200 LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE SPACES, BUT RETAIN-ING PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY AS TEMPORARY OVERSTRENGTH. 2. THE LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE IS A TEMPORARY ADD ON TO POST PHASE W 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 OR GAING 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 COMMENCE-MENT 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 head quarters interposes no objection to redeployment

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PAGE THREE RUMIN PAGESS TO PSECRET /LIMITS/SPECAT/NECO OF 1200 SPACES DURING PHASE IV AS PROPOSED REFA 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 11):

(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 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 OR GANIZATION 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?

FAGE FOUR RUMLNPAGESS TOPSECRET/LINDIS/SPECAT/RCEO

- (1) LOSS OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OR GARIC TO THE FORCE ENGINEERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF ARMY ENGINEER OR MAVY MCB SUPPORT IS NOT AVAILABLE.
 - (2) NO HEAVY HELICOPTER LIFT WITHIN THE MAB.
 - (3) MINIMAL SUPPORT FROM THE RADIO BATTALION.
- (A) THE CAPABILITY TO CONTROL HELICOPTERS UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS IS REMOVED.

(5) THE MAB LOSES THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT LONG FANGE

RECON PATROLS.

B. THE IMPACT OF LOSS OF THE 175MW CUN 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 CENERAL TERMS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ONE RLT, MOST LIKELY RLT-5, AND ONE FINED WING ATTACK SQUADRON WOULD REDEPLOY RELATIVELY EARLY IN PHASE IV. THE BULK OF THE FROM (INCLUDING THE REDEPLOYING FIXED WING SQUADRONS) AND ITS HEAD QUARTERS WOULD DEPART NEXT FOLLOWED BY

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PAGE FIVE RUMLMPAGESS TO PSECRET/LIMITS/SPECAT/MCEO RLT-7 WITH THE III MAF AND 1ST MARDIV HEAD QUARTERS. 6. AS A NEW BUT RELATED ITEM, ON GOING PLANNING FOR MARINE AMPHIBIOUS ERIGADE ASSUMES THIS UNISERVICE FORCE OF COMBINED ARMS WILL BE TASKED TO EXECUTE MISSIONS AND TASKS AS DIRECTED BY COMUSMACY 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 ACTZ FOR OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE THOSE SUPPORT-ED EXCLUSIVELY BY HELICOPTER FOR LIMITED DURATION. THE WAB IS TRAINED FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT, BUT MIGHT REQUIRE CERTAIN MODIFICAtaions and reinforcements paior to executing an opposed landing. Air rements 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 ORBANIC ACCOUNTS IN THE DANANG AREA, DELIVERY TO MORE DISTANT AREAS OR BY CEHER MEANS WILL LIKELY REQUIRE SOME SUPPORT FROM SOURCES EXTERNAL TO THE BRIGADE, SUPPORT FOR SUCH SERVICES AS POST EXCHANGE, SPECIAL

PAGE SIX RUMLMFA0258 TO PSECRET/LIMDIS/SPECAT/MCEO 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 DUELINED IN PARAGRAPH 6.
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MILITARY OPERATIONS NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFO: GHOTE

SUB: MILITARY OPERATIONS NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER REF: A. COMUSMACV DIG 230806Z DEC 69.

B. MACV DIR 335-12 DATED 20 DEC 69

C. MACV LETTER MACJ3-06 DATED 13 MAR 70, SUBJ: OFFICIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN US AND CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS (U)

D. COMUSMACV DTG 191057Z MAR 70

1. RECENT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA HAVE GENERATED QUESTIONS BY FIELD
COMMANDERS AND, CONCURRENTLY, MACV IS RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR
IMPORMATION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS MESSAGE
CONSOLIDATES EXISTING GUIDANCE AND REPORTING PROCEDURES TO BE
FOLLOWED ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE) FOR CAMBODIA.

A. THE CURRENT SITUATION EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR CLOSE OBSER-VANCE BY US FORCES OF THE ROE FOR CAMBODIA (REF A). US COMMANDERS ARE TO ENSURE THAT NO, REPEAT NO, TARGET IS ENGAGED IN CAMBODIA UNLESS FRIENDLY FORCES ARE BEING FIRED ON FROM THE TARGET AND THE TARGET IS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS VC/NVA. NO, REPEAT NO, US FORCES ARE TO MANEUVER ACROSS THE BORDER INTO CAMBODIA EXCEPT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OX THE US FORCES CONCERNED.

B. IN THOSE CASES WHERE RVMAF CROSS THE CAMBODIAN BORDER TO CONDUCT OPERATIOMS, US ADVISORS AND SUPPORT ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY. A REPORT OF SUCH INCIDENTS IS TO BE MADE TO MACV IN

ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

3. GVN/CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS. WHEN INFORMED BY RVNAF AUTHORITIES THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN GVN AND CAMBODIAN FORCES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA AGAINST VC/NVA ELEMENTS, MACV SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS:

A. WILL DECLINE PARTICIPATION AND REPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO MACV

UTILIZING THIS CHANNEL.

B. WILL URGE THEIR RVMAF COUNTERPARTS TO EXERCISE UTMOST CARE TO AVOID INFLICTING CASUALTIES ON CAMBODIAN CIVILIAN NON-COMBATANTS.

C. ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST US FORCES AND FIRES WITHIN RVN TO COVER GAPS CREATED BY RVNAF MOVES.

4. FIRE SUPPORT FOR FARK.

A. US FORCES ARE NOT, REPEAT NOT, TO RESPOND TO FARK REQUESTS FOR FIRE SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.

B. PARA 3B AND 3C ABOVE ARE APPLICABLE. IN THIS RAGARD, US ADVISOGS ARE TO DECLARE TACTICAL EMERGENCIES ONLY AFTER FRIENDLY FORCAS ARE BEING FIRED ON FROM THE TARGET: WHEN THERE IS POSITIVE ASSURANVE THAT THE TARGET IS VC/NVA; AND THAT THERE IS NO DANGER TO FARK UNITS OR CAMBODIAN NON-COMBATANTS. 5. CAMBODIAN MEMBERS OF CIDG. SOME CAMBODIAN MEMBERS OF CIDG MAY CROSS OVER INTO CAMBODIA TO SUPPORT THE NEW GOVERNMENT. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PERSUADE THEM TO REMAIN WITH THE CIDG IM SVN. IN THE EVENT A DECISION IS MADE TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA, SUCH PERSONS ARE TO BE REQUASTED TO TURN IN THEIR WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT BEFORE DEPAR-TURE. USE OF FORCA IN GAINING RETURN OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT IS TO BE AVOIDED AS IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. 6. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN IS INTENDED TO PRECLUDE US PERSONNEL FROM PARTICIPATING IN OFFICIAL VISITS WITH CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS, <u> ACCEPT_CAMBODIAU HOSPITALITY, AND ENGAGE IN OTHER_PROTOCQL_ACTIV-</u> ITIES AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCE C AND AS DISTINGUISHED FROM MILI-TARY OPERATIONAL MATTERS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REFER-ENCE C IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" AND IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION, NOR WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO PERMIT PRESS COVERAGE OF MEETINGS HELD WITH CAMBODIANS AT OR NEAR THE BORDER. 7. REFERENCE D ISSUES PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA OR RELATIONSHIPS ALONG THE BORDER. THE GUID-ANCE ENJOINS ALL PERSONNEL FROM DISCUSSING OR MAKING ANY COMMENTS. EITHER ON OR OFF THE RECORD, ABOUT THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION OR ANY ACTIVITIES RELATED THERETO INCLUDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CAMBODIAN PERSONNEL ALONG THE BORDER. 8. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN IS TO BE CONSTRUED AS PROHIBITING US FORCES TO TAKE NECESSARY COUNTERACTIONS IN THE EXERCISE OF THE GIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE AS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A. UNQUOTE. WARM REGARDS GP-4 (SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

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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.

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B. IF MORE THAN 75 0 SPACES MUST BE REDUCED, THE 1750M GUN ENTERY (6 GUNS) COLLD BE REMOVED FROM THE TASK OF GANIZATION OF THE MAB WITH AN ADDITIONAL SAVING OF 171 SPACES.

4. A. ADOPTION OF OPTION I WOULD HAVE NO FORESTEABLE 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, HOULD BE HEDUCED AS FOLLOWS:

PAGE FOUR RUMLMPASSSET OPSECRET/LIMDIS/SPECAT/MCEO

(1) LOSS OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OR GANIC TO THE FORCE
ENGINEERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF ARMY ENGINEER OR NAVY MCB
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 175 MM 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 MIPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AVAILABILITY RENDERS INFEASIBLE AT THIS TYME THE FROMATION OF A DETAILED TIME PHASED REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. IN CENERAL TERMS IT IS AFTICIPATED THAT ONE RLT, MOST LIKELY RLT-5, MYO ONE FIXED WINE ATTACK SQUADRON WOULD REDEPLOY DELATIVELY EARLY BY FIME IV. THE BULK OF THE FRANK CYSCHID THE THE REDEPLOYING FIXED WINE SQUADROND WOULD SEPART HENT FOLLOWED ON

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PAGE SIX RUMLMPAGESS TO PSECRETIONS AND MEDICAL AND DENIAL SERVICES, FIRE PROTECTION, URIS OPERATIONS AND MEDICAL AND DENIAL SERVICES WILL REQUIRE ARMY ASSISTANCE.

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

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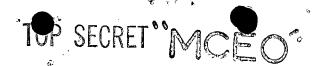
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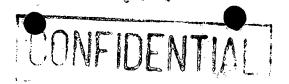
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XXIV CORPS COMMENT: THIS REDUCTION OF HEAVY ARTILLERY IS NOT RECOMMENDED DUE TO THE CRITICAL REQUIREMENT FOR LONG RANGE ART-ILLERY TO SUPPORT BOTK US AND GUN FORCES IN THE GUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED INCREASED RELIANCE UPON HEAVY 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 WANG VITAL AREA.

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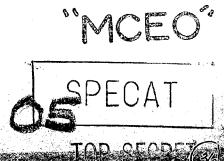
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY. PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO JANIE BELLE.

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1. SAM JASKILKA CALLED AND STATED THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY GEN KRAFT, DEPUTY 1-3, WHO WORKS ON FORCE PLANNING, THAT COMUSMACY WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS TROOP LIST ALTERNATIVES LAST NIGHT. COMUSMACY ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BUY THE USYC

1,200 TEMPORARY ROLL-UP FORCE AND THAT, IF REDEPLOYMENT NUMBERS REQUIRE IT, THE MARINE MATERIEL MOULD 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 MASHINGTON ON 13 APRIL. HAPPY DAY BEFORE BIRTHDAY.

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(DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING MOURS)

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

1. (TS) MY PLANNERS HAVE WORKED OUT DETAILS ON THE T/O'S FOR 10.8K MAB. CURRENTLY THE T/O'S ARE UNDERGONIG REVIEW BY DIVISION, WING, AND FLC TO INSURE THEY ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE WAB STAFF. MAJ BORJESSON WILL HAND CARRY THE GRADE AND SKILL BREAKDOWN TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS ARRIVING AT 120825W ARR 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

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OF III MAF.

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TS) AS A RESULT OF REF & CHANGE REF & AS FOLLOWS: DELETE VMA(AW) 242 ADD VMA(AW) 225

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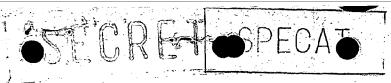
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S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY PERSONAL FOR LITGEN BUSE FROM LITGEN MCCUTCHE ON APRIL MIEU

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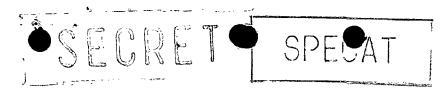
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C. REPLACE VAL -4 WITH VNO-6 (MINUS)

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D. REPLACE VAL -4 WITH VNO-2 (MINUS) DURING INCREMENTAL

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3. (C) PROBABLE BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM EITHER ALTERNATIVES

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GUNSHIP, FURTHERING MARINE AIR -GROUND RIVERINE DOCTRINE

DEVELOPMENT, AND RETURN OF ALL OV-10°S TO MARINE CUSTODY.

4. (U) I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ON ABOVE ALTERNATIVES IN ADDITION TO ANY COMMENTS YOU

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S E C R E T/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN BUSE FROM LEGEN MCCUTCHEON DELIVER DURING MORKING HOURS - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY LYTH-6 ON LOAN TO 20 ROKMC BRIGADE (U)

A. CMC 281425Z FEB 70 (S)

B. CG FMFPAC 152182Z MAR 78 (S).

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1. (S) REF A PROPOSED THAT LYTH-6 REMAIN ON LOAN TO 2D BDE ROKMC AND BY COMPLETION OF PHASE IX REDEPLOYMENT THESE ITEMS BE RETURNED TO THE USMC. REF A POINTED OUT THAT THE PHASEDOWN OF FLC REDUCES USMC IN-COUNTRY LOG CAPABILITY FOR THE LYTH-6 TO THE EXTENT THAT BY THE END OF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS THE VEHICLE WILL BE UNSUPPORTABLE, SUPPORT FROM OFF SHORE RESOURCES WITHOUT A RESULTANT MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY IN-COUNTRY APPEARS TO BE INFEASIBLE, AND RETROGRADE IS A PRUDENT COURSE OF ACTION, OTHERWISE THE U.S. WILL BE OBLIGATED TO A VERY UNECONOMICAL SUPPLY SUPPORT FUNCTION. REF B CONCURRED WITH

PAGE TWO RUMLMPA3835 S E C R E T/SPECAT/EXCL' FOR/MCEO REDEPLOYMENT OF VEHICLES BY COMPLETION OF PHASE IV IN CONSIDERATION OF LOG SUPPORT PROBLEMS AND DIRECTED THAT III MAF PLANNING SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. REF B ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT SHOULD JCS APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TIE CHANGE SUBMITTED BY GINCPAC THE LYTH-6 MOULD THEN REMAIN IN RVN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE 20 ROKMC BDE REDEPLOYED TO KOREA. REF B ALSO APPROVED I.I.I MAF SUPFORT ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED IN REF C. REF D INFORMED CG 2D ROKMO BDE OF III MAF INTENTION TO CONTINUE LOAN OF LYTH-6 UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED ON TIE CHANGE REQUEST, BUT CAUTIONED THAT FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ABILITY OF III MAF TO PROVIDE SUCH EQUIPMENT OR TO SUPPORT IT.

2. (S) THE MATTER OF THE LYTH-6 CONTINUES TO BE MATTER OF STATED CONCERN TO THE CG 2D ROKMC BRIGADES RECENTLY HE BROACHED SUBJECT WITH LIGEN ZAIS WHICH PROMPTED ZAIS TO SEND BE A LETTER, A PORTION OF WHICH READS "DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE 2D ROK MARINE BRIGADE, GENERAL LEE ASKED MY ASSISTANCE REGARDING AREAS THAT I KNOW ARE OF INTEREST TO YOU. I SHARE HIS CONCERN AND SOLICIT YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING MATTERS. FIRST, GENERAL LEE IS CONCERNED THAT FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT OF USAG UNITS MIGHT RESULT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SIX LYTH-65 YOU ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING HIM. I REALIZE THESE WEAPONS

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4. (S) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, RECOMMEND THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF CONTINUING THE LOAN OF SIX LYTH-6 DURING THE POST PHASGE IV/TRANS-ITIONAL FORCE PERIOD BE REEXAMINED.

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LYTH-6 ON LOAN TO 20 ROKMC BRIGADE (U) A. CMC 201425Z FEB 79 (S)

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PAGE TWO RUMLMPA3835 S E C R E T/SPECAT/EXCL' FOR/MCEO REDEPLOYMENT OF VEHICLES BY COMPLETION OF PHASE IV IN CONSIDERATION OF LOG SUPPORT PROBLEMS AND DIRECTED THAT III MAF PLANNING SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. REF 8 ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT SHOULD JCS APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TIE CHANGE SUBMITTED BY CINCPAC THE LYTH-6 WOULD THEN REMAIN IN RVN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE 20 ROKMC BDE REDEPLOYED TO KOREA. REF B ALSO APPROVED I.I.I MAF SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED IN REF C. REF D INFORMED CG 2D ROKAD BDE OF III MAF INTENTION TO CONTINUE LOAN OF LYTH-6 UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED ON TIE CHANGE REQUEST. BUT CAUTIONED THAT FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ABILITY OF III MAF TO PROVIDE SUCH EQUIPMENT OR TO SUPPORT IT.

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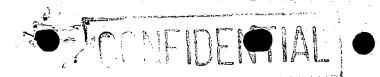
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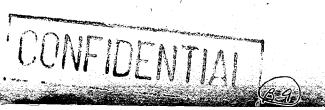
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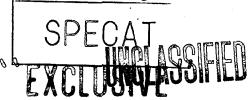
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4. TO PRECLUDE THE STOCK FUND PROBLEMS ABOVE, ONE ALTER-NATION WOULD BE TWO RETURN THE MATERIAL BUT RETAIN IT OUT

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