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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. YOUR 070752Z JUNE 70 (TS)
 B. CG III MAF 120700 JUNE 70 (TS)

1. (TS) REFERENCE A ESTABLISHED INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 19,800 USMC SPACES FROM ICTZ BY 15 OCT 70.
 2. (TS) REFERENCE B, CG III MAG ANSWER TO REFERENCE A, PROVIDES A DETAILED TROOP LIST OF THOSE USMC UNITS RECOMMENDED FOR REDEPLOYMENT.
 3. (TS) THE IMPACT OF USMC REDEPLOYMENTS IS OF COURSE SIGNIFICANT IN MANY AREAS AND I RECOGNIZE THIS AS A FACT WHICH MUST BE ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, THE IMPACT IN THREE AREAS, HELICOPTER LIFT, TAC AIR AND SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE, IS SO SIGNIFICANT THAT I FEEL COMPELLED TO COMMENT.

4. (TS) HELICOPTER REDEPLOYMENTS: UPON REDEPLOYMENT OF HMM 161 (STANDDOWN 8 JULY 70) AND HMM 262 (STANDDOWN 10 SEPTEMBER 70), A REDUCTION OF 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CH-46 STRENGTH IN THE 1ST MAW WILL RESULT. SOME REDUCTION IN USMC LIFT REQUIREMENTS WILL OCCUR AS ONE RLI IS BEING REDEPLOYED. HOWEVER, THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR CO C, 5TH SFGA, 2D ROKMC BDE, ARVN AND TERRITORIAL FORCES IN QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE (QDSZ) REMAINS AT LEAST THE SAME, AND WILL PROBABLY INCREASE AS THE ARVN HEIGHTEN AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR REDUCED USMC OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. ~~THUS, 50 PERCENT OF THE HELI-LIFT ASSETS IN QDSZ IS REDEPLOYING WHILE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DIP ONLY SLIGHTLY OR NONE AT ALL. ADDITIONAL LIFT ASSETS OF ONE COMBAT ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY AND ONE COMBAT ASSAULT SUPPORT HELICOPTER COMPANY (-) (8 CH-47) ARE NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF OPERATIONS AS USMC UNITS STANDDOWN.~~ *not 50*

5. (TS) FIXED-WING AIR ASSET REDEPLOYMENTS.

A. IMPACT ON TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT.

(1) THE PROPOSED USMC REDEPLOYMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE REDUCTION OF TACTICAL AIR ASSETS IN I CORPS AREA BY 42 TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND 4 AIR SUPPORT RADAR TEAMS (GROUND RADAR CONTROL

(2) BASED ON A REDUCTION IN GROUND COMBAT UNIT STRENGTH OF ONE RLI, FUTURE TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN ICTZ WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 36 PREPLANNED SORTIES PER DAY, 39 IMMEDIATE SORTIES PER DAY AND 10 COMBAT SKY SPOT SORTIES PER DAY. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT AN AVERAGE DETERMINED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, AND WILL VARY CONSIDERABLY FROM DAY TO DAY BASED ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION. IN ADDITION TO THESE SORTIES, A REQUIREMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST FOR A GROUND RADAR CONTROL CAPABILITY FOR CONTROL OF COMBAT SKY SPOTS. THE FLEXIBILITY AND FAST-REACTION CAPABILITY PROVIDED BY THE ASRT'S IS CRITICAL DURING UNFAVORABLE WEATHER PERIODS, WHEN COMBAT SKY SPOTS MUST BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FAC CONTROLLED STRIKES.

B. IMPACT ON PHOTO RECON SUPPORT.

(1) THE PROPOSED USMC REDEPLOYMENTS WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION OF THE PHOTO-RECON CAPABILITY OF THE 1ST MAW.

(2) DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, ICTZ REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT HAVE AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 500 PHOTOGRAPHIC TARGETS AND 100 INFRARED TARGETS MONTHLY. REQUIREMENTS FOR MOHAWK (OV-1) SUPPORT HAVE AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 200 PHOTOGRAPHIC TARGETS AND 400 INFRARED TARGETS MONTHLY. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE HIGH PERFORMANCE PHOTOGRAPHIC AND INFRARED RECON SUPPORT IN ICTZ HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY USMC ASSETS. TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT WILL NOT BE MATERIALLY AFFECTED BY TROOP STRENGTH REDUCTIONS, AND WILL THEREFORE REMAIN NEAR PRESENT LEVELS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

C. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIORITIES, ALLOCATIONS AND FORCE LOCATIONS OF TACTICAL AIR AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS BE ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT REQUIRED IN ICTZ.

6. (TS) SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE.

A. IMPACT. THE 1ST MARINE RADIO BATTALION IS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED 23 OFFICERS AND 300 ENLISTED PERSONNEL; THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF 238 SPACES LEAVES A RESIDUAL FORCE OF 7 OFFICERS AND 78 ENLISTED MEN WHICH IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING USMC FORCES. THE REDEPLOYMENT WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPACT:

(1) A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN SIGINT SUPPORT TO REMAINING USMC AND US ARMY UNITS.

(2) CLOSING OF THE CRITICOMM RELAY STATION (BACK CHANNEL/SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE) DA NANG WITH THE ASSOCIATED REQUIREING OF THIRTEEN CIRCUITS SERVING ARMY SIGINT UNITS, III MAF, 1ST MAR DIV AND 1ST MAW TO INCLUDE EXTERNAL CRITICOMM/SPINTCOMM CIRCUITS.

B. I RECOMMEND THAT THE 509TH RR GP IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A PLAN FOR FILLING THE INTELLIGENCE VOID WHICH WILL DEVELOP.

7. (TS) BY FAR THE MOST SERIOUS ASPECT OF THIS REDEPLOYMENT IS THE REDUCTION IN HELICOPTER LIFT SUPPORT.

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- 1. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 271752Z JUN 74 (TS)
- 2. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 111838Z JUN 74 (TS)
- 1. REF A AND REFER.
- 2. TROOP LIST

LINE	UIC	FRN	UNIT	PROG-9	TYPE	LOC	DD
1	M21100	99K011A	BET III MAR	397'	CSS	DNG	15 JUL
2	M21100	99K011A	BET 5TH MAR BN	357'	CSS	DNG	10 JUL
3				35		DNG	15 JUL
4		99K034A	COMBINED ACTION PLTS(-)	1111A'	C	ICTZ	20 JUL
5		99K034B	COMBINED ACTION COHQS(-)	55A'	C	ICTZ	20 JUL
6		99K034C	COMBINED ACTION SPHQ(-)	104A'	C	ICTZ	20 JUL
7	M21300	99K011	7TH ENGR BN(-)	731'	CSS	DNG	25 JUL
8	M21370	99K013	9TH ENGR BN(-)	377B	CSS	DNG	1 JUL
9	M21305	99K724	1ST BRIDGE CO(-)	135	CSS	DNG	25 JUL
10	M21350	99K022	1ST MP BN(-)	302'	CS	DNG	10 SEP
11	M23050	99K023	3RD MP BN(-)	477	CS	DNG	10 AUG
12		75 J036	TRANS FAC	157	CSS	DNG	1 OCT
13	M21580	99K031	1ST RADIO BN(-)	232'	CSS	DNG	25 SEP
14	M11001	99K002A	HQ BN(-) 1ST MARDIV	967C'	CSS	DNG	10 AUG
15	M11204	99K002J	HQCO 7TH MAR	220	CSS	PALDY	20 SEP
16	M11210	99K002K	1ST BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	PALDY	5 SEP
17	M11220	99K002L	2ND BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	FSR ROSS	20 SEP
18	M11230	99K002M	3RD BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	PALDY	20 SEP
19	M11303	99K002N	HQ BTRY(-) 11TH MAR	123'	CSS	DNG	20 SEP
20	M11330	99K002R	RD BN 11 MAR	659	CS	PALDY	20 SEP
21	M11340	99K002S	4TH BN(-) 11TH MAR	272'	CS	DNG	15 SEP
22	M11400	99K002U	1ST ENGR BN(-)	477'	CS	DNG	10 AUG
23	M11700	99K002V	1ST RECON BN(-)	76'	CS	DNG	4 SEP
24	M11020	99K002W	CO C, 1ST MED BN	0'	CSS	DNG	20 SEP
25	M11500	99K002Y	1ST MT BN(-)	121'	CSS	DNG	20 SEP
26		99J055	ROK AUCM	8	CSS	DNG	25 JUN
27	M21248	99K005	3RD 175MM GUN BTRY	158	CS	AM HOS	20 SEP
28	M21270	99K006	1ST 3" HOW BTRY	222	CS	PALDY	10 AUG
29	M20082	99K029	1ST DENT CO(-)	2	CS	DNG	20 SEP
30	M95965	99K035 C	9TH ITT	11	CS	PALDY	20 SEP
31	M95986	99K035 F	15TH ITT	11	CS	DNG	10 SEP
32	M95946	99K037A	1ST CIT	16	CS	DNG	20 SEP
33	M95952	99K037D	7TH CIT	19	CS	DNG	10 SEP
34	M23350	99K020	1ST FORCE RECON CO (-)	124'	CS	DNG	10 AUG
35	M23352	99K021	2ND FORCE RECON CO	154	CS	DNG	5 JUL

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6	M00100	99K051	DET 1ST MAW HQ	1500	CSS	DNG 15 JUL
37	M00139	99K055	WEBS-17	2330	CSS	DNG 15 JUL
33	M01337	99K055	VMCJ-1	521	CS	DNG 1 JUL
9	M01315	99K059	H&S-13	315	CSS	CHL 14SEP
40	M01015	99K062	MABS-13	420	CSS	CHL 14SEP
41	M01167	99K063	MATCU-67	68	CSS	CHL 14SEP
42	M01314	99K071	VMFA7314	382E	CS	CHL 10SEP
43	M01122	99J054	VMFA7122	375E	CS	CHL 4SEP
44	M01242	99K074	VMA(AW)-242	73E	CS	DNG 10SEP
45	M01262	99K034	HMM-262	270	CS	DNG 10SEP
46	M01161	99K036	HMM-161	270	CS	DNG 8 JUL
47	M01027	05J036	DET, H&HS71	270	CSS	DNG 15 JUL
48	M00107	05J037	DET, MWCS-1	125D	CSS	DNG 15 JUL
49	M01143	05J040	H&HS713	217	CSS	DNG 15SEP
50	M00979	05J041	MCA574	269	CSS	DNG 15SEP
51	M00981	05J042	MASS-3	139	CSS	DNG 15SEP
52	M01030	05J044	H&MS717	82D	CSS	DNG 15 JUL
53	M96300	99K033	FLC	1367F	CSS	DNG 13AUG
54			AUTO SERV CNTR	186	CSS	DNG 15SEP
55			BRIG AUG FLC	67	CSS	DNG 15SEP
56			OOCNE	1188	CSS	ICTZ 1OCT
57			TRANSITIONAL FORCE	171	CSS	RVN
58			TOTAL SPACES	19810		

FOOTNOTES

* REPRESENTS A DRAW DOWN IN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF A UNIT REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

A - COMBINED ACTION FORCE TO BE REDEPLOYED ON BASIS OF ONE REDEPLOYMENT UNIT EVERY 10 DAYS BEGINNING 1 AUGUST 70. REDEPLOYMENT UNITS WILL EACH CONSIST OF 200 SPACES WITH FINAL REDEPLOYMENT UNIT ON 1 OCT 70 CONSISTING OF 81 SPACES. EACH UNIT WILL HAVE SDD FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OUT COUNTRY. QUANG NAM PROVINCE CAG REMAINS IN COUNTRY.

B - ONE COMPANY SCHEDULED FOR SDD 1 JUL 70, REMAINDER OF BATTALION SCHEDULED FOR SDD 1 AUG 70.

C - 467 SPACES SCHEDULED FOR SDD ON 10 AUG 70, REMAINING 500 SPACES SCHEDULED FOR SDD 25 SEP 70.

D - PLANS CALL FOR USE OF FOUR LST'S BETWEEN RVN AND JAPAN ON ROTATIONAL BASIS. ENTIRE PERIOD WILL REQUIRE ABOUT 60 DAYS. SHIPPING HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED WITH CINCPACFLT.

E 7 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART COUNTRY ON TRANSPAC ABOUT 15 SEP 70.

F - TO BE REDEPLOYED IN THREE INCREMENTS WITH STANDDOWN DATES OF 13 AUG 70, 21 AUG 70, 0 SEP 70.

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3. TENTATIVE STANDDOWN DATES FOR MAJOR UNITS BASED UPON 14 DAYS INFANTRY, 10 DAY AIR, 20 DAYS ARTY PRIOR TO SHIPPING DATES.

VMCJ71	1 JUL 70
HMM-161	8 JUL 70
VMFA 7122	4 SEP 70
1ST BN, 7TH MAR	5 SEP 70
VMFA-314	9 SEP 70
VMA(AW)-242	9 SEP 70
RLT-7 (-)	20 SEP 70
RDBN, 11TH MAR	20 SEP 70
4THBN (-), 11TH MAR	15 SEP 70
HMM72 62	10 SEP 70

4. STATEMENT OF IMPACT

A. REDEPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT UNITS WILL REDUCE MARINE CORPS TROOPS DENSITY IN THE DANANG ROCKET BELT/VITAL AREA BY APPROXIMATELY 4 PER CENT. REDEPLOYMENT OF RLT-7 WILL REDUCE MARINE CORPS TROOP DENSITY IN QUANG NAM SOUTH OF THE ROCKET BELT BY APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT, WITH NO CHANGE IN TAOR ANTICIPATED. OVERALL MARINE CORPS TROOP DENSITY REDUCTION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WILL BE 41 PER CENT.

MANEUVER BNS WILL BE RETAINED IN THE AREAS OF FSB RAWHIDE VIC AT880580 AND LZ BALDY VIC BT133453 WHILE AN HOA COMBAT BASE VIC AT874476, FSB ROSS VIC BT027342 AND POSSIBLY FSB RYDER VIC AT945344 WILL BE VACATED.

B. COMBINED ACTION PLATOONS WILL BE RETAINED ONLY IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

C. UPON THE REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE FIXED WING ASSETS, MARINE AIR GROUP-13 WILL CLOSE CHU LAI AIR BASE ABOUT 1 OCT 70. MA G-13 WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM CLOSING PERIOD OF 15 DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT. TOTAL MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK AIRCRAFT WILL BE REDUCED BY 42, WITH A REDUCTION OF CLOSE AND DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES BY ABOUT 50 PERCENT.

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D. REDEPLOYMENT OF MASS73 (-) WILL ELIMINATE THE AIR SUPPORT RADAR TEAMS (ASRT) AT QUANG TRI, FSB BIRMINGHAM, AN HOA AND CHULAI AREAS. ONE ASRT WILL REMAIN AT DANANG.

E. REDEPLOYMENT OF VMCJ71 WILL ELIMINATE MARINE CORPS FIXED WING PHOTO, IR, SLAR, AND ECM/ESM CAPABILITY FOR BOTH IN AND OUT OF COUNTRY MISSIONS.

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3. TENTATIVE STANDDOWN DATES FOR MAJOR UNITS BASED UPON 14
 DAYS INFANTRY, 10 DAY AIR, 20 DAYS ARTY. PRIOR TO SHIPPING
 DATES.

VMCJ-1	1 JUL 70
HMM-161	8 JUL 70
VMFA-122	4 SEP 70
1STBN, 7TH MAR	5 SEP 70
VMFA-314	9 SEP 70
VMA(AW)-242	9 SEP 70
RLI-7 (-)	20 SEP 70
3RDBN, 11TH MAR	20 SEP 70
4THBN (-), 11TH MAR	15 SEP 70
HMM-262	10 SEP 70

4. STATEMENT OF IMPACT

A. REDEPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT UNITS WILL REDUCE MARINE
 CORPS TROOPS DENSITY IN THE DANANG ROCKET BELT/VITAL AREA
 BY APPROXIMATELY 34 PER CENT. REDEPLOYMENT OF RLI-7 WILL
 REDUCE MARINE CORPS TROOP DENSITY IN QUANG NAM SOUTH OF THE
 ROCKET BELT BY APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT, WITH NO CHANGE IN
 TAOR ANTICIPATED. OVERALL MARINE CORPS TROOP DENSITY
 REDUCTION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WILL BE 41 PER CENT.
 MANEUVER BNS WILL BE RETAINED IN THE AREAS OF FSB RAWHIDE
 VIC AT880580 AND LZ BALDY VIC BT133453 WHILE AN HOA COMBAT
 BASE VIC AT874476, FSB ROSS VIC BT027342 AND POSSIBLY FSB
 RYDER VIC AT945344 WILL BE VACATED.

B. COMBINED ACTION PLATOONS WILL BE RETAINED ONLY IN
 QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

C. UPON THE REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE FIXED WING ASSETS,
 MARINE AIR GROUP-13 WILL CLOSE CHU LAI AIR BASE ABOUT 1 OCT
 70. MAG-13 WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM CLOSING PERIOD OF 15
 DAYS AFTER DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT. TOTAL MARINE FIGHTER/
 ATTACK AIRCRAFT WILL BE REDUCED BY 42, WITH A REDUCTION OF
 CLOSE AND DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES BY ABOUT 50 PERCENT.

D. REDEPLOYMENT OF MASS-3(-) WILL ELIMINATE THE AIR SUPPORT
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- B. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 111030Z JUN 70 (TS)

- 1. REF A AND B REFER.
- 2. TROOP LIST

LINE	UIC	FRN	UNIT	PROG-9	TYPE	LOC	SDD
1	M20129	99K001A	DET III MAF	327'	CSS	DNG	15 JUL
2	M21655	99K014	DET 5TH COMM BN	250'	CSS	DNG	16AUG
3			CAF HQ	45	C	DNG	15SEP
4		99K034A	COMBINED ACTION PLTS(-)1111A'		C	ICTZ	26JUL
5		99K034B	COMBINED ACTION COHQ(-) 66A'		C	ICTZ	26JUL
6		99K034C	COMBINED ACTION GPHQS(-)104A'		C	ICTZ	26JUL
7	M21300	99K011	7TH ENGR BN(-)	781'	CSS	DNG	26 JUL
8	M21370	99K013	9TH ENGR BN(-)	877B	CSS	DNG	1JUL
9	M21325	99K024	1ST BRIDGE CO(-)	135	CSS	DNG	26JUL
10	M21050	99K022	1ST MP BN(-)	302'	CS	DNG	10SEP
11	M23050	99K023	3RD MP BN(-)	478	CS	DNG	10AUG
12		05J006	TRANS FAC	157	CSS	DNG	10CT
13	M21500	99K031	1ST RADIO BN(-)	238'	CSS	DNG	25SEP
14	M11001	99K002A	HQ BN(-) 1ST MARDIV	967C	CSS	DNG	10AUG
15	M11204	99K002J	HQCO 7TH MAR	220	CSS	BALDY	20SEP
16	M11210	99K002K	1ST BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	BALDY	5SEP
17	M11220	99K002L	2ND BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	FSB ROSS	20SEP
18	M11230	99K002M	3RD BN 7TH MAR	1157	C	BALDY	20SEP
19	M11305	99K002N	HQ BTRY(-) 11TH MAR	123'	CSS	DNG	20SEP
20	M11310	99K002P	3RD BN 11 MAR	650	CS	BALDY	20SEP

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21	M11340	99K002S	4TH BN(-) 11TH MAR	272'	CS	DNG 15SEP
22	M11400	99K002U	1ST ENGR BN(-)	477'	CS	DNG 10AUG
23	M11700	99K002V	1ST RECON BN(-)	376'	CS	DNG 4SEP
24	M11020	99K002W	CO C, 1ST MED BN	30'	CSS	DNG 20SEP
25	M11650	99K002X	1ST MT BN(-)	121'	CSS	DNG 20SEP
26		99J055	ROK AUGM	3	CSS	DNG 25JUN
27	M21248	99K005	3RD 175MM GUN BTRY	158	CS	AN HCS 20SEP
28	M21270	99K006	1ST 8" HOW BTRY	222	CS	BALDY 1AUG
29	M20062	99K029	1ST DENT CO(-)	2	CS	DNG 20SEP
30	M95965	99K035C	9TH ITT	11	CS	BALDY 20SEP
31	M95986	99K035F	15TH ITT	11	CS	DNG 10SEP
32	M95946	99K037A	1ST CIT	16	CS	DNG 20SEP
33	M95952	99K037D	7TH CIT	16	CS	DNG 10SEP
34	M28350	99K020	1ST FORCE RECON CO (-)	124'	CS	DNG 10AUG
35	M28352	99K021	3RD FORCE RECON CO	154	CS	DNG 5JUL
36	M00102	99K051	DET 1ST MAW HQ	156D'	CSS	DNG 15JUL
37	M00132	99K055	WERS-17	233D	CSS	DNG 15JUL
38	M01037	99K056	VMCJ-1	521	CS	DNG 1JUL
39	M01013	99K059	H&MS-13	315	CSS	CHL 14SEP
40	M01015	99K062	MABS-13	420	CSS	CHL 14SEP
41	M01167	99K063	MATCH-67	68	CSS	CHL 14SEP
42	M01314	99K071	VMFA-314	382E	CS	CHL 10SEP
43	M01122	99J054	VMFA-122	375E	CS	CHL 4SEP
44	M01242	99K074	VMA(AW)-242	373E	CS	DNG 10SEP
45	M01262	99K084	HMM-262	270	CS	DNG 10SEP
46	M01161	99K086	HMM-161	270	CS	DNG 3JUL
47	M01027	05J036	DET, H&HS-1	27D'	CSS	DNG 15JUL
48	M00107	05J037	DET, MWCS-1	125D'	CSS	DNG 15JUL
49	M01143	05J040	H&HS-18	217	CSS	DNG 15SEP
50	M00979	05J041	MCAS-4	269	CSS	DNG 15SEP
51	M00981	05J042	MASS-3	139'	CSS	DNG 15SEP
52	M01030	05J044	H&MS-17	382D'	CSS	DNG 15JUL
53	M96300	99K033	FLC	1367F'	CSS	DNG 13AUG
54			AUTO SERV CNTR	186	CSS	DNG 10SEP
55			BRIG AUG FLC	67	CSS	DNG 10SEP
56			OOCNE	1188	CSS	ICTZ 10CT
57			TRANSITIONAL FORCE	171	CSS	RVE
58			TOTAL SPACES	19810		

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* REPRESENTS A DRAW DOWN IN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF A UNIT REMAINING IN-COUNTRY.

A - COMBINED ACTION FORCE TO BE REDEPLOYED ON BASIS OF ONE REDEPLOYMENT UNIT EVERY 10 DAYS BEGINNING 1 AUGUST 70. REDEPLOYMENT UNITS WILL EACH CONSIST OF 200 SPACES WITH FINAL REDEPLOYMENT UNIT ON 1 OCT 70 CONSISTING OF 81 SPACES. EACH UNIT WILL HAVE SDD FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OUT COUNTRY. QUANG NAM PROVINCE CAG REMAINS IN COUNTRY.

B - ONE COMPANY SCHEDULED FOR SDD 1 JUL 70, REMAINDER OF BATTALION SCHEDULED FOR SDD 1 AUG 70.

C - 467 SPACES SCHEDULED FOR SDD ON 10 AUG 70, REMAINING 500 SPACES SCHEDULED FOR SDD 25 SEP 70.

D - PLANS CALL FOR USE OF FOUR LST'S BETWEEN RVN AND JAPAN ON ROTATIONAL BASIS. ENTIRE PERIOD WILL REQUIRE ABOUT 60 DAYS. SHIPPING HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED WITH CINCPACFLT.

E - FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART COUNTRY ON TRANSPAC ABOUT 15 SEP 70.

F - TO BE REDEPLOYED IN THREE INCREMENTS WITH STANDDOWN DATES OF 13 AUG 70, 21 AUG 70, 30 SEP 70.

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1. (IS) REFERENCE ESTABLISHED INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 52,000 US SPACES FROM RVN BY 15 OCT 1970 AND REQUESTED PROVISION OF DETAILED TROOP LISTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT COB 13 JUN 1970.
2. (C) AN URGENT PLANNING REQUIRE~~me~~

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 NECESSITATES THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REFERENCE BE PROVIDED TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT COB 12 JUN 1970. IN THIS REGARD, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS WHICH, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, WILL BE HANDLED DIRECTLY WITH YOUR FORCE PLANNING POINTS OF CONTACT.00

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1. (TS) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHES
INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 50,000
US SPACES FROM RVN BY 15 OCT 1970 ON WHICH DATE THE MACV
SPACE CEILING WILL BE 84,000.

2. (TS) MAJOR COMBAT UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED AND COMPONENT
SPACE REDUCTIONS ARE TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:
THOUSAND SPACES

USA	2 BDE, PLUS CBT SPT AND CBT SVC SPT UNITS	17.4
USM	SPT AND NAVY W/MARINES	10.1
USAF	ELEMENTS	2.7
USMC	1 RLT W/AIR & SPT	19.8
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3. (TS) GUIDELINES.

A. THIS PLANNING SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS
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REVISED APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183, ON OR ABOUT
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B. COMBAT UNITS ARE TO REMAIN OPERATIONAL AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS PERMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, STANDDOWN DATES SHOULD BE BASED ON A MAXIMUM LOGISTICAL EFFORT AND ESTABLISHED BY BACKWARD PLANNING FROM 15 OCTOBER.

C. SPECIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL BE INCLUDED IN APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183. THE GENERAL POLICY IS, HOWEVER, THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV ON STANDDOWN. NORMAL MACV STRENGTH REPORTING WILL REFLECT DRAWDOWN FROM REDEPLOYMENT OF OTHER UNITS.
4. (TS) BASED ON THE FORCE PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2, COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DETAILED TROOP LISTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN 13 JUN 1970. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROOP LIST SUBMISSION IS:

A. LIC; FRN; UNIT; AUTHORIZED STRENGTH; LOCATION AND FUNCTION (COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, OR COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT). AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN PROGRAM 9. INDICATE BY ASTERISK NEXT TO STRENGTH

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FIGURES INSTANCES WHERE THOSE FIGURES REPRESENT A DRAWDOWN IN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF A UNIT REMAINING IN COUNTRY.

B. PROPOSED STANDDOWN DATE FOR EACH MAJOR COMBAT UNIT, E.G., BRIGADE, RLT, TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, AVIATION COMPANIES AND SEPARATE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS.

C. STATEMENT OF IMPACT.
5. (U) DIRECT COORDINATION BETWEEN COMPONENT AND FIELD COMMANDERS IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED. WHERE APPROPRIATE, FIELD COMMANDERS PROVIDE STATEMENTS OF IMPACT TO COMPONENT COMMANDERS ADDRESSED FOR INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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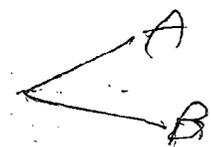
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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHES INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 50,000 US SPACES FROM RVN BY 15 OCT 1970 ON WHICH DATE THE MACV SPACE CEILING WILL BE 384,000.
2. (TS) MAJOR COMBAT UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED AND COMPONENT SPACE REDUCTIONS ARE TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

	THOUSAND SPACES
USA 2 BDE, PLUS CBT SPT AND CBT SVC SPT UNITS	17.4
USN SPT AND NAVY W/MARINES	10.1
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
USMC 1 RLT W/AIR & SPT	19.8
TOTAL	50.0



3. (TS) GUIDELINES.

A. THIS PLANNING SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS WITHOUT NOTIFICATION IN ANY MANNER TO THE UNITS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED. FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION OF THIS INCREMENT IS NOT PLANNED UNTIL PUBLICATION OF A REVISED APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183, ON OR ABOUT 30 JUNE.

B. COMBAT UNITS ARE TO REMAIN OPERATIONAL AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS PERMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, STANDDOWN DATES SHOULD BE BASED ON A MAXIMUM LOGISTICAL EFFORT AND ESTABLISHED BY BACKWARD PLANNING FROM 15 OCTOBER.

C. SPECIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL BE INCLUDED IN APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183. THE GENERAL POLICY IS, HOWEVER, THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV ON STANDDOWN. NORMAL MACV STRENGTH REPORTING WILL REFLECT DRAWDOWN FROM REDEPLOYMENT OF OTHER UNITS.

4. (TS) BASED ON THE FORCE PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2, COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DETAILED TROOP LISTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTER NLT COB 13 JUN 1970. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROOP LIST SUBMISSION IS:

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A. UIC; FRN; UNIT; AUTHORIZED STRENGTH; LOCATION AND FUNCTION (COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, OR COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT). AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN PROGRAM 9. INDICATE BY ASTERISK NEXT TO STRENGTH FIGURES INSTANCES WHERE THOSE FIGURES REPRESENT A DRAWDOWN IN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF A UNIT REMAINING IN COUNTRY.

B. PROPOSED STANDDOWN DATE FOR EACH MAJOR COMBAT UNIT, E.G., BRIGADE, RTI, TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, AVIATION COMPANIES AND SEPARATE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS.

C. STATEMENT OF IMPACT.

5. (U) DIRECT COORDINATION BETWEEN COMPONENT AND FIELD COMMANDERS IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED. WHERE APPROPRIATE, FIELD COMMANDERS PROVIDE STATEMENTS OF IMPACT TO COMPONENT COMMANDERS ADDRESSED FOR INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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TO RUEOFIA/CMC

INFO RUMHFMA/CG FMFPAC ADMIN

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**T O P S E C R E T/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/PERSONAL FOR GEN
 CHAPMAN INFO MGEN ADAMS FROM LTGEN BUSE (DELIVER DURING
 WORKING HOURS)**

1. HAD CORDIAL AND REWARDING VISIT WITH ABE THIS
 MORNING. I ASKED IF HE HAD MADE DECISION ON MARINE
 VS ARMY HEAVY. HE STATED HE HAD AND IS STAYING WITH
 MARINE HEAVY OPTION. ALTHOUGH HIS STAFF IS STILL WORKING
 ON DETAILS, HE THINKS THE MARINE ELEMENT IN FIRST
 INCREMENT WILL BE AN RLT. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MY
 RETURN. HAVE INFORMED MCCUTCHEON. WARM REGARDS.

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P 210432Z MAY 70
FM CG III MAF
TO CG RMPFC

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P E R S O N N E L S I G N I F I C A N T I N R V N (U)

- A. CG RMPFC 0100Z MAY 70
- B. JCS 0100Z MAY 70
- C. REFERENCE A SUGGESTED THAT THE AGENCY'S CONTAINED
IN REFERENCE B MIGHT PROVIDE NEAR FUTURE OPPORTUNITY TO
REOPEN THE NEGOTIATION FOR THE MOVEMENT OF THE 9TH
AVIATION, HELICOPTER AND BRIGADE TO BE APPROX SHIPING IN
EARLY JUNE. I REQUESTED THE MARINE CORPS AFFAIRS
DURING THE LAST WEEK AND DID NOT RECEIVE A FAVORABLE
RESPONSE. IT APPEARS THAT HE WILL NOT NOMINATE ANY UNIT'S
FOR EARLY DEPARTURE UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO.

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 FROM LT GEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //NOOOOO//
 PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN RVN (U)
 A. CINCPAC 220335Z MAY70 PASEP (C)
 B. JCS 9471/210041Z MAY70 PASEP (S)
 1. (C) BY REFERENCE A CINCPAC HAS REQUESTED COMUSMACV
 TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE REFERENCE B REQUEST TO
 MAINTAIN RVN STRENGTH AT A LEVEL AT OR BELOW THE
 ON BOARD STRENGTH OF 30 APR 70. I ANTICIPATE THAT
 III MAF WILL SHORTLY BE QUIRIED ON PROPOSED METHODS
 OF STRENGTH MANAGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH SEDEF GUIDANCE.
 2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFO MAY BE HELPFUL. THE MARINE
FAID INCREMENT III CEILING IS 42610 WHICH FIGURE
INCLUDES 576 DOD SPECIAL/JTD AUTHORIZED SPACES
REPORTED ON BY COMNAVFORV. WANNING LEVEL FOR III MAF
FORCES IS NOW 296 BELOW THAT AUTHORIZED CEILING AS A

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 RESULT OF SPACE REDUCTIONS EFFECTED. IN MARCH IN HQ
 III MAF. TOTAL MARINE STRENGTH IN RVN AS OF 30 APR
 WAS REPORTED AS 41,745 AND WE ARE PROJECTING A 31 MAY
 ON ROLL STRENGTH AT ABOUT THAT SAME FIGURE. IT
 WOULD APPEAR FROM REFERENCE C'S A AND B THAT WE MAY BE
 ASKED TO STAY WITHIN OUR 30 APR STRENGTH AT LEAST
 UNTIL 1 JUNE - PERHAPS BEYOND THAT DATE. OBVIOUSLY,
 OUR GREATEST FLEXIBILITY IS GAINED IF WE CAN AVOID
SUCH A LIMITATION AND BE RESTRICTED ONLY TO OUR
PROGRAM CEILING. IN ANY EVENT AT THIS TIME IT WILL
 NOT SERVE OUR PURPOSES TO INDICATE THAT OUR WANNING
 LEVEL GOAL IS BELOW THAT CEILING. WE WILL CONTINUE
 TO MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT AT MAINTAINING IN-
 COUNTRY STRENGTH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO WHATEVER
 CEILING IS IMPOSED. CERTAINLY HQMC IS MAKING A MOST
 EXTENDED EFFORT TOWARDS THAT GOAL. OUR MANAGEMENT
OF PERSONNEL INS AND OUTS HAVE BEEN, I BELIEVE,
EFFECTIVE AND THE PRESENT REPORTING SYSTEM WOULD
SEEM ADEQUATE. NEW METHODS OF STRENGTH MANAGEMENT
 FOR MARINE FORCES APPEAR TO BE UNNECESSARY.

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3. (TS) SEPARATE BUT RELATED - SECRETARY LAIRD MADE THE COMMENT IN REFERENCE B " - AND TO EFFECTING SOME GRADUAL REDUCTION, IF POSSIBLE, WHILE THE FULL FY 1971 SCHEDULES ARE BEING FORMULATED". THIS MAY PROVIDE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN AT THIS LATE DATE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MOVEMENT OF THE 9TH ENGR BN (-), RECON CO (-) AND THE BRIDGE CO (-) BY AMPHIB SHIPPING IN EARLY JUNE. I NOTE THAT JUST TODAY MACV, IN A MSG FROM CINCPAC, WAS ADVISED OF SHIPPING AVAILABILITY OVER INCREMENT IV TIME FRAME AND THE SHORTFALLS AND COSTS INVOLVED WITH OPTIONS A AND B. THIS IS THE SAME INFO YOU HAD FROM US EARLIER IN SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL. IF NOT NEEDED IN-COUNTRY, A MOVE OF THESE UNITS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FROM SEVERAL STANDPOINTS: PERSONNEL SAVINGS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, GREATLY REDUCED CONGESTION IN WEST COAST AS WELL AS DANANG PORTS AND ENHANCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES DURING AND AFTER INCREMENT IV.

WARM REGARDS,

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFO.

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151057Z MAY 70

FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON

TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DANANG

INFO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS DANANG

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: III MAF 140550Z MAY 1970 (TS)

1. (TS) REFERENCE PROPOSED UNITS FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN ORDER
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING RETURNING TO CONUS
30 MAY - 10 JUNE 70.

2. (TS) IN VIEW OF ON-GOING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT VIET-

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NAM, TO INCLUDE CRITICAL OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA, IT IS
ESSENTIAL THAT MACV RETAIN AN OPERATIONAL POSTURE COM-
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TO REDEPLOY ANY UNITS PRIOR TO AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OVER-
ALL SITUATION, ABOUT 15 JUNE. AT THAT TIME I AM COMMITTED
TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDEPLOYMENTS FOR THE
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REFERENCE: III MAF MSG 140550Z MAY 1970.
(S) PENDING DECISION ON YOUR REQUEST IN REF MSG, STANDDOWN OF
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. III MAF 120840Z MAY 70 (TS/LIMDIS/EYES ONLY)

B. XXIV CORPS 130930Z MAY 70 (TS/LIMDIS/EYES ONLY)

1. REF A REFERS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH CG XXIV CORPS AND CG FMFPAC CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE NAVY AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING RETURNING TO CONUS 30 MAY-10 JUNE 70, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO REDEPLOY THE 9TH ENGR BN (-), 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) AND 3D FORCE RECON CO. THESE UNITS REQUIRE SQUARE FOOTAGE COMPARABLE TO AN RLT AND THEIR REDEPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME WILL PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULING AND REDUCE POSSIBLE SHIPPING SHORTFALLS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FLOAT BRIDGE REQUIREMENTS NONE OF THESE UNITS ARE CONSIDERED CRITICAL TO ICTZ OPERATIONS THE 1ST MARDIV ENGR BN, THE FORCE 7TH ENGR BN AND 1ST FORCE RECON CO REMAIN IN ICTZ PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR III MAF OPERATIONS.

2. BY REF B CG XXIV CORPS DESIRES TO RETAIN THE FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS OF THE BRIDGE CO AND NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO FULLY EMPLOY THEM IN SUPPORT OF ICTZ OPERATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, A BRIDGE PLATOON WITH THESE ASSETS WILL BE RETAINED IN-COUNTRY.

3. PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS:

UNIT	PERSONNEL SPACES	STANDDOWN
9TH ENGR BN (-)	877	20 MAY 70
1ST BRIDGE CO (-)	94	15 MAY 70
3D FORCE RECON CO	154	IN CADRE STATUS

STANDDOWN DATE FOR 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) IS CRITICAL IN VIEW OF PREPARATION NECESSARY FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF FIXED BRIDGING EQUIPMENT.

4. TENTATIVELY PLANNED NAVY SHIPPING TO MOVE ABOVE UNITS INCLUDES ONE LST SCHEDULED RVN DEPARTURE 30 MAY 70 AND PHIBRON-9 CONSISTING OF LPH, LPD, LSD SCHEDULED RVN DEPARTURE 10 JUN 70.

5. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS EARLIEST. RESPECTFULLY.

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SECURITY FOR ROLL-UP FORCE

A. TELECON BETWEEN COL HALL FMFPAC AND BGEN MILLER III MAF
ON 2 MAY 1970

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, PRESENT PLANS ARE TO TASK MINIMUM
OF ONE (1) RIFLE COMPANY FROM RLT TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR
ROLL-UP FORCE (PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION), AUGMENTED AS
REQUIRED DURING PERIODS OF DARKNESS AND HIGH THREAT BY
PERSONNEL OF THE ROLL-UP FORCE.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

AG CG III MAF 060017/MAY70 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A STATED THAT PRESENT PLANNING FOR SECURITY OF THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY ONE RIFLE COMPANY FROM THE MAB.
2. (TS) UPON REVIEW OF COMUSMACV'S ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA AND BRAVO FOR FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS, IT APPEARS JUDICIOUS TO RE-EVALUATE THE PROVISIONS OF REF A. SHOULD PLAN BRAVO BE EXECUTED, THERE WILL BE NO MARINE GROUND FORCES (INFANTRY TYPE) IN RVN SUBSEQUENT TO MAY71 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE ROLL-UP FORCE. SHOULD PLAN ALFA BE EXECUTED, THE LOCATION OF THE MAB MAY WELL PRECLUDE THE SECURITY ARRANGE-

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MENTS STATED IN REF A. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THESE
UNCERTAINTIES, IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT THAT THE
LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE PLAN ON PROVIDING ITS OWN
SECURITY AND ANY INCREASE IN TIME IN COMPLETING THE
ROLL-UP MISSION OR, ANY REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASE IN
SPACES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN YOUR PLANS AND
DISCUSSED WITH MACV SOONEST.

3. (U) YOUR COMMENTS IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

4. (U) GEN. BUSE HAS CONCURRED IN THE ABOVE.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: III MAF 120840Z EYES ONLY MAY 70

1. TO CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSAL FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 9TH ENGR BN AND 3D AVN BATTAL CO.

2. TO CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) AT THIS TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) IS THE ONLY NON DIVISIONAL US FLOAT BRIDGE UNIT AVAILABLE IN ICTZ. FLOAT BRIDGING IN THE POSSESSION OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION AND 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) IS SUFFICIENT ONLY TO PROVIDE REQUIRED COMBAT SUPPORT BRIDGING AND RAFTING REQUIRED FOR THEIR OWN TACTICAL OPERATIONS.

B. ALTHOUGH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO USARV FOR AN ARMY FLOAT BRIDGE COMPANY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO XXIV CORPS, THERE ARE NONE THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

C. BRIDGES HAVE BEEN A MAJOR TARGET IN THE RECENT UPSURGE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 30 DAYS AND AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT BRIDGES WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRIMARY TARGET IN THE CONTINUING ENEMY ACTIVITIES DURING MAY AND JUNE. IN THE LAST 30 DAYS 6 BRIDGES HAVE BEEN INTERDICTED ON QL-1 AND OF THESE IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE 1ST BRIDGE COMPANY TO INSTALL TACTICAL BRIDGING AT 3 LOCATIONS.

D. ARVN FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS IN ICTZ CONSIST OF SOME 1500 FEET OF BRIDGE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ZONE. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THERE ARE OVER 12 RIVERS IN ICTZ CROSSING QL-1 WHOSE WIDTH EXCEEDS 500 FEET PLUS THE VERY LARGE NUMBER OF SMALLER RIVERS, THE ARVN ASSETS ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE FLOAT BRIDGE CAPABILITY OF THE 1ST BRIDGE COMPANY (-) BE RETAINED. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO MAKE USE OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING I WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE REGRADING AT THIS TIME OF THE MS PANEL BRIDGE ASSETS OF THE CO (-), RETAINING ITS FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS AND NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO FULLY EMPLOY THEM.

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FROM ADMIRAL MCCAIN

U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

A. JCS 7183/271845Z APR 70

1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED THAT A PLAN BE FORWARDED FOR

THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 FROM RVN BY 1 MAY 71. IN

ADDITION REF A INDICATED THE REDEPLOYMENT SHOULD INCLUDE

AT LEAST 50,000 BY 15 OCT 70, BUT NEED NOT BE MORE THAN

60,000 BY 31 DEC 70. IN ADDITION REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS

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ON HOW WELL THE VIETNAMESE ARE PROGRESSING TOWARD LOGISTIC
SELF-SUFFICIENCY.2. (TS) THE NEED TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING IS PAR-
TICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME WHEN EVENTS ARE SERVING TO
MAGNIFY UNCERTAINTIES.WHILE PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR
IN PLANNING REDEPLOYMENTS, THE OUTCOME OF OPERATIONS
AGAINST CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ENEMY
COUNTERACTIONS AND THE FINAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGETARY
LIMITATIONS ON CRITICAL AIR RESOURCES CAN ALL SIGNIFICANTLY
INFLUENCE SPECIFIC REDEPLOYMENT PLANS. MOST IMPORTANTLY,
THOSE FACTORS DETERMINE THE TIMING FOR REDEPLOYMENTS AND THE
COMPOSITION, IDENTIFICATION, AND DISPOSITION OF FORCES
REMAINING. IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A REDUCED THREAT
IN THE III AND IV CORPS ZONES WILL PERMIT WITHIN OVERALL SPACE
PARAMETERS, RETENTION OF INCREASED FORCES IN OTHER AREAS.
MOREOVER, AS INDICATED IN NOTE 2 UNDER PARAGRAPH 5C BELOW,
IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN FORCES OTHER
THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN THE ALTERNATIVES ALFA AND BRAVO BELOW,
THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO RETAIN ADDITIONAL

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3. (TS) THE ALTERNATIVE PLANS SET FORTH BELOW REFLECT THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY CONSIDERED MANDATORY AT THIS TIME. ALTERNATIVE ALFA IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING AS IT HAS BEEN SEEN TO DATE. HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT TO REDEPLOY THE MARINES AS THE LAST ELEMENT OF THE 60,000 INCREMENT REFLECTS A GROWING CONCERN FOR PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS. SIMILARLY, ALTERNATIVE BRAVO HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EVEN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING THAT CONCERN; IT WOULD RETAIN THE BULK OF THE MARINE FORCE INTO THE SPRING OF 1971.

4. (TS) ACCELERATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IF JUSTIFIED BY THE MILITARY SITUATION, PROGRESS IN THE RVNAF I&M PROGRAM AND WITHIN THE CONFINES OF LOGISTICS CONSTRAINTS. FLEXIBILITY FOR DELAY IS BEST MAINTAINED BY RETAINING THE ALTERNATIVES UNTIL THE ASSESSMENTS IN JUNE AND DECEMBER. WITHIN THESE ALTERNATIVES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY CAN BE ACHIEVED BY DESIGNATION OF REDEPLOYING UNITS AS LATE AS POSSIBLE IN RELATION TO A UNIT'S STANDDOWN DATE. DELAY AFTER A UNIT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR REDEPLOYMENT CAN HAVE AN ADVERSE MORALE IMPACT WHICH WHILE NOT

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OVERRIDING SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

5. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA.

A. CONCEPT. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 WOULD BE IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 60,000 AND 90,000 SPACES. THE 60,000 INCREMENT TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70 WOULD BE MARINE HEAVY WITH 50,000 SPACES OF THIS INCREMENT REDEPLOYED BY 15 OCT 70. THE 90,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. WITHIN EACH INCREMENT THE MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE TIME PERIOD; FOR THE 60,000 INCREMENT, THE MARINE FORCES WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS PERMITTED BY SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND DECEMBER TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF FORCE PACKAGES. SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS WOULD BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV UPON STANDDOWN AND OTHER REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN NORMAL MACV STRENGTH REPORTING.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 60,000 INCREMENT.

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USMC III MAF (-MAB) 1/	29.4
USN SUPPORT	10.5
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
USA 2 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	17.4
TOTAL	60.0

NOTE:

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

- RLT
- MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY
- 2 ATK/FTR SQNS
- 2 HELO SQNS
- 1 COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG)

(2) 90,000 INCREMENT.	
USMC MAB & ROLL-UP FORCE	12.6
USN SUPPORT	6.0
USA 8 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	71.4
TOTAL	90.0

C. FORCES REMAINING. MAJOR U.S. FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. REGARDING

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THE ARMY LOGISTICAL FORCE, APPROXIMATELY 45,000 PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING U.S./FVNAF/RVNAF UNITS. DETAILED TABULATIONS SHOWING APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF LOGISTICS EFFORT BY SUPPORT CATEGORY ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEX D ENCL (3) TO CINCPAC LETTER 000123-70 DATED 10 APR 70, SUBJECT: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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1/ EXCLUDES 9 ARMY HELO COS TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT TO VNAF.

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2/ BASED UPON MAINTAINING USAF SORTIE RATE OF 14,000 PER MONTH THROUGH FY 71 WITH CURRENT FORCE. IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO REDUCING EITHER THE MARINE OR THE ARMY PORTION OF THE FIRST INCREMENT. SQUADRON FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASED IN THAILAND OR 2 CVA'S ON STATION.

6 (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN BRAVO

A. CONCEPT. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 50,000

PAGE 2 RUHHHOA1246 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS/SENSITIVE/IVY TREE AND 100,000. THE 50,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE ARMY HEAVY AND WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70; THE REMAINING 100,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF EACH TIME PERIOD. ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND DECEMBER AS IN ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF EACH INCREMENT. THIS PLAN COULD BE MODIFIED TO MEET THE 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT BY 15 OCT AND 60,000 BY 31 DEC 70 SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 50,000 INCREMENT.

USMC 1 RLTS/SUPPORT

10.8

USN SUPPORT

9.2

USAF ELEMENTS

2.7

USA 3 BRIGADES/SUPPORT

27.3

TOTAL 50.0

(2) 100,000 INCREMENT.

USMC III MAF (-)

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USN SUPPORT

7.3

USA 7 BRIGADES/SUPPORT

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TOTAL 100.0

C. FORCES REMAINING. THE FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. (COMMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5C ABOVE ALSO APPLY.)

	AFTER	AFTER
	50,000	100,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQDN	3	3
SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21	18
SEP HELO COS/SQDN	50	37
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTB SQDN	22	18
AIRLIFT SQDN	11	11
RECON SQDN	5	5
SEP ARMY ENG BNS	23	17
SEP ARMY SIG BNS	21	15

NOTE:

TO ATTAIN THE SPECIFIED ARMY SUPPORT SPACES IN THIS INCREMENT WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME UNDETERMINED REDUCTION AMONG THE COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS INDICATED, WITH ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE

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IMPACT ON FORCES REMAINING AFTER THE 100,000 INCREMENT.

7. (TS) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, DUE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SEASIA, THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DECISION POINTS RELATING TO EITHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS PROPOSED.

A. MID JUNE	ASSESSMENT.
B. 1 JULY 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL INCREMENT.
C. 15 JULY 70	MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR INITIAL INCREMENT.
D. MID DEC 70	ASSESSMENT
E. LATE DEC 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECOND INCREMENT.
F. EARLY JAN 71	MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR SECOND INCREMENT.

8. (TS) LOGISTICS.

A. CONSIDERATIONS: DUE TO THE NECESSITY TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY, MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AND THEIR DIRECT SUPPORT NON-ORGANIC UNITS WILL STANDDOWN AS LATE AS POSSIBLE IN BOTH INCREMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION COMMON

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 TO BOTH ALTERNATIVES IS THE COMPRESSION OF TIME WHICH
 REQUIRES THE PROCESSING OF
 EQUIPMENT DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND INCREMENT. BASED
 UPON AN ASSUMED REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE BASE LINE DIVISION
 WITH ITS EQUIPMENT, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TOTAL EFFORT
 ASSOCIATED WITH THE TURN-IN, REHABILITATION, TRANSFER
 TO RVNAF AND RETROGRADE OR DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE
 MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF KEYSTONE BLUEJAY. IN THE BLUEJAY
 OPERATION SOME 100,000 ITEMS OF U.S. ARMY EQUIPMENT WERE
 REPORTED FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS BY REDEPLOYING UNITS.

B. EQUIPMENT PROCESSING. AT THIS TIME, 85 PERCENT OF THE
 BLUEJAY REPORTED ITEMS HAVE RECEIVED DISPOSITION; HOWEVER,
 AN ADDITIONAL 90-120 DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE
 MAINTENANCE ACTIONS ON EQUIPMENT TO BE RETAINED. FOR A TWO
 AND ONE-THIRD DIVISION EQUIVALENT ARMY FORCE REDEPLOYING WITHOUT
 EQUIPMENT, 120 DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE EQUIPMENT
 TO ITS FIRST IN-COUNTRY DESTINATION, I.E. DEPOT OR PORT.
 AFTER INSPECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF
 NON-REPAIRABLE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL, ADDITIONAL TIME AND
 EFFORT ARE REQUIRED TO REFURBISH THE REPAIRABLE EQUIPMENT

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 FOR TURN-OVER TO RVNAF OR REISSUE TO U.S. UNITS. THIS WOULD
 TAKE AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED 120 DAYS.

C. ALTERNATIVES: LOGISTICS EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE
 SECOND INCREMENT WILL BE REDUCED IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO
 THE NUMBER OF UNITS REDEPLOYED WITH EQUIPMENT. TO MINIMIZE
 THE IMPACT OF EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
 INCREMENT, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED:

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
 FORCE (LSF) TO ACCOMPLISH TURN-IN, REPAIR AND PROCESSING OF
 EQUIPMENT. THIS INVOLVES RETENTION OF A TEMPORARY ROLL-UP
 FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TO 3,000 PERSONNEL AFTER 1 MAY 71
 PLUS A MARINE ROLL-UP FORCE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE MARINE
 EQUIPMENT.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFF-SHORT COLLECTING POINTS TO
 RECEIVE EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIR AND REDISTRIBUTION, BUDGETARY
 CONSTRAINTS NOTWITHSTANDING.

(3) CREATION AND BUILDUP OF AN IN-COUNTRY CONTRACTOR
 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT
 PROCESSING AND REPAIR (DEPENDENT UPON TACTICAL ENVIRONMENT).
 BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND CAPABILITY OF MARSHALLING AN

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T O P S E C R E T LINDIS/SENSITIVE/IVY TREE FINAL SEC OF 3 ADEQUATE SKILLED WORK FORCE ARE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, SOME SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE, IN COMBINATION WITH A LSF MAY BE A MORE COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH.

D. MOBILITY RESOURCES. TRANSPORTATION AT THIS POINT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM. AS IN PAST REDEPLOYMENTS, TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITIES WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST REQUIREMENTS DURING THE CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE.

E. LOGISTIC CAPABILITIES OF RVNAF. THE PROGRESS OF RVNAF TOWARDS COMPLETE LOGISTICAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY HAS BEEN

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(1) ARVN. OVER 24,000 ARMY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN LOGISTICAL SKILLS TO DATE. TOTAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN SURFACE LAND TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN ATTAINED AND NO DEFICIENCIES IN THIS AREA ARE ANTICIPATED. SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED IN TERMINAL SERVICE OPERATIONS WITH ARVN EMPLOYED PERSONNEL NOW HANDLING 74 PERCENT OF ALL RVNAF REQUIREMENTS; SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS PROJECTED FOR 2ND QTR FY 72. ARVN NOW OPERATES THE PORT OF CAN THO/BINH TUY AND MOST OF SAIGON PORT. THEY ARE INCREASING OPERATIONS AT NHA TRANS, QUI NHON, AND DA NANG. THE DISCHARGE AND LOCAL WATER MOVEMENT OF AMMUNITION IS CURRENTLY THEIR AREA OF PRIME DEFICIENCY. THE DEPOT UPGRADE PROGRAM IS ON SCHEDULE WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON THE ENGINEER, ORDNANCE, AND SIGNAL BASE DEPOTS. PROCUREMENT OF ARVN PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPOT PROGRAM IS EXCELLENT AND OFF-SHORE TRAINING OF KEY PERSONNEL IS IN PROGRESS. THE ARVN AMMUNITION SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING

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ADEQUATE SERVICE TO DEPLOYED COMBAT UNITS; HOWEVER, AMMUNITION
OPERATIONS WILL INCREASE AS U.S. UNITS ARE WITHDRAWN AND A
STUDY IS NOW UNDERWAY TO DEFINE TOTAL REQUIREMENTS IN AMMUNI-
TION STORAGE, SURVEILLANCE, MAINTENANCE, AND INVENTORY CONTROL.

(2) VNN. LOGISTICAL WATER-BORNE LIFT PROVIDED BY THE
VNN WITH ARVN AND GVN CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION APPROXIMATES
85 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL RVNAF REQUIREMENT, WITH U.S. AND ROK SHIPPING
MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE. AS ADDITIONAL SHIPS AND CRAFTS ARE
ADDED, SELF-SUFFICIENCY SHOULD BE ATTAINED BY 4TH QTR FY 71.
THE VNN CONDUCTS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AT THREE OF 30 SUPPORT
BASES AND 10 ADVANCED TACTICAL BASES; BASE TURNS ARE
SCHEDULED THROUGH END FY 72. DEPOT LEVEL MAINTENANCE TO
SUPPORT BOTH VNN AND ARVN CRAFT IS PROGRAMMED FOR TOTAL
VIETNAMIZATION IN FY 72.

(3) VNAF. ESSENTIALLY ALL BASE LEVEL MAINTENANCE IS
PERFORMED BY VNAF ASSETS, HOWEVER THE LARGE SCALE EXPANSION
OF VNAF ENVISIONED IN THE CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I & M PROGRAM
CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL ASSETS, PARTICULARLY IN
MAINTENANCE. SOME 2,000 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED
TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM II (ACCELERATED) FORCE AND ANOTHER 1,453

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ARE PROJECTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I&M PROGRAM. FOR MANY
OF THESE HIGHLY SKILLED PERSONNEL, AN 18-24 MONTH LEAD TIME
IS REQUIRED FOR RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING. THE VNAF DEPOT IS
CURRENTLY ACCOMPLISHING SELECTED COMPONENT REPAIR, J-85 ENGINE
OVERHAUL, AND CRASH AND BATTLE DAMAGE ON SELECTED AIRCRAFT.
DEPOT MANNING IS SCHEDULED TO REACH 100 PERCENT BY DECEMBER 1971.
VNAF IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF
LOGISTICAL AIRLIFT REQUIRED. THE ADDITION OF 48 U/E C-123
AIRCRAFT IN 2ND QTR FY 72, WITH FULL OPERATIONAL READINESS (O/R)
SCHEDULED FOR 2ND QTR FY 73, WILL INCREASE THE VNAF AIRLIFT
CAPABILITY TO 85 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF JGS ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT.
WITH THE ADDITION OF 48 U/E C-7A AIRCRAFT REQUESTED IN THE
CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I & M PROGRAM FOR ACTIVATION IN 1ST QTR
FY 72 AND A PROBABLE O/R DATE OF 1ST QTR 73, IT IS ESTIMATED
THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT VIRTUALLY ALL THE
RVNAF REQUIREMENTS AS PROJECTED BY THE JGS.

F. LOGISTICS CONCLUSION: WHETHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN A OR
B IS SELECTED, A SIZEABLE COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT FORCE MUST
BE FORMALLY IDENTIFIED TO ROLL-UP, CLEAN-UP AND PREPARE
USEABLE EQUIPMENT FOR REDISTRIBUTION. SUCH A FORCE DEDICATED

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TO THIS MISSION WILL BE REQUIRED DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF
MAJOR UNITS AND SHOULD REMAIN IN-COUNTRY AFTER COMPLETION
OF THE LAST INCREMENT IN EITHER ALTERNATIVE FOR APPROXIMATELY
120 DAYS. ALSO SOME SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE MAY BE
REQUIRED.

9. (TS) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. THE PLANNING SEQUENCE OUTLINED IN PARA 7 ABOVE BE
APPROVED.

B. THE CONCEPTS OUTLINED IN ALTERNATIVES A AND B BE
APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

C. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE 150,000 SPACE
REDUCTION BE LIMITED TO:

(1) IDENTIFYING MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AT TIME OF UNIT
STANDDOWN; (ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE APPROVED BY CINCPAC AND ASD/PA).

(2) MACV DAILY COMMUNIQUE WHICH ANNOUNCES UNIT
DEPARTURE;

(3) MACV DAILY COMMUNIQUE WHICH INCLUDES WEEKLY
STRENGTH REPORT.

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 IMMEDIATE TIME FRAME AND IN YOU RECOMMENDING SAME
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J3-03 AND THIS COMMAND INDICATED THAT "SECDEF/CJCS" QUERIEDK
COMUSMACV CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF SHORT FUZE REDEPLOYMENT OF
TAKEN U.S. FORCE.2. (TS) THIS CONFIRMS REFS A AND B DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING MACV
QUERY ON AVAILABILITY OF NAVY SHIPPING AND III MAF UNITS TO FORM
REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE.3. (TS) AT 092200H MAY 70 A PHONECON WAS RECEIVED FROM MACV J3
ACTION OFFICER INDICATING THAT COMUSMACV DID NOT INTEND TO OFFERPAGE TWO RUMLP 1612 TOP SECRET/SPECAT/LIMDIS/MCEO
ANY UNITS FOR EARLY REDEPLOYMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE "SECDEF/
CJCS" REQUEST AND THAT PLANNING FOR THIS ACTION SHOULD BE
TERMINATED.4. (TS) IT HAD BEEN MY INTENTION TO PROPOSE, WITH YOUR CON-
CURRENCE, REDEPLOYMENT OF 3RD ENGR BN (-), 1ST BRIDGE CO (-),
AND 3D FORCE RECON CO TO MEET THE COMUSMACV REQUEST. IN VIEW
OF INEFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF SHIPPING REPRESENTED BY THE ARG
ROTATION IN EARLY JUNE, I WOULD STILL LIKE TO PROPOSE THE REDE-
PLOYMENT OF THESE UNITS IN THE IMMEDIATE TIME FRAME. IF YOU
CONCUR, I WILL MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL TO XXIV CORPS AND
COMUSMACV.

5. (TS) PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS:

UNIT	PERSONNEL SPACES	STANDDOWN
3RD ENGR BN (-)	877	20 MAY 70
1ST BRIDGE CO (-)	135	15 MAY 70
3D FORCE RECON CO	154	IN CADRE STATUS

STANDDOWN DATE FOR 1ST BRIDGE CO CRITICAL IN VIEW OF PREPARA-
TIONS NECESSARY FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF EQUIPMENT.

6. (U) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS EARLIEST.

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B. COMUSMACV 060000Z MAY 70

1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ON REF B WHICH PRESENTED TWO ALTERNATE PLANS FOR REDUCING 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 1971. REF B ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING FOR USMC REDEPLOYMENTS BE PROVIDED MACV AND THAT PLANS FOR REDEPLOYMENTS IN 1970 BE ADOPTED FOLLOWING FURTHER MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT 15 JUNE, AND FOR REDEPLOYMENTS THEREAFTER THRU 1 MAY 1971 BE ADOPTED IN LATE DECEMBER 1970.

2. (TS) THE AMOUNT OF SHIPPING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT BOTH COMUSMACV PLANS WOULD BE IDENTICAL. NONETHELESS, THERE WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING

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SHORT FALLS:

A. ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA AS OUTLINED BY COMUSMACV, ASSUMING A COMMENCEMENT DATE OF 1 AUG 70 PRECEDED BY A 15 JULY MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF 12,359 PERS, 226,457 SOFT AND 5,479,598 CUFT AT A COMBINED MACV/STS COST OF 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

B. ALTERNATE PLAN BRAVO AS OUTLINED BY COMUSMACV, ASSUMING A COMMENCEMENT DATE OF 1 AUG 70 PRECEDED BY A 15 JULY MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE, WILL RESULT IN SHORTFALL OF 11,717 PERS, 352,571 SOFT AND 5,896,649 CUFT AT A COMBINED MACV/STS COST OF 9.4 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE AN OVERAGE OF SHIPPING AVAILABLE TO LIFT ONLY ONE FLT IN THE FIRST INCREMENT. FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT DURING THE PERIOD 1 JAN - 30 APR 71 THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY IN FLEET SHIPPING AVAILABLE.

3. (TS) CINCPACFLT FAVORS THE COMUSMACV ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA OVER PLAN BRAVO PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF ITS LOWER COST. IN ADDITION THERE WOULD BE LESS CHANCE OF DELAYS DUE TO PRRO WINTER WEATHER. IF WITHDRAWALS OF MARINE UNITS COULD BE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE WICE AUGUST 1970 A MORE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WOULD RESULT. HOWEVER THIS WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND UPON THE JUDGEMENT OF COMUSMACV AS TO WHETHER THE TACTICAL SITUATION WOULD PERMIT THIS

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THE ADVANTAGES OF A MODIFIED PLAN ALFA ARE EXPLAINED BELOW.

4. (TS) FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT ACCELERATION OR DELAY OF REDEPLOYMENTS IS
RECOGNIZED. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE
MINIMUM SHORTFALL AND GREATER SAVINGS OF DOLLARS. MAXIMUM AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPPING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE PREDICATED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

A. ACCELWATED LOADING OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS DURING JUNE AND JULY.
IF THIS IS DISALLOWED A SHORTFALL IN EXCESS OF 250,000 SQFT WILL RESULT

B. REDUCE TO ONE ARG (LPH) AND USE PHIBRON SEVEN TO CYCLE CONUS
REMAINDER OF ITS DEPLOYMENT. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD CONTINUE USING
RELIEVING PHIBRONS TO CYCLE UNTIL PHASE IV (KEYSTONE ROBIN) IS COMPLETED

APPROX 1 MAY 71.

C. LOAD AND SAIL MIDN TRAINING SHIPS VANCOUVER AND CLEVELAND FROM
DANANG 17 JULY 1970.

D. AUGMENT WESTPAC AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING NOT TO INTERFERE WITH
SCHEDULED RAV/OVHL, LEAVE AND UPKEEP FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT OR TRAINING
CYCLE PREPARATORY TO DEPLOYMENT. AS A BASIS FOR AUGMENTATION,
PHIBRONS CAN BE CYCLED FOR ONE TRIP SIXTY DAYS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT,
AND NEW CONSTRUCTION SHIPS CAN BE CYCLED FOLLOWING COMPLETION SKED
TRAINING AND PRIOR COMMENCEMENT TRAINING FOR DEPLOYMENT.

E. UTILIZE 5-6 1156 CLASS LST'S FOR ONE CYCLE TO MIDPAC:

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EASTPAC PRIOR TO ONSET OF ADVERSE WEATHER LATE FALL.

F. UTILIZE RETURNING PHIBRONS FROM SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT MAXIMUM
EXTENT POSSIBLE.

5. (TS) THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY
OF FLEET SHIPPING AS REQUESTED BY COMUSMACV AND DELINEATES A MODIFIED
ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA. THIS PLAN UTILIZES MAXIMUM AVAILABLE SHIPPING
AND ENVISIONS MOVEMENT OF USMC AS FOLLOWS:

INCREMENT I 1 AUG - 15 OCT 70

DEST	PERS	VEH	SOFT	CARGO CUFT	(*) GARRISON PROJ CUFT
OKI 1/	772	26,595	56,100		217,292
JAPAN	2,813	109,229	178,740		103,612
HAWAII 2/	1,133	30,797	56,015		22,379
CONUS 3/	24,662	745,227	1,096,187		545,736
TOTAL	29,400	911,848	1,267,042		889,219

1/ FLUS 20 CH-46

2/ FLUS 36 CH-46

3/ 15 CV-10, 21 CH-46, 36 UN-1E, 6 TF-4F

(*) TO BE TRANSPORTED DURING INCREMENTS I AND II

INCREMENT II 16 OCT - 31 DEC 70

DEST	PERS	VEH	SOFT	CARGO CUFT
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CONUS 1,234 28,000 4,000,000
 INCREMENT III 1 JAN - 1 MAY 71
 DEST PERS VEH SOFT CARGO CUFT
 CONUS/HAWAII 11,400 650,000 850,000
 ACFT: 4 CV-10A, 21 CH-46, 6 CH-53, 12 UH-1E, 18 AH-1G, 3 TA-4F, 1 C-117

NOTE: ALL USN SUPT CRT WILL BE MAC AIRLIFTED.

A. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT INCLUDING NBCS EQUIPMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH	SOFT	CUFT CARGO
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 30 MAY DANANG			
TIOGA CTY	360	11,000		1,000
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 10-12 JUNE DANANG			
TRIPOLI	1,802	4,101		40,749
OSDEN	926	29,470		49,962
SEMINOLE	53	14,293		78,093
PT DEFIANCE	357	24,261		2,974
	3,138	72,125		171,678
EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 25-26 JUNE DANANG			
DENVER	862	27,743		41,638
DURHAM	226	35,286		76,645

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ANCHORAGE	346	30,067		1,232
MOBILE	226	35,215		74,833
	1,660	129,311		194,368
EMBARK UNIT FOUR	LD 10 JULY DANANG			
CLEVELAND	70	17,036		39,130
VANCOUVER	70	14,979		23,188
	140	32,015		62,318
EMBARK UNIT FIVE	LD 18 JULY DANANG FOR HAWAII			
IWO JIMA	1,700	4,175		44,958
EMBARK UNIT SIX	LD 2 AUGUST DANANG			
PAGE CTY	125	8,300		-0-
EMBARK UNIT SEVEN	LD 10-11 AUGUST DANANG			
DENVER	862	27,743		41,638
DURHAM	226	35,286		76,645
ANCHORAGE	346	30,067		1,232
MOBILE	226	35,215		74,833
	1,660	129,311		194,368
EMBARK UNIT EIGHT	LD 18 AUGUST DANANG			
FRESNO	430	16,000		4,200
PEORIA	430	16,000		4,200

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JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
	2,258	110,721	125,834
EMBARK UNIT NINE	LD 13-14	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200
EMBARK UNIT TEN	LD 19-20	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
TRIPOLI	1,802	4,101	40,749
ODEN	926	29,470	49,962
	2,728	33,571	90,711
EMBARK UNIT ELEVEN	LD 25-26	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
DENVER	862	27,743	41,638
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645
MONTICELLO	301	22,668	2,956

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MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	1,615	121,912	196,092
EMBARK UNIT TWELVE	LD 3-4	OCTOBER	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
	1,398	88,721	117,433
EMBARK UNIT THIRTEEN	LD DATE DTMD	DANANG	
6 1156 CLASS LST	2,160	66,000	6,000
GRAND TOTAL	19,372	813,852	1,203,960
NMCB SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS		80,000	600,000

B. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH	SOFT	CARGO	CUFT
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 15-16	NOVEMBER	DANANG		
JUNEAU	859	-0-		204,460	
ALAMO	319		24,978	2,974	
ST. LOUIS	226		-0-	403,000	
	1,398		24,978	610,434	
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 5-6	DECEMBER	DANANG		

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OKINAWA	1,743	-0-	71,187
DULIH	927	-0-	125,492
MOBILE	226	-0-	403,000
ANCHORAGE	346	30,067	1,232
	3,242	30,067	600,911
GRAND TOTAL	4,640	55,045	1,211,345

C. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE THIRD INCREMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEN SQFT	CARGO CUFT
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 22-23	JANUARY 1971	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
FRESNO	430	16,000	4,200
	1,515	79,743	118,660
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 23-24	FEBRUARY 1971	
TWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958
CLEVELAND	859	28,033	39,130
TULARE	322	12,491	30,503
PEORIA	430	16,000	4,200
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200

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FAUL REVERE	1,615	7,742	19,189
	5,356	84,441	192,130

EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 9-10	MARCH 1971	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
	1,398	88,721	117,434

EMBARK UNIT FOUR	LD 12-13	APRIL 1971	DANANG
TWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958
CLEVELAND	859	28,033	39,130
TULARE	322	12,491	30,503
FRESNO	430	16,000	4,200
PEORIA	430	16,000	4,200
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200

EMBARK UNIT FIVE	LD 15-16	APRIL 1971	DANANG
SUMTER	430	16,000	4,200
HANITON CC	430	16,000	4,200
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645
DENVER	362	27,743	41,638

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PT DEFIANCE	357	24,261	2,974
DULUTH	927	30,344	49,646
MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	3,458	155,849	254,156
GRAND TOTAL	15,898	531,453	859,621

D. THIS MODIFIED PLAN ALFA WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF ONLY 6,443 PERS, 198,547 SOFT AND 3,784,897 CUFT AT A COMBINED MAC/MSTS COST OF 4.9 MILLION DOLLARS.

6. (U) BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE CAPABILITIES, CINCPACFLT RECOMMENDS THAT MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA BE CONSIDERED. IT OFFERS THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION IN REALIZING REDEPLOYMENT GOALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WHICH WILL RESULT IN ACHIEVING GREATEST SAVINGS IN DOLLARS.

7. (U) COMFPAC WILL ADDRESS USMC OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL ASPECTS SEPARATELY.

8. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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1. (TS) FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE TRANSMITTED THE
FOLLOWING MSG TO ADM HCCAIN INFO ADM HYLAND IN
RESPONSE TO COMUSMACV'S 060000Z MAY 70.

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C. CG RMPAC LTR 3/GRS/LSN SER: 600171 OF 10 MARCH
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1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED MY COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE CON-

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SERVING COMUSMACV'S PROPOSED PLAN (REF B) FOR
REDUCING 150,000 SPACES IN RVN BY 1 MAY 1971.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED AS THEY
RELATE TO EACH OF THE PROPOSED PLANS:

A. ALTERNATE PLAN ALPHA. THIS PLAN DEPENDS ON
THE AVAILABILITY OF BOTH AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AND
FINANCING TO MEET THE INCREASED FLIGHT HOUR COSTS
WHICH WILL OCCUR BETWEEN 15 OCT-31 DEC. BOTH OF THESE
ELEMENTS ARE CONTROLLED BY CINCPACFLT.

B. ALTERNATE PLAN BRAVO.

(1) THIS PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A LOGISTIC
ROLL-UP FORCE BEYOND MAY 71. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY
IN REF C, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP
FORCE TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY 3-5 MONTHS AFTER REDEPLOY-
MENT OF THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION IN ORDER TO RETROGRADE
EQUIPMENT AND STOCKS.

(2) ALTHOUGH THE AMPHIBIOUS LIFT CAPABILITY TO
SUPPORT THIS PLAN IS BEING ADDRESSED IN DETAIL BY
CINCPACFLT, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THERE IS SOME
QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE DANANG PORT THROUGH-PUT

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CAPABILITY WILL PERMIT A SIMULTANEOUS (4 MONTHS) RE-
DEPLOYMENT OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ARMY, NAVY AND
MARINE PERSONNEL WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT.

(3) THE CEILINGS ON AVAILABLE MARINE CORPS
MANAGED FUNDS FOR FMFPAC WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

(4) ADDITIONALLY, PRESENT AUTHORIZED FUNDING
FOR MARINE FLIGHT OPS WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

3. (U) I CONCUR IN THE NEED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE
SITUATION PRIOR TO THE DECISION CONCERNING THE COM-
POSITION OF EACH INCREMENT.

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- A. COMUSMACV 060002Z MAY 70
 B. CG III MAF 021325Z MAY 70
1. (U) III MAF ACTION OFFICERS VISITED MACV J-3 THIS DATE TO DISCUSS REF A. BELOW INFORMATION IS FORWARDED AS PROVIDED FROM ACTION OFFICERS VISIT.
 2. (S) REF A REFLECTS GEN ABRAMS DESIRE TO RETAIN U.S. MARINE FORCES IN IGTZ LONGEST POSSIBLE TIME. HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES U.S. ACTIONS IN CAMBODIA WILL RELIEVE PRESSURE IN III AND IV CORPS AND ALLOW REDUCING FORCES IN THE SOUTH WHEREAS I CORPS WILL BECOME MOST CRITICAL.
 3. (S) ALTERNATIVE ALPHA IN REF A IS A STRETCH-OUT OF THE INITIAL MARINE REDEPLOYMENT TIME PERIOD INDICATED IN REF B.

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 IT VISUALIZES REDEPLOYMENT OF ONLY ABOUT 20K MARCOR PERSONNEL BY 15 OCT 70 WITH THE ADDITIONAL 9.4K, INCLUDING ONE RLT, BY 1 JAN 71. REMAINING MAB AND ROLL-UP FORCE TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. THIS PLAN STAYS WITHIN SECDEF GUIDELINES. REDEPLOYMENT DATE OF MAF HQ TO BE DETERMINED BY MARINE CORPS BUT WOULD BE PRIOR TO 1 JAN 71.

4. (S) ALTERNATIVE BRAVO OF REF A IS EVEN FURTHER EXTENSION OF MARINE CORPS FORCES IN-COUNTRY WITH ONLY 10.8K REDEPLOYED BY 1 JAN 71. REMAINING 31.2K CONSISTING OF AT LEAST TWO RLT'S AND MAF HQ TO BE OUT OF COUNTRY BY 1 MAY 71. THE ROLL-UP FORCE IS INCLUDED IN THE 31.2K FIGURE, HOWEVER, MY ACTION OFFICERS WERE ASSURED BY MACV THIS COULD BE ADJUSTED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ROLL-UP SPACES EXTENDED AFTER 1 MAY 71 TO ABOUT 1 JUL 71. WE WILL CLOSELY ANALYZE LOGISTICAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS BEFORE DETERMINING WHAT PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED. ATTENDANT TO ALTERNATIVE B IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT 1ST AIR CAV DIV AND III MAF REDEPLOYMENT WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS WITH BOTH COMMANDS REQUIRING LPM SHIPPING AT THE SAME TIME. ON A BRICHER SIDE, 23D INF DIV (AMERICAL) WILL PROBABLY REDEPLOY ONLY PERSONNEL, TURNING OVER T/E EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN LOGISTI-

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CAL SUPPORT STOCKAGE IN-COUNTRY, THUS ALLEVIATING DANANG PORT
REQUIREMENTS.

5. (S) MY ACTION OFFICERS ARE NOW PREPARING RECOMMENDED
TROOP LISTS TO FIT EACH OF THE ALTERNATES IN REF A. THESE WILL
BE PROVIDED TO YOU AT THEIR EARLIEST AVAILABILITY.
VARN REGARDS.

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REF: A. JCS 7183/271845Z APR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

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1. (TS) REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. REF A REQUESTS PLAN FOR REDUCING 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY
 1971, WITH 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT BY 15 OCT 70.

B. REF B REQUESTS RESPONSE BY 5 MAY, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION
 ON RELATED LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCES A AND B, THIS MESSAGE PRESENTS
 ALTERNATE PLANS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY
 1971 AND INFORMATION CONCERNING LOGISTICAL MATTERS.

3. (TS) ASSUMPTIONS. THE ALTERNATIVE REDEPLOYMENT PLANS OUTLINED
 HEREIN ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:

A. PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION WILL CONTINUE.

B. SUFFICIENT FLEET SHIPPING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO REDEPLOY
 USMC ELEMENTS IN THE TIME PHASING DESIRED.

4. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA.

A. CONCEPT. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000
 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 WOULD BE IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 60,000 AND 90,000
 SPACES. THE 60,000 INCREMENT TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70 WOULD
 BE MARINE HEAVY WITH 50,000 SPACES OF THIS INCREMENT REDEPLOYED BY
15 OCT 70. THE 90,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71.

WITHIN EACH INCREMENT THE MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED
 UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE TIME PERIOD; FOR THE 60,000 INCREMENT,
 PAGE 3 RHMSMVA9034 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE
 THE MARINE FORCES WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS
 PERMITTED BY FLEET SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. ASSESSMENTS OF THE

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SITUATION WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND DECEMBER TO DETERMINE THE COM-
POSITION AND TIMING OF FORCE PACKAGES. SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS WOULD BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV UPON
STANDDOWN AND OTHER REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN NORMAL MACV
STRENGTH REPORTING.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 60,000 INCREMENT.

USMC III MAF (-MAB) 1/
USN SUPPORT
USAF ELEMENTS
USA 2 BRIGADES/ SUPPORT

29.4 ✓
10.5
2.7
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NOTE:

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

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MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY

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2 ATK/FTR SQDNS

2 HELD SQDNS

1 COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG)

(2) 90,000 INCREMENT.

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USN SUPPORT
USA 8 BRIGADES/SUPPORT

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C. FORCES REMAINING. MAJOR US FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDE-
PLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. REGARDING THE ARMY
LOGISTICAL FORCE, APPROXIMATELY 45,000 PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED
TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING US/ FVNAF/RVNAF UNITS. DETAILED TABULATIONS
SHOWING APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF LOGISTICS EFFORT BY SUPPORT
CATEGORY ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEX D TO MACV LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
DATED 6 APR 70, SUBJECT: "VIETNAMIZATION- CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I&M
(PHASE III) AND RELATED US PLANNING."

	AFTER 60,000	AFTER 90,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQ	3	3
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SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21	18
SEP HELD COS/SQDN	48	37 1/2
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTR 2/	20	18
AIRLIFT SQ 3/	11	11
RECON SQ	5	5
SEP ARMY ENGR BNS4/	23	17
SEP ARMY BNS5/	21	16

NOTES:

- 1/ EXCLUDES 9 ARMY HELD COS TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT TO VNAF.
- 2/ BASED UPON MAINTAINING USAF SORTIE RATE OF 14,000 PER
MONTH THROUGH FY 71 WITH CURRNET FORCE. IF FISCAL CON-
SIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TACTICAL

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FIGHTER SQUADRONS, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO REDUCING EITHER THE MARINE OR THE ARMY PORTION OF THE FIRST INCREMENT. SQUADRON FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASED IN THAILAND OR 2 CVA'S ON STATION. 3/ INCLUDES 3 SODNS FROM 834TH AIR DIVISION. THE VNAF CURRENTLY AIRLIFTS APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. THE DEFICIT IS MADE UP BY THE USAF. UPON COMPLETION PAGE 6 RHMSMVA9034 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE OF PHASE II I&M IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT 85 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. BASED UPON CONSOLIDATED I&M PROPOSALS, IT IS ESTIMATED THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT VITUALLY ALL THE VNAF REQUIREMENTS AS PROJECTED BY THE JGS.

4/ DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, 70 PERCENT OF THE ENGINEER EFFORT OF THE C-E LOGISTICAL EFFORT FOR RVNAF. A FORTHCOMING REVISION OF THIS PLAN WILL INCLUDE A SPECIFIC ANNEX DETAILING TASKS ASSIGNED, TIME REQUIREMENTS, DISTRIBUTION OF EFFORT AND FUNDED PROGRAMS.

5. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN BRAVO

A. CONCEPT. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 50,000 AND 100,000. THE 50,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE ARMY HEAVY AND WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70, THE REMAINING 100,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED UNTIL THE LATTER BT.

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PART OF EACH TIME PERIOD. ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND
DECEMBER AS IN ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION
AND TIMING OF EACH INCREMENT.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 60,000 INCREMENT.

USMC 1 RLT/SUPPORT	10.8
USN SUPPORT	9.2
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
PAGE 2 RHMSMVA 9035 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS	27.3
USA 3 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	27.3
TOTAL	50.0

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(2) 100,000 INCREMENT.

USMC III MAF (-)	31.2
USN SUPPORT	7.3
USA 7 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	61.5
TOTAL	100.0

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C. FORCES REMAINING. THE FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT
OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. (NOTES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4C,
ABOVE ALSO APPLY.)

	AFTER 50,000	AFTER 100,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQ	3	3
SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21"	18
SEP HELD COS/SQDN	50"	37
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTK SQ	22	18
AIRLIFT SQ	11	11
RECON SQ	5	5
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SEP ARMY ENG BNS	23"	17
SEP ARMY SIG BNS	21"	15

NOTE:

"TO ATTAIN THE SPECIFIED ARMY SUPPORT SPACES IN THIS INCREMENT
WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME UNDETERMINED REDUCTION AMONG THE
COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS INDICATED, WITH ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE
IMPACT ON FORCES REMAINING AFTER THE 100,000 INCREMENT.

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6. (TS) TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DECISION POINTS RELATING TO EITHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

MID JUNE 70	ASSESSMENT.
1 JULY 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL INCREMENT.
15 JULY 70	MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR INITIAL INCREMENT.
MID DEC 70	ASSESSMENT.
LATE DEC 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECOND INCREMENT.
EARLY JAN 71	MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR SECOND INCREMENT.

7. (TS) FLEXIBILITY.

A. THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME WHEN EVENTS ARE SERVING TO MAGNIFY UNCERTAINTIES. WHILE PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PLANNING REDEPLOYMENTS, THE OUTCOME OF OPERATIONS AGAINST CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES, POSSIBLE ENEMY COUNTERACTIONS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE REPUBLIC OR IN LAOS, AND THE FINAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS ON CRITICAL AIR RESOURCES CAN, ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS, SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE SPECIFIC REDEPLOYMENT PLANS. MOST IMPORTANTLY THOSE FACTORS DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION, IDENTIFICATION, AND DISPOSITION OF FORCES REMAINING. IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A REDUCED THREAT IN THE III AND IV CORPS ZONES WILL PERMIT WITHIN OVERALL SPACE PARAMETERS, RETENTION OF INCREASED FORCES IN I AND III CORPS ZONES; THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS CONTINUES TO BE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL. MOREOVER, AS INDICATED IN NOTE 27 UNDER PARAGRAPH 4C, ABOVE, IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO RETAIN ADDITIONAL GROUND COMBAT POWER.

B. THE ALTERNATIVE PLANS SET FORTH ABOVE REFLECT THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY CONSIDERED MANDATORY AT THIS TIME. ALTERNATIVE ALFA IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING AS IT HAS BEEN SEEN TO DATE. HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT TO REDEPLOY III MAF (-MAB) AS THE LAST ELEMENT OF THE 60,000 INCREMENT REFLECTS A GROWING CONCERN FOR PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS.

SIMILARLY, ALTERNATIVE BRAVO HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EVEN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING THAT CONCERN; IT WOULD RETAIN THE BULK OF THE MARINE FORCE INTO THE SPRING OF 1971. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT BE MADE TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING ON PHASING OF MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS.

C. REGARDING FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT EITHER ACCELERATION OR TEMPORARY DELAY OR REDEPLOYMENTS, ACCELERATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME JUSTIFIED BY THE SITUATION AND WITHIN THE CONFINES OF LOGISTICS CONSTRAINTS. FLEXIBILITY FOR DELAY IS BEST MAINTAINED BY RETENTION OF OVERALL FLEXIBILITY TO DESIGNATE REDEPLOYING UNITS AS LATE AS POSSIBLE IN RELATION TO A UNIT'S STANDDOWN DATE. DELAY AFTER A UNIT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR REDEPLOYMENT CAN HAVE AN ADVERSE MORALE IMPACT, WHICH WHILE NOT OVERRIDING SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

8. (TS) LOGISTICS.

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A. CONSIDERATIONS. THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS COMMON TO BOTH PLANS CENTER ON PROCESSING AND REPAIR OF A LARGE VOLUME OF EQUIPMENT DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND INCREMENT. BASED ON ASSUMED REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE BASE LINE DIVISION WITH ITS EQUIPMENT, THE MAGNITUDE OF TOTAL EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE TURN-IN, REHABILITATION, TRANSFER TO ARVN, AND RETROGRADE OR DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THAT OF KEYSTONE BLUEJAY. IN KEYSTONE BLUEJAY SOME 100,000 ITEMS OF ARMY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR DISPOSITION BY REDEPLOYING UNITS. DISPOSITION OF 85P OF THESE ITEMS HAS BEEN DETERMINED; HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL 90-120 DAYS IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MAINTENANCE ACTIONS ON EQUIPMENT RETAINED. FOR A THREE DIVISION EQUIVALENT FORCE REDEPLOYING WITHOUT EQUIPMENT, APPROXIMATELY 120 DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE EQUIPMENT TO ITS FIRST DESTINATION, I.E., IN-COUNTRY DEPOT OR PORT. AFTER INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF NON-REPAIRABLE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL, ADDITIONAL TIME AND EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REFURBISH THE REPAIRABLE EQUIPMENT FOR TURN-OVER TO ARVN OR REISSUE TO US UNITS.

B. ALTERNATIVES. LOGISTICS EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND INCREMENT WILL BE REDUCED IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF UNITS REDEPLOYED WITH EQUIPMENT. TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCREMENT, THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING CONSIDERED:

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FORCE.

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(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFF-SHORE COLLECTING POINTS TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIR AND REDISTRIBUTION. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE A PRIMARY CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE.

(3) CREATION AND BUILDUP OF AN IN-COUNTRY CONTRACTOR

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MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT PROCESSING AND REPAIR. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND CAPABILITY OF MARSHALLING AN ADEQUATE SKILLED WORK FORCE ARE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE.

9. (5) LOGISTICS CAPABILITIES OF RVNAF. PROGRESS OF THE RVNAF TOWARD LOGISTICS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. THE VIETNAMESE ARE STILL DEPENDENT ON US ASSISTANCE FOR AIRLIFT, OFF-SHORE REBUILD OF MAJOR COMPONENTS, AND MARINE MAINTENANCE. SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN MARINE MAINTENANCE WILL BE ATTAINED IN FY 72. THE IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM CONTAINS SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP RVNAF CAPABILITY FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF THE APPROVED FORCE STRUCTURE.

A. IN ARVN, PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN LOGISTICAL TRAINING WITH OVER 24,000 SOLDIERS TRAINED TO DATE. ARVN HAS ALSO REACHED 98 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN SURFACE MOVEMENT AND WILL BE TOTALLY SELF SUFFICIENT IN THIS AREA BY 4 TH QUARTER OF FY 71. THE VIETNAMESE ARE NOW DISCHARGING RVNAF CARGO IN THE DELTA AND ARE TAKING OVER PORT OPERATIONS AT SAIGON, NHA TRANG, QUI NHON AND DA NANG. THEY ARE GENERALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN PORT OPERATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DISCHARGE AND LOCAL WATER MOVEMENT OF AMMUNITION. SELF-

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SUFFICIENCY IN THIS AREA IS ANTICIPATED DURING THE 2ND QUARTER OF FY 72. THE DEPOT UPGRADE PROGRAM IS ON SCHEDULE WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN ENGINEER, ORDNANCE AND SIGNAL BASE DEPOTS. PROCUREMENT OF ARVN PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPOT PROGRAM IS EXCELLENT AND OFF-SHORE TRAINING OF KEY PERSONNEL IS IN PROGRESS. THE ARVN AMMUNITION SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING ADEQUATE SERVICE TO DEPLOYED COMBAT UNITS. HOWEVER, AMMUNITION OPERATIONS WILL INCREASE AS US

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UNITS ARE WITHDRAWN. A STUDY IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS IN STORAGE, SURVEILLANCE, MAINTENANCE AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT OF AMMUNITION.

B. THE VIETNAMESE NAVY HAS COMMENCED LOGISTICS SUPPORT AT THREE OF A PROGRAMMED 30 SUPPORT BASES AND 10 ADVANCED TACTICAL SUPPORT BASES. IT IS ESTIMATED THE VNM WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR TO REACH THE DESIRED LEVEL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO SUSTAIN FIELD OPERATIONS.

C. IN THE VNAF, ESSENTIALLY ALL BASE LEVEL MAINTENANCE IS CURRENTLY BEING PERFORMED BY THE VIETNAMESE. HOWEVER, A REQUIREMENT FOR SOME 2,000 ADDITIONAL TRAINED MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL IS ANTICIPATED TO COMPLETE THE PHASE II IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF THESE PERSONNEL MUST BE PAGE 4 RHMSMVA9036 T O P S E C R E T L I M D I S GEARED TO THE PHASE II ACTIVATION SCHEDULE. SIMILARLY, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED (PHASE III) IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM HINGES ON A LEAD TIME OF 18 TO 24 MONTHS REQUIRED TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN PERSONNEL. THE VNAF DEPOT IS CURRENTLY ACCOMPLISHING SELECTED COMPONENT REPAIR, J-85 ENGINE OVERHAUL, AND CRASH AND BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIR ON SELECTED AIRCRAFT. DEPOT MANNING IS EXPECTED TO REACH 100 O/O BY DECEMBER 1971. VNAF CURRENTLY AIRLIFTS SOME 30 O/O OF TOTAL RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. THIS CAPABILITY IS EXPECTED INCREASE TO 85 O/O IN PHASE II AND APPROACH 100 O/O CAPABILITY UPON COMPLETION OF CONSOLIDATED (PHASE III) IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION.

10. (TS) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. FUTURE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE 15,000 SPACE REDUCTION BE LIMITED TO IDENTIFYING MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AT TIME OF UNIT STANDDOWN AND TO WEEKLY MACV STRENGTH REPORTS.

B. DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING FOR USMC REDEPLOYMENTS BE PROVIDED MACV.

C. PLANS FOR REDEPLOYMENTS IN 1970 BE ADOPTED FOLLOWING FURTHER MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT 15 JUNE, AND FOR REDEPLOYMENTS THEREAFTER THRU 1 MAR 1971 BE ADOPTED IN LATE DECEMBER 1970. (GP-4)

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1. (U) INFO PROVIDED BY REF A APPRECIATED.

2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO PAR 9 OF REF A, BE ADVISED OF THE
 FOLLOWING:

A. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH CINCPACFLT AND COMPHIBPAC
 TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING TO
 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED.

B. PRIMARY IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THAT REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE
 INDICATED WILL NOT PERMIT MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF PHIBRON-9
 CAPABILITY (I.E. PERS - 3,120, SQFT - 43,300 AND CUFT - 148,200)
 IF PHIBRON LOADS FOR RETURN TO CONUS ON 5-7 JUNE 1970 AS
 CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.

3. (U) WILL ADVISE EARLIEST. WARM REGARDS. GP-4

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T O P S E C R E T/LINDIS/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MC CUTCHEN (DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS) FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 010534Z MAY 70 (TSA/LINDIS/SPECAT/MCEO)

B. JCS 271845Z APR 70 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC 290430Z APR 70 (NOTAL)

1. (TS) AS INDICATED IN REF A, III MAF ACTION OFFICERS VISITED SAIGON AND DISCUSSED WITH MACV ACTION OFFICERS FUTURE REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING AND SIGHTED REFS B AND C. BELOW INFORMATION IS FORWARDED AS PROVIDED FROM ACTION OFFICER VISIT.

2. (TS) REF B GENERALLY CONTAINS SECDEF GUIDANCE FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 150K PACKAGE ON FOLLOWING BASIS:

A. REDEPLOYMENT OF NOT LESS THAN 50K PERSONNEL SPACES BY 15 OCT 1970 WITH REDEPLOYMENT OF NOT LESS THAN 10K ADDITIONAL SPACES BY 31 DEC 1970.

B. REDEPLOYMENT OF REMAINING 90K SPACES FOR REDUCED U.S.

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C. CINCPAC COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO JCS RLT 10 MAY 1970.

D. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES WILL BE PROGRESS OF VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM.

E. IMPLIED ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE FUNDING, MOVEMENT OF FORCES, AND LOGISTIC ROLL-UP.

F. MOVEMENT CONFERENCE TO BE SCHEDULED AFTER 1 JUN 1970.

3. (TS) REF C GENERALLY ADDRESSED ARMY LOGISTICAL ROLL-UP AND WAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO MARINE CORPS PROBLEMS.

4. (TS) USING MACV RECOMMENDED TERM INCREMENT VICE PHASE, TENTATIVE MACV PLANS INDICATE FOLLOWING REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE:

(1 DIV BASE, 2 RLT)	USMC (III MAF - MAB)	29.4
	USN (SPT)	9.0
	USAF (ELMS)	2.0
(1 EOE)	USA (EOE, ELMS, SPT)	7.9
	MISC	1.7
		50.0

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COMPLETION RLTY 15 OCT 1970
INCREMENT FIVE

(1 BDE)	USMC (ROLL-UP)	1.2
	USA (BDE, SPT)	6.3
	USN (SPT)	1.5
	MISC	1.0
		10.0

COMPLETION RLTY 1 JAN 1971

INCREMENT SIX
(1 RLTY)

(3 DIV BASE, 8 BDE)	USMC (MAB PLUS CAG)	11.4
	USN (SPT)	6.1
	USA	72.5
		90.0

COMPLETION RLTY 1 MAY 1971

5. (TS) MACV ENVISIONS CURRENT REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING SCHEDULE:
9 MAY 1970 - MACV REDEPLOYMENT COMMENTS/GENERAL PLAN TO
CINCPAC.
10 MAY 1970 - CINCPAC COMMENTS TO JCS.
1 JUN 1970 - JCS COMMENTS TO SECDEF. COMUSMACV ASSESSMENT
WITH IN-COUNTRY COMMANDERS.

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15 JUN 1970 - SECDEF DECISIONS.

1 JUL 1970 - CINCPAC MOVEMENT CONFERENCE.

6. (TS) INITIAL MACV THOUGHTS FOR INCREMENT FOUR VISUALIZED
REDEPLOYMENT OF MARCOR ELEMENTS OVER 10 TO 16 WEEK PERIOD WITH
ALL 29.4K SPACES OUT-OF-COUNTRY BY 15 OCT 70. HOWEVER, IN
ORDER TO RETAIN MAXIMUM COMBAT POWER IN-COUNTRY LONGEST POSSIBLE,
FIRST RLTY WOULD NOT COMMENCE STANDOWN UNTIL 1 SEP 70 AND
SECOND RLTY UNTIL 22 SEP 70. WHILE CONCURRING WITH DESIRE FOR
RETENTION OF COMBAT CAPABILITY, III MAF ACTION OFFICERS INDICATED
LATE STANDOWN AND REDEPLOYMENT OF RLTY'S NOT FEASIBLE IN LIGHT
OF FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A. RLTY'S WILL REQUIRE COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE
SUPPORT AS LONG AS THEY ARE ON LINE, THUS PHASEOUT MUST BE
BALANCED.

B. AVAILABILITY OF NAVY AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WILL NOT
PERMIT HOLDING MAJOR REDEPLOYMENTS FOR 1SEP-15 OCT TIME FRAME.

C. NECESSITY TO RETAIN TACTICAL INTEGRITY OF MARINE UNITS WITH
T/A EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SUPPLIES DURING REDEPLOYMENT.

D. REQUIREMENT FOR MAJORITY NAVY AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING VICE
MST/MARITIME SHIPPING DUE NATURE OF CARGO AND LOADING FACILITY

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LIMITATIONS.

E. PROBABLE WEATHER HAZARDS DURING EARLY OCTOBER;

F. REQUIREMENT TO BEGIN LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE OPERATIONS
EARLY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE BY 1 JAN 71.

G. REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE AIR ASSETS MUST BE IN RELATION
TO SUPPORT OF RLT'S AND AVAILABILITY OF LPH SHIPPING.

H. FIRST MAW HEADQUARTERS AND CERTAIN SUPPORT SQUADRONS
WILL REDEPLOY TO IWAKUNI WHICH HAS LIMITED OFFLOADING
CAPABILITIES.

I. (TS) COUNTER PROPOSAL BY III MAF ACTION OFFICERS BASED
UPON ESTIMATE OF BEST AVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WAS
TO COMMENCE STANDDOWN OF FIRST RLT ON 15 JUL 70 TO BE FOLLOWED
BY SECOND RLT ON 1 SEP 70. COMBAT SUPPORT/COMBAT SERVICE
SUPPORT/WING HQ/DIV HQ TO BE REDEPLOYED AS SHIPPING BECOMES
AVAILABLE WITHIN 15 JUL-15 OCT TIME FRAME CONSISTENT WITH
RLT SUPPORT. EARLIEST CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CON-
DUCTING CINCPAC MOVEMENT CONFERENCE PRIOR TO 15 JUNE 1970.

J. (TS) WITH REGARD TO INCREMENT SIX, III MAF ACTION OFFICERS
ADVISED THAT MAF REDEPLOYMENT WOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY
FOUR WEEKS USE OF DANANG FACILITIES FREE OF AMERICAN DIVISION

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REDEPLOYMENT TRAFFIC.

K. (TS) REQUEST YOUR VIEWS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO AVAIL-
ABILITY OF SHIPPING TO SUPPORT REDEPLOYMENTS.

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