

- A. CG FMFPAC 150756Z JUN 70 (TS) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF TROOP LIST
- B. CG III MAF 151740Z JUN 70 (S) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REPORT ON TRIP TO SAIGON
- C. CG III MAF 160429Z JUN 70 (TS) *gp-4*
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FORCE PLANNING (U) - SECURITY
- D. CG III MAF 230104Z M JUN 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING - SPACES (ANGLICO)
- E. CG FMFPAC 272226Z JUN 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE
REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U) - REDUCTION OF NON-III MAF UNITS
- F. CMC 022221Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN
REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U) - COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MSG TO CINCPAC
- G. CMC 022248Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN
FORCE PLANNING (U) - RETENTION OF UNITS BEYOND 31DEC70
- H. CG FMFPAC 071801Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN
WILSON & BGEN PADALINO FROM LTGEN JONES
FORCE PLANNING (U) - RELOCATION OF HQ III MAF
- I. CG FMFPAC 080143Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN JONES
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REDEPLOYMENT TIMES FOR THREE AVIATION UNITS
- J. CG III MAF 090221Z JUL 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL XXIV CORPS 080800Z JUL 70
- K. CG III MAF 100825Z JUL 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WIDDECKE & BGEN PADALINO FR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF CG III MAF 090221Z JUL 70
- L. CG III MAF 120347Z JULY 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REDEPLOYMENT OF VMFA, HMM, MACS & RAD BN (-)
- M. ADMIN FMFPAC 162015Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN WIDDECKE, BGEN SIMMONS, BGEN PADALINO,
INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WILSON, FROM MGEN ADAMS
COLONELS ASSIGNMENTS (U)

- N. CG FIRST MARDIV 201010Z JUL 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE
REDISPOSITION OF FORCES
- O. CG III MAF 201533Z JUL 70 (S) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN JONE INFO GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING - MARINES IN SPT OF NON-MARINE ACTIVITIES
- P. CG FMFPAC 220228Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN JONES
FORCE PLANNING (U) - 1ST MARDIV REAR
- Q. CG III MAF 222356Z JUL 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG, WIDDECKE, WILSON AND
BGEN PADALINO
INFO ON ACTIVATION DATE FOR MAB AND REDEPLOYMENT DATES
FOR WING, FIRST MARDIV AND MAF
- R. CGIII MAF 010827Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING 3D MAB
- S. CG FMFPAC 032049Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN WILSON,
BGEN DWYER AND BGEN PADALINO FROM LTGEN JONES/MCEO
FORCE PLANNING
- T. CG FIRST MARDIV 030950Z AUG70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
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- U. CG III MAF 051323Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR BGEN HOUGHTON FROM BGEN MILLER
FORCE PLANNING
- V. CG FMFPAC 052207Z AUG70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN WIDDECKE INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN JONES
REALIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL OF HQBN FIRST MARDIV
- W. CGXXIV CORPS 060255 AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN SUTHERLAND
APPRAISAL OF ALLIED EFFORTS IN SVN
- X. ADMIN III MAF 061000Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN WIDDECKE INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG FROM MGEN ARMSTRONG
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- Y. ADMIN III MAF 061544Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN JONES FROM MGEN ARMSTRONG
FORCE PLANNING

Z. CMC 062215Z AUG70 (TS) *gp-4*
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 FOR LTGEN JONES, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. PHONECON LTGEN JONES/LTGEN VAN RYZIN: 5 AUG 70
 B. JCS 042349Z AUG 70 (NOTAL)
1. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST IN REF A, FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED.
 2. (IS) REF B REQUESTED CINCPAC COMMENTS ON ARMY MANPOWER SHORTFALLS TO SUPPORT JCS ALTERNATIVES A AND B, AND THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT, IN-COUNTRY AND IN-PACOM, OF DELAYING TO 1 JUN-30 JUN 71, THE MARINE REDEPLOYMENT OF 12.6K NOW SCHEDULED FOR 1-30 APR 71.
 3. (IS) IN DEVELOPING THE JCS PAPER, NOW IN THE BUFF STAGE, FOUR ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED INCLUDING THE RETENTION OF 12.6K TIL 1-30 JUN 71. THE JOINT STAFF WAS INFORMED ONLY THAT SEVERE PERSONNEL TURBULENCE AND REDUCED READINESS IN MARINE

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 CORPS UNITS ELSEWHERE PRECLUDED ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELAYED REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 12.6K. WE DID NOT PROVIDE THE JOINT STAFF OR OTHER SERVICES WITH THE BASIS FOR THIS REASONING WHICH THE STAFF PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN DELAYED REDEPLOYMENT OF THE MAB, ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED:
- (1) INCREASE RECRUIT INPUT BY 3,000 TO 5,000 IN THE SEPTEMBER-FEBRUARY TIME FRAME, IF SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS CAN BE OBTAINED.
 - (2) MODIFY PLANNED EARLY RELEASE, DELETING CERTAIN SKILLS FROM THE PROGRAM, AND;
 - (A) DEPLOY SOME MARINES IN SPECIFIC SKILLS TO WESTPAC WITH AS LITTLE AS FOUR MONTHS TO EAS.
 - (B) RETURN SOME MARINES IN SPECIFIC SKILLS TO WESTPAC WITH AS LITTLE AS 12 MONTHS SINCE COMPLETION OF THEIR LAST TOUR.
 - (3) DRAW DOWN MANNING LEVELS OF NON-RVN UNITS IN WESTPAC.
 - (4) DEGRADE CONUS MANNING LEVELS IN CERTAIN SKILLS.
- B. OTHER ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE THE

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NEEDED DEPLOYABLES ARE:

(1) CHANGE DEPLOYMENT CRITERIA IN PHASE IV DEPLOYMENTS NOW UNDERWAY AND/OR IN THE PLANNED DECEMBER REDEPLOYMENTS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE MORE DEPLOYABLES IN UNITS REMAINING IN RVN; SPECIFICALLY, ATTEMPT TO CONFIGURE THE LAST MAG WITH JUNE 1971 AND LATER RTD'S. THIS WILL RESULT IN A FURTHER DEGRADATION IN CORUS FMP UNITS THROUGH END FY 71.

(2) EXTEND WESTPAC TOURS FOR ALL PERSONNEL IN THE MAG, UNTIL COMPLETION OF ITS REDEPLOYMENT.

(3) EXTEND WESTPAC TOUR LENGTH TO 18 MONTHS ON 1 APRIL 1971, EFFECTING A ONE TIME, ONE MONTH SAVING OF DEPLOYABLES.

4. (TS) AS THE JCS PAPER NOW STANDS, TWO ALTERNATIVE PLANS ARE PROPOSED TO THE SECDEF. BOTH OF THESE PLANS INCLUDE MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED. THE DELAYED DEPLOYMENT OF 12.6K HAS BEEN DISCARDED FROM THE PAPER. THEREFORE, SUGGEST YOU REPLY TO CINCPAC IN THE SAME LANGUAGE WE GAVE JOINT STAFF, I.E., THAT THE DELAYED DEPLOYMENT OF THE 12.6K FORCE WOULD CAUSE SEVERE PERSONNEL TURBULENCE, REDUCED READINESS IN MARINE CORPS UNITS ELSEWHERE IN PACOM AND CORUS, AS WELL AS ATTENDANT COST INCREASES.

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A. JCS 011751Z AUG 70 (TS)

B. JCS 042349Z AUG 70 (TS)

C. CINCPAC 050415Z AUG 70 (TS)

1. ON 6 AUG 70, ACTION OFFICERS FROM G-3, III MAF VISITED MACV-J3
RELATIVE TO KEYSTONE ROBIN REDEPLOYMENTS AND RECEIVED INFORMATION
RELATIVE TO REFS A, B, AND C AS FOLLOWS:

A. REFS INDICATED JCS KEYSTONE ROBIN ALTERNATE A (50-10-90) NO
LONGER FEASIBLE DUE SHORTFALLS ARMY PERSONNEL AND WOULD EVEN BE
DIFFICULT TO EXECUTE ALTERNATE B (50-40-60) WITHOUT SLIPPING THE
USMC MAB FROM 1-30 APR 71 TO 1-30 JUN 71. THE IMPACT OF SUCH A
CHANGE WAS DESIRED BY CINCPAC.

B. MACV IS LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE ARMY PERSONNEL PROBLEMS
AND IS CONSIDERING HAVING THE ARMY PICK UP 2900 SPACES IN INCREMENT

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4 FROM THE MARCOR AS WELL AS ALL SPACES IN INCREMENT 5 (WHICH
MAY NOW BE 40K RATHER THAN 10K). THE MARCOR SPACES WITHHELD FROM
INCREMENTS 4 AND 5 WOULD REDEPLOY IN INCREMENT 6 (PROBABLY NOT
STARTING EARLIER THAN MID FEB). THE IMPACTS OF THESE CHANGES
WERE DESIRED BY MACV.

2. MACV-J3 HAD DRAWN UP AN IMPACT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE MAB
WHICH WITH MINOR CHANGES, APPEARED GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. AN
IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED ON THE INCREMENTS 4 AND 5 STRETCHOUT
BY THE III MAF AND J-3 ACTION OFFICERS. MACV-J3 ADVISED THAT
THESE STRETCHOUTS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FROM THE MATERIAL,
SHIPPING, AND PERSONNEL VIEWPOINTS, AND COULD PROBABLY HAVE
SERIOUS BUDGETARY IMPACTS AT THE FMFPAC AND CMC LEVELS.

3. IF USMC INCREMENT 4 AND 5 STRETCHOUTS ARE APPROVED, MOST OF
THE INCREMENT 4 WITHHOLDS WOULD HAVE TO BE IN COMBAT SUPPORT AND
COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (INCLUDING HEADQUARTERS) UNITS IN ORDER
TO SUPPORT THE INCREMENT 5 STRETCHOUT. THE INCREMENT 5 STRETCHOUT
WOULD ALSO MEAN THAT THE MAF, DIVISION, WING AND FLC HEADQUARTERS
WOULD BE DELAYED IN THEIR REDEPLOYMENTS AND THE MAB WOULD NOT
BE FORMED UNTIL MAR OR APR 71.

4. ADDITIONAL RELATED COMMENTS MADE BY J-3 PLANNERS INDICATED:

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A. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT USMC FORCES (POSSIBLY THE MAB) WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE (TSF). THIS FORCE (260K) WILL REDUCE AT A RATE OF ABOUT 10K PER MONTH DOWN TO THE PERMANENT MAAG OF 44K OVER TWO YEARS. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THAT THE TSF SHOULD CONTAIN ALL SERVICES.

B. MACV HAS NO PREFERENCES ON WHAT TYPE UNITS III MAF RETAINS IN THE 2.9K INCREMENT 4 WITHHOLD.

C. MACV IS RECONSIDERING FORCES REQUIRED IN I MR AFTER 1 MAY 71. ORIGINALLY THEY WERE CONSIDERING 4 BRIGADES, NOW ARE THINKING OF SEVEN (3 FROM 101ST, 1/5, MAB, AND 2 FROM AMERICAN).

D. MACV PLANNERS ADMIT THIS IS AN ARMY PROBLEM BUT ONE WHICH THE ARMY CAN ONLY SOLVE BY LARGER REDEPLOYMENTS, HENCE THE MARCOR FORCES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN IN-COUNTRY STRENGTHS.

E. MACV HAS BEEN PERMITTED FLEXIBILITY IN HIS TAC FIGHTER SORTIE RATES (14,000 VICE 10,000), THIS TAC FIGHTER SQUADRONS DO NOT AT THIS TIME APPEAR TO BE A PROBLEM.

F. ON THE BUDGET SIDE, THE MACV PLANNERS INDICATED THE MARCOR WILL RECOUP \$199M IN FY 71 ON INCREMENT 4 OVER PROGRAMMED OUTLAYS WHILE THE ARMY WILL REALIZE ABOUT A \$2B DEFICIT.

G. THE MACV PLANNER INDICATED THE ARMY HAS ABOUT THREE SETS OF

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EQUIPMENT PER UNIT AND EXPECTS TO HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN PROCESSING SUCH AN AMOUNT FOR VIETNAMIZATION, USARV IS APPARENTLY STILL WORKING ON KEYSTONE BLUEJAY EQUIPMENT.

H. MACV PLANNERS INDICATED THAT THEY EXPECT TO HAVE A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF UNOCCUPIED BASES WHICH THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE TURN-OVER AND THE BASES CANNOT BE RAZED. THEY EXPECT NEARLY ALL THE IN-COUNTRY FORCES WILL BE TIED DOWN ON BASE SECURITY.

I. THE 2.9K WITHHOLD OF USMC SPACES IN INCREMENT 4 RESULTS FROM THE UNRESOLVED ARMY/AIR FORCE 2.9K OPTION. APPARENTLY THE ARMY WILL GET THEIR 2.9K NOW AND THE OPTION WILL CONTINUE, WITH POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 2.9K ARMY OR THE 2.9K AIR FORCE.

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APPRAISAL OF ALLIED EFFORT IN SVN (U)

1. THE BELOW MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM LTGEN SUTHERLAND
AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE

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TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DNG RVN
MG MILLOY CG AMERICAL DIV CHL RVN
BG BERRY ACT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AMBL) CEE RVN
ZEN/BG HILL CG, IUT BDE STHINF DIV (MECH) QTR RVN
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SUBJECT: APPRAISAL OF ALLIED EFFORT IN SVN (U)

1. (TS) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SVN
IS BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINATION OF
REDEPLOYMENTS DURING THE OCT-DEC PERIOD AND TO ASSIST
IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE ULTIMATE COMPOSITION AND
DISPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE. IT IS
ESSENTIAL THEREFORE THAT THE ASSESSMENT BE COMPREHENSIVE.

2. (TS) YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE COMPILATION OF DATA FOR
THE ASSESSMENT IS SOLICITED. SPECIFICALLY DESIRED ARE
YOUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE
TO YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

A. APPRAISAL OF VIETNAMESE AND FWMAF MILITARY AND
VIETNAMESE PARAMILITARY PERFORMANCE, AND PROGRESS IN
PACIFICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT.

B. APPRAISAL OF US ADVISORY EFFORTS.

C. ATTITUDE OF THE VIETNAMESE POPULACE (MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN) TOWARDS VIETNAMIZATION AND THE GVN.

D. CRITICAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAMIZATION.

E. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE
ABOUT THEM.

F. US UNITS (BRIGADE SIZE) THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED
FOR EARLY REDEPLOYMENT DURING THE TIME PERIOD UNDER CON-
SIDERATION.

3. (S) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS INCLUDE AN APPRAISAL OF
THE EFFECTS AND BENEFITS OF THE CAMBODIAN CROSS-BORDER
OPERATIONS AND CURRENT SUMMER SCGNS.

4. (U) REQUEST RECEIPT OF YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING
AND ON ANY RELATED ISSUES BY 8 AUGUST. UNQUOTE

2. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS IN SUFFICIENT
TIME FOR THIS HEADQUARTERS TO REPLY TO LTGEN SUTHERLAND
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SUBJECT: APPRAISAL OF ALLIED EFFORT IN SVN (U)

1. (TS) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURCENT SITUATION IN SVN IS BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINATION OF REDEPLOYMENTS DURING THE OCT-DEC PERIOD AND TO ASSIST IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE ULTIMATE COMPOSITION AND DISPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT KORCE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THEREFORE THAT THE ASSESSMENT BE COMPREHENSIVE.
2. (TS) YOUC ASSISTANCE IN THE COMPILATION OF DATA FOR THE AUSESSMENT IS SOLICITED. SPECIFICALLY DESIRED ARE YOUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE TO YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:
 - A. APPRAISAL OF VIETNAMESE AND FVMAF MILITARY AND VIETNAMESE PARAMILITARY PERFORMANCE, AND PROGRESS IN PACIFICATIONSAND DEVELOPMENT.
 - B. APPRAISAL OF US ADVISORY EFFORTS.
 - C. ATTITUDE OF THE VIETNAMESE POPULACE (MILLITACY AND CIVILIAN) TOWARDS VIETNAMIZATION AND THE GVN.
 - D. CRITICAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAMIZATION.
 - E. UTRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THEM.
 - F. US UNITS (BRIGADE SIZE) THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR EARLY REDEPLOYMENT DURING THE TIME PERIOD UNDER CONSIDERATION.
3. (S) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS INCLUDE AN APPRAISAL OF THE EFFECTS AND BENEFITS OF THE CAMBODIAN CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS AND CURRENT SUMMERSCGNS.
4. (U) REQUEST RECEIPT OF YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING AND ON ANY RELATED ISSUES BY 8 AUGUST. GP-4

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A. CG FIRST MARDIV 030950Z AUG78 (S) (MCEO)

1. (S) I CONCUR IN THE RATIONALE PRESENTED IN REFERENCE

A AS TO THE NEED FOR AN ADEQUATELY STAFFED COMMAND

AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION FOR THE DIVISION AFTER

COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT WITHDRAWAL INCREMENT. THE

PLAN YOU PROPOSE APPEARS WORKABLE.

2. (S) IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR MUTUAL CONCERN, IMPLEMENTA-

TION OF SUCH A PLAN MUST HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT ON THE

NECESSARY STAFFING OF RIFLE COMPANIES AS NEAR MANNING

LEVEL AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WARM REGARDS.

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- A. JCS 042349Z AUG 70 (TS) (NOTAL)
- B. CINCPAC 050413Z AUG 70 (TS) (NOTAL)
- 1. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH ACTION OFFICER ON MACV-JS STAFF INDICATES INFORMATION CONTAINED REFS A AND B, WHICH WE DO NOT HOLD, MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON MARCOR FORCE PLANNING. OUR ACTION OFFICERS WILL VISIT SAIGON TOMORROW FOR MORE INFORMATION BUT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT MAB MAY BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN-COUNTRY UNTIL 1 JUL 71 OR LATER. ADDITIONALLY, UNITS WITHHELD BY MACV FROM INCREMENT FOUR (VHFA, HMM, MAC-4, RADIO BN) MAY NOT REDEPLOY IN INCREMENT FIVE AS NOW THOUGHT, BUT MAY BE HELD AS MAB ADD-ONS.
- 2. SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN REFS IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HOLD. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED AS THINGS DEVELOP.

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A. CG 1ST MARDIV 220101Z JUL 70 (SPECAT)

B. CG III MAF 22235Z JUL 73 (SPECAT)

1. (S) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE
CURRENT PLANS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE DIVISION'S HEADQUARTERS
BATTALION, HOW THESE PLANS ADVERSELY IMPACT ON THE DIVISION'S
COMMAND AND CONTROL CAPABILITIES, AND TO DISCUSS WHAT IS PLANNED
TO DO ABOUT IT. THESE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED WITH LTGEN
MCCUTCHEON PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AND HE GAVE HIS GENERAL APPROVAL
TO THE APPROACH OUTLINED HEREIN.

2. (S) AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION, THE 1 JULY AUTHORIZED ALLOW-
ANCE OF THE DIVISION, INCLUDING OUT OF COUNTRY NONEFFECTIVE
ALLOWANCE (OOCNE), IS 1,192 OFFICERS AND 23,833 ENLISTED, FOR A

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TOTAL OF 25,027. ON 15 OCTOBER 1970, THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED
ALLOWANCE, INCLUDING OOCNE, WILL BE 644 OFFICERS AND 11,172
ENLISTED, FOR A TOTAL OF 11,816. FURTHER, THE CURRENT MANNING
LEVEL OF HEADQUARTERS BATTALION IS 209 OFFICERS AND 1,273 ENLISTED.
FOR A TOTAL OF 1,482. THE ACTUAL ON-ROLLS STRENGTH TOTALS 1,898.
THIS OVERAGE OF 416 IS PRIMARILY RELATED TO THE SCAMP PLATOON
AND VALID REQUIREMENTS IN COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS
FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT FIELDS SUCH AS LOCAL SECURITY AND
THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE'S ACTIVITIES. IN THIS REGARD, AS SET
FORTH IN REFERENCE A, STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE ALL HEAD-
QUARTERS UNITS TO THEIR ABSOLUTE HARD-CORE REQUIREMENTS.

3. (S) CURRENT REDEPLOYMENT DIRECTIVES/PLANS PROVIDE FOR A DRAW-
DOWN ON HEADQUARTERS BATTALION AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST ELEMENT: DEPARTING ABOUT 19 AUGUST, RESULTING IN
A MANNING LEVEL TOTALING 1,315 AND AN ON-ROLLS STRENGTH OF 1,231.

B. SECOND ELEMENT: DEPARTING ABOUT 26 SEPTEMBER, RESULTING
IN A MANNING LEVEL OF 514, INCLUDING 26 IN THE SCAMP PLATOON.
THIS FIGURE OF 514 REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF THE
ORIGINAL MANNING LEVEL OR 27 PERCENT OF THE 1 JULY ON-ROLL
STRENGTH.

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4. (S) IN REVIEWING HOW SUCH DRASTIC REDUCTIONS WERE PLANNED, I FIND THAT THEY WERE PRIMARILY THE RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING:
- AN INITIAL REQUIREMENT TO REACH A DIVISION WIDE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH, INCLUDING COCDE, OF 11,816 BY 15 OCTOBER.
 - A REQUIREMENT/DESIRE TO RETAIN WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH AS MANY TACTICAL UNITS AS POSSIBLE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THE ENGINEER CAPABILITY HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED THIS MONTH.
 - A CHANGE IN REDEPLOYMENT CONCEPT FOR MARINE FORCES. ORIGINAL PLANNING PROVIDED FOR A REDUCTION TO A MAB SIZE FORCE IN ONE INCREMENT ON 15 OCTOBER (INCREMENT 4). HOWEVER, THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED TO SPREAD THE REDUCTION OVER THE PERIOD 15 OCTOBER - 1 JANUARY (INCREMENTS 4 AND 5). THE RETENTION OF AN ADDITIONAL RLT AND MAJOR AVIATION UNITS BEYOND 15 OCTOBER WHILE REMAINING WITHIN STRINGENT CEILINGS PRECLUDED RETENTION OF ALL BUT A MINIMAL HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT.
5. (S) IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE PLANNING FACTORS DISCUSSED ABOVE ARE VALID. HOWEVER, AS CITED ABOVE, THE SITUATION HAS NOT DEVELOPED AS INITIALLY CONCEIVED. AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE B, THE BRIGADE WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERA-

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- TIONS ON "ABOUT 15 NOVEMBER 1970" AS OPPOSED TO "EARLY THIS SUMMER" AS ORIGINALLY BELIEVED DURING THE PLANNING STAGE. IN SO FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED NOW, THE DIVISION'S TAOR, ITS TASKS, AND ITS OVERALL FUNCTIONS WILL NOT BE REDUCED BY ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE UNTIL THE BRIGADE ACTUALLY ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS; THE ARVN/VIETNAMESE MARINE BRIGADE, UNDER CURRENT PLANS, WILL NOT ASSUME A TAOR UPON THE STAND-DOWN AND SUBSEQUENT DEPARTURE OF RLT-7. TO THE CONTRARY, THESE UNITS WILL MERELY BE LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE 5TH MARINES AND 7TH MARINES, TAKING OVER SOME OF THEIR FACILITIES, BUT NOT THEIR TAORS.
6. (S) IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE, THE TWO-MONTHS PERIOD OF 15 SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE SECOND ELEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS BATTALION STANDS DOWN, TO 15 NOVEMBER IS CRITICAL IN THAT THE DIVISION'S FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL REMAIN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME, BUT WITH INADEQUATE, OR, AT BEST, MARGINAL, COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES.
7. (S) ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT, TO DATE, NO DEFINITE WORD HAS BEEN PROMULGATED RELATIVE TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE DIVISION (-) SUBSEQUENT TO 15 OCTOBER. AS A RESULT, IT IS MANDATORY THAT WE RETAIN AN ADEQUATE COMMAND AND CONTROL MECHANISM BEYOND THAT

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8. (S) DURING THE PERIOD 15 SEPTEMBER - 15 NOVEMBER, DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WILL HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 832 OFFICERS AND MEN VERSUS A MANNING LEVEL OF 514. TO MEET THE 832 ACTUAL STRENGTH REQUIREMENT, IT IS PLANNED TO USE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE DIVISION WITHOUT ANY REQUIREMENT TO REQUEST CHANGES IN MANNING LEVELS OR REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULES:

MANNING LEVEL:	483
MANNING LEVEL SCAMP PLATOON:	26
COCKE ALLOWANCE:	132
OTHER PERSONNEL WITHIN APPROVED AND ACTUAL DIVISION STRENGTH:	136
TOTAL:	832

THE 176 PERSONNEL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED CEILINGS OF THE DIVISION AND FROM THE PERSONNEL ACTUALLY ASSIGNED WITH ONLY SLIGHT DETRIMENT TO OTHER DIVISION UNITS, AS THIS REPRESENTS LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF THE TOTAL DIVISION AUTHORIZED STRENGTH AND ACTUAL PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE.

9. (S) I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE APPROACH IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. THE DIVISION CAN CONTINUE TO

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PERFORM ITS CURRENT MISSION WITHOUT RESORTING TO MARGINAL CAPABILITIES. NO REQUESTED CHANGES IN THE REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITS OR SHIPPING SCHEDULES ARE INVOLVED; NO REDUCTIONS IN TAORS OR TASKS ARE REQUIRED. IN BRIEF, BY MAKING THESE ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN AUTHORIZED CEILINGS, THE DIVISION WILL HAVE A HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS STILL ALSTERE BUT YET ADEQUATELY STRUCTURED AND MANNED FOR THE TASK AT HAND.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN WILSON,
BGEN DWYER AND BGEN PADALINO FROM LTGEN JONES. MARINE
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1. (TS) REF A PROPOSES SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR TRANSI-
TION FROM III MAF TO 3D MAB WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT HQ
III MAF ON 14 JULY 1970 RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS POSED

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2. (TS) FOLLOWING COMMENTS PERTAIN:

A. MAINTAINING A SMALL 1ST MARDIV (FWD) AND 1ST
MAW (FWD), SUBSEQUENT TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST MAR
DIV/1ST MAW "FLAGS" FROM RVN, COULD CONCEIVABLY TEND
TO OBSCURE THE COMMAND LINES DURING THE RELOCATION.
UPON REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST MARDIV/1ST MAW, COMMAND OF
THOSE ELEMENTS REMAINING IN RVN SHOULD PASS TO THE
SENIOR MARINE COMMANDER IN RVN TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION
THAT OPCON MIGHT BE EXERCISED FROM "OUT OF COUNTRY."
THE REQUIREMENT TO RETAIN A SMALL DIVISION AND WING
REAR ECHELON IS UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED. HOWEVER,
TO PRECLUDE ANY MISINTERPRETATION BY THE PRESS, SUGGEST
REMAINING ELEMENTS BE IDENTIFIED, FOR EXAMPLE, AS DET
HQ BN 1ST MARDIV AND DET MWG-1, 1ST MAW.

B. CG 5TH MEB IS PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTION
OF THE 82 SERIES CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SOUTH AMERICA
AND CUBA. I CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT THIS DESIGNATION
CONTINUE SO THAT ROSS DWYER WILL HAVE COMMAND AT ALL
TIMES OF FMFPAC FORCES AT CAMP PENDLETON UNTIL CHUCK ARRIVES.

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 ADDITIONALLY, ROSS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ME FOR ALL ASPECTS OF
 DEACTIVATIONS, REDEPLOYMENTS, AND REDESIGNATIONS FOR
 ALL UNITS RELOCATING TO CAMP PENDLETON. THEREFORE, I
 DON'T THINK IT ADVISABLE THAT 5TH MEB BE REDESIGNATED AS
 1ST MARDIV (REAR) OR THAT ROSS BE DUAL-HATTED AS ADC
 1ST MARDIV (REAR). HOWEVER, TO FACILITATE RELOCATION OF
 THE 1ST MARINE DIV, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DIRECT LIAISON
 BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN CHUCK AND ROSS ON THOSE
 MATTERS PERTAINING TO RELOCATION OF THE DIVISION.

C. PAR 4.B. OF REF A NOTES. "INCLUSION OF THE
 LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE IN THE PROV SERV BN TO EFFECT
 PERSONNEL ECONOMIES." BASED UPON MY RECENT BRIEFING
 AT FLC, I AM ASSUMING THAT YOU PLAN TO HAVE THE LOGISTIC
 SUPPORT GROUP WHICH PROVIDES LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO 3D
 MAB AND THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE (TITLED PROV SERV BN
 DANANG BY APPROVAL CONTAINED IN REF C) GROUPED
 TOGETHER UNDER PROV SERV BN DANANG TO SAVE OVERHEAD.
 WHILE NO OBJECTION IS MADE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
 GROUPMENT OF THESE TWO UNITS, MY CONCERN IS THAT
 EACH MUST REMAIN CLEARLY IDENTIFIED SINCE EACH HAS A

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FORCE PLANNING - 3D MAB

A. CG III MAF LTR SER 00032070 DID 2 JUN 70 (TS)

B. CG XXIV CORPS 150320Z JUN 70 (S) (PASEP)

1. REF A PROVIDED PLANNING DATA FOR KEYSTONE ROBIN
 REDEPLOYMENTS TO INCLUDE UNIT DESIGNATIONS AND STRENGTHS
 TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY AS 3D MAB DURING PERIOD 1 JAN -
 1 MAY 70

2. MAB PLANNING IN REF A WAS BASED ON EARLIER CGFMFPAC/
 CMC PREFERENCES FOR 10.5K MAB PLUS .6K CAG AND 1.2K
 ROLL-UP FORCE. COMPOSITION OF MAB WAS BASED ON PROVISION
 OF ALL AROUND BALANCED FORCE CAPABLE OF OPERATING
 ANYWHERE IN I MR BUT NOT PROVIDING AIR FIELD DEFENSE.

3. REF B AND EXPRESSIONS FROM XXIV CORPS STRONGLY INDICATE

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 3D MAB WILL REMAIN IN DANANG AREA AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
 FOR DEFENSE OF VITAL AREA AND ROCKET BELT. TO DATE, HOWEVER,
 NO EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF MAB MISSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
 4. TO MEET DANANG VITAL AREA/ROCKET BELT DEFENSE MISSION,
 III MAF NOW EMPLOYS FOUR INF BNS, AN MP BN, AND LOCAL
 SECURITY/REACTION FORCES PROVIDED BY ALL UNITS IN AREA. IN
 THE MAB ONLY THREE INF BNS AND NO MP BN WILL BE LEFT.
 ADDITIONALLY, ABOUT 15,000 PERSONNEL WHO NOW CONTRIBUTE TO
 LOCAL SECURITY IN THE AREA WILL HAVE DEPARTED.
 5. IN VIEW THESE CONSIDERATIONS, IT APPEARS HIGHLY DESIRABLE
 TO BEEF UP INFANTRY STRENGTH OF MAB BY A FOURTH BN. THERE
 IS NO WAY TO GET THIS BN WITHIN 12.5K WITHOUT GIVING UP
 SOMETHING. A CLOSE REVIEW OF MAB STRUCTURE INDICATES IT
 IS HEAVY ON LONG RANGE ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT FOR DANANG
 AREA MISSION. ALSO TANKS WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE IN THIS AO.
 6. I THEREFORE INTEND TO PROPOSE AS THE PREFERRED MAB
 STRUCTURE FOUR INF BNS AND ONE FIXED WING SQDN. I AM STUDYING
 WHETHER THE A-4 OR THE A-6 WILL GIVE ME THE MOST RETURN. TO
 GAIN PROGRAM SPACES FOR THE 4TH INF BN, I WILL DELETE THE
 OTHER FIXED WING SQDN AND ITS SHARE OF H&MS/MABS, MAB-11 HQ,

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 THE 175MM GUN BTRY, THE 155MM-SP HOW BTRY, AND THE TANK CO,
 AND WILL REDUCE 2D CAG TO 400. THE 200 CAG SPACES RECOUPED
 WILL BE RETAINED AS CUPPS, SO NO DEGRADATION IN THIS PROGRAM
 WILL OCCUR. AS A WEDGE ON LONG RANGE ARTY, I WILL RETAIN
 THE UNMANNED TOWED 155MM HOWS. EOW IN HQ BTRY 11TH MAR.
 7. INFORMAL LIAISON WITH XXIV CORPS AND 7TH AF AND OUR
 EXPERIENCE WITH MACV IN INCREMENT 4 INDICATES THEY MAY
 FAVOR RETENTION OF FV AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER BELIEVE WE SHOULD
 LEAD WITH A BN OPTION BECAUSE IT IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO OUR
 JOB AND SECONDLY IT WILL FORCE A DECISION ON MAB MISSION
 OR PROVISION OF OTHER FORCES FOR VITAL AREA SECURITY. WE
 WILL BE PREPARED TO FALL BACK ON TWO SQDN MAB IF NECESSARY.
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. YOUR 071801Z JUL 70 (IS) (SPECAT)

B. YOUR 220201Z JUL 70 (IS) (SPECAT) (NCBAL)

1. THIS CONFIRMS DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH ADDRES AT THIS HQ
 ON 14 JUL RELATIVE AGENDA ITEMS POSED IN REF A. SUBJECT
 MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH CMC DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

2. PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR TRANSITION FROM III
 MAF TO 3D MAB GENERALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON/ABOUT 15 SEP 70: ACTIVATE MAB PLANNING STAFF WITH

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ABOUT 23 OFFICERS AND APPROPRIATE ENLISTED ASSISTANTS FROM
 CURRENT ASSETS.

B. ON/ABOUT 15 OCT 70: UNDER 1ST MARDIV ASSIGN MAB RESPON-

SIBILITY FOR GROUND OPERATIONS WITH ASSIGNED RLT'S.
 C. ON/ABOUT 15 NOV 70: UNDER CG III MAF ASSIGN MAB RESPON-
 SIBILITY FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS WITH ASSIGNED RLT-1,
 MAG-11, AND MAG-16. ASSIGN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO MAB STAFF
 FROM IN-COUNTRY ASSETS.

D. BETWEEN 15 NOV - 1 DEC 70: REDEPLOY CG 1ST MAW AND CG
 1ST MARDIV, LEAVING A SMALL 1ST MARDIV (FWD) AND 1ST MAW
 (FWD) FOR AET TWO WEEKS.

E. ON/ABOUT 15 DEC 70: REDESIGNATE FLC AS PROVISIONAL

SERVICE BATTALION, DANANG (PSED).
 F. ON/ABOUT 20 DEC 70: ASSIGN PSED TO CG 3D MAB. CG
 III MAF TURNS OVER ALL RESPONSIBILITIES TO CG 3D MAB AND
 REDEPLOYS. MAB STAFF FLESHES OUT TO FULL STRENGTH.

3. AS DISCUSSED IN REF E, RECOMMEND THAT JUST AS SOON AS
 PUELIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF DIVISION REDEPLOYMENT, ABOUT
 15 OCT - 15 NOV, YOU REDESIGNATE OR DUAL-HAT CG 5TH MEB
 AS ADC 1ST MARDIV (REAR), TO FACILITATE DIVISION RELOCATION.

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4. SEVERAL PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE FOREGOING
PHASEDOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MINIMAL DISRUPTION OF COMBAT OPERATIONS AND SUPPORTING
FUNCTIONS.

B. INCLUSION OF THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE IN THE
PROVSERVN, TO EFFECT PERSONNEL ECONOMIES.

C. A GRADUAL PHASE OUT/IN OF MAF/MAB STAFF WITH AUSTERE
PERSONNEL MANNING.

D. FLEXIBILITY FOR CHANGES IN SIGNALS SHOULD ALL REMAINING
MARINE FORCES REDEPLOY IN INCREMENTAL. THE MATTER THEN
BECOMES RELATIVELY SIMPLE.

5. THE OUTLINED TIME PHASING WILL, WHILE LENGTHY, PROVIDE
A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO MAB ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
WITHOUT DEGRADING THE OPERATIONAL EFFORT.

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He has a good point so we'll have to consider it.

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A. CG III MAF 050833Z JUL 70 (S)

B. CG FMFPAC 070402Z JUL 70 (C)

1. (S) REF A RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST MARDIV (REAR) AT CAMP PENDLETON ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER 1970. REF B STATED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REF A WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING CG FMFPAC FORTHCOMING WESTPAC TRIP, 11-16 JULY 1970.
2. (TS) DURING OUR RECENT DISCUSSION AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF RELOCATION, I MENTIONED THAT I WAS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF 1ST MARDIV (REAR) AT PENDLETON BECAUSE I FELT THAT 5TH MEB COULD FULFILL THAT FUNCTION ADEQUATELY AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

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3. (TS) I KNOW THAT YOU ARE PRESENTLY EVOLVING RELOCATION PLANS AND WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHOULD THESE PLANS INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 1ST MARDIV (REAR) OR (FWD) AT CAMP PENDLETON, THE SECURITY ASPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD DOUBT THAT ANYTHING COULD BE SENT TO PENDLETON UNDER THE AEGIS OF HQ 1ST MARDIV UNTIL THE UNITS COMPRISING THE 16 OCTOBER THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1970 REDEPLOYMENT HAD BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. WARM REGARDS.

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REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING

A. CG FMFPAC 272226Z JUN 70 (TS)

1. MGEN COWLES, MACV J-3, VISITED HERE TODAY AND
AMONG OTHER THINGS HE WAS WORKING ON THE PROBLEM OF
IDENTIFYING 200 MARINES FROM THE 766 MARINES WHICH
ARE IN SUPPORT OF NON-MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES FOR
IDENTIFICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL DURING KEYSTONE ROBIN.
ONE ELEMENT THAT HE IS LOOKING AT ARE THE MARINES IN
MACV HQ. HE ASKED IF CMG HAD ANY PARTICULAR DESIRES
TO RETAIN ANY MARINES ON THAT STAFF AND IF SO HOW
MANY AND WHICH ONES. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT WE WOULD
PROBABLY WANT TO RETAIN SOME BILLETS BUT WE COULD
CUT DOWN PROPORTIONATELY AS THE OVERALL MACV STAFF IS

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REDUCED. I ALSO SAID THAT I WOULD QUERY CMG AND GET
A READING AS TO HIS DESIRES IN THIS MATTER.

2. REF A. STATED THERE ARE 92 MARINE BILLETS IN THE
MACV JED. SPECIFICALLY REQUEST ADVICE AS TO HOW MANY
OF THESE CMG WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN. FURTHER THAT ANY
SPECIFIC BILLETS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY DESIRED BE
IDENTIFIED. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLY I WILL NOTIFY COWLES
AND FEEL REASONABLY SURE WE CAN GET WHATEVER WE WANT.
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From: Chief of Staff**To: CG**

The G-3 attended a meeting at XXIV Corps yesterday concerning this subject. There was considerable discussion on the readjustment of unit boundaries in Quang Nam. Representatives of all units concerned were there except QDSZ. The G-3 could give me no reason for this.

There were a lot of different proposals made and discussed, but I don't intend to take your time to have the staff go over them with you until they get narrowed down some, unless you prefer otherwise.

One bit of info came out---the VNMC Bde will depart I MR on 10 August. You were right about them being "permanent."

Very respectfully,


I. H. MILLER

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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LT GEN MOCUTCHEON FROM
 MAJ GEN WIDDECKE/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

A. YR PERSONAL MSG 181336Z JUL 70

B. CG XXV CORPS MSG 140720Z JUL 70

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
 THE MATTER DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE A, THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ARE SUB-
 MITTED.

2. REFERENCE B OUTLINED CERTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE REDISPOSITION
 OF FORCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 7TH MARINES. IT
 CONTAINED FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE REDEPLOY-
 MENT OF THE 5TH MARINES. IN GENERAL, I CONCUR WITH THESE PROPOSALS;
 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO YOUR
 STAFF. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT A FVMSF PRESENCE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
 IN THE RYDER-ROSS AREA AFTER 7TH MARINES WITHDRAWAL, PREFERABLY BY
 THE VMMC BDE. BALDY AND SURROUNDING AREA COULD BE COVERED BY A
 BATTALION FROM THE 5TH MARINES FOR A BRIEF INTERIM PERIOD OF LESS

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 THAN TWO MONTHS.

3. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT THE 7TH MARINES ARE STANDING DOWN
 WE MUST VACATE AN HOA PRIOR TO THE MONSOONS. ONLY LIGHT HELICOPTER
 TRANSPORTABLE UNITS SHOULD REMAIN IN THE AN HOA BASIN ONCE THE RAINS
 COMMENCE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE 51ST ARVN REGT WILL LOCATE AT
 LEAST ONE BATTALION IN THAT LOCALE. AS THE 5TH MARINE REGT WITH-
 DRAWS, ITS AO COULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE 51ST ARVN REGT EXCEPT FOR
 LZ BALDY. BALDY COULD BE GIVEN TO THE ROKMC BDE OR THE VMMC BDE.
 SUBSEQUENT TO THE 5TH MARINES REDEPLOYMENT THE 1ST MARINES IS THEN
 POSITIONED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG.

4. THE PORTION OF REFERENCE A THAT DID CAUSE ME SOME CONCERN WAS
 THE DESIRE OF LT GEN SUTHERLAND TO CONSIDER THINNING OUT THE US
 FORCES AROUND DANANG. THE OUTER PERIMETER OF DANANG, NOW THE AO
 OF THE 1ST MARINES, IS A LARGE ONE AND EVEN WITH FOUR BATTALIONS
 (INCLUDING 1STEN, 5TH MARINES) STILL MUST BE REINFORCED DURING HIGH
 THREAT PERIODS TO REDUCE THE ENEMY ROCKET CAPABILITIES. AS THE
 MORE DISTANT FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN, THE OUTER PERIMETER FORCES BE-
 COME EVEN MORE VULNERABLE. IT IS MY STRONG FEELING THAT EVEN WITH-
 OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DANANG VITAL AREA, FOUR INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS ARE THE MINIMUM DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. THIS SITUATION

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IS FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE REDEPLOYMENT OF MOST OF THE SERVICE
SUPPORT UNITS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN NSC AND SSSC WHO PROVIDE FORCES
FOR THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF MUCH OF THE AREA WEST OF DANANG.
5. IN SUMMARY, EXCEPT FOR REDUCING THE DEFENSES AROUND DANANG,
I GENERALLY CONCUR WITH THE PLAN PROPOSES IN REFERENCES A AND

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 this PM for guidance.

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 MCCUTCHEON, MGEN WIDDECKE, EGEN SIMMONS, BGEN
 PADALINO, INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WILSON, FROM
 MGEN ADAMS. //NO0000//

COLONELS ASSIGNMENTS (U)

1. (TS) ONGOING AND PROJECTED REDEPLOYMENTS TOGETHER
 WITH ASSOCIATED PLANS TO BUILD A MAB HQ AND RETAILOR
 MAF/MEF HQ REQUIRE A REASSESSMENT OF COLONELS NEEDED
 IN WESTPAC TO MEET FUTURE BILLET REQUIREMENTS.
 COLONELS ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY HGMC IN SUFFICIENT
 NUMBERS TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING OF ALL WESTPAC POST
 PHASE III STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF

PAGE TWO RUHMFMA 1968 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 THIS CALENDAR YEAR. THIS HQ HAS, IN TURN, ASSIGNED
 THOSE SCHEDULED TO REPORT IN WESTPAC THROUGH AUGUST
 (WITH ONE EXCEPTION) TO MAJOR COMMANDS. YOUR ANALYSIS
 IS NOW REQUESTED AS TO NEW INPUT REQUIREMENTS NEEDED
 DURING THE SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER TIME FRAME.

2. (TS) MARINE CORPS WIDE REQUIREMENTS DICTATE THAT
 OVER STAFFING BE AVOIDED AND THAT ONCE ASSIGNED TO
 WESTPAC SHORT TOURING BE AVERIED TO THE MAXIMUM
 EXTENT FEASIBLE. TRANSFERS AMONG MAJOR WESTPAC COMDS
 WILL DOUBTLESS BE NECESSARY. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT
 UNCERTAINTIES ARE INVOLVED, IT IS NONE THE LESS
 INCUMBENT UPON THIS HQ TO INFORM THE COMMANDANT
 SOONEST OF REDUCTION IN REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER THAT
 ORDERS BE CANCELLED/MODIFIED AT THE EARLIEST.

3. (TS) IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONSULT WITH ONE
 ANOTHER AS RELATES TO THE CROSS UTILIZATION IN EACH
 OTHER'S COMD OF COLONELS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AND THEN
 I WOULD FURTHER REQUEST THAT GEN MCCUTCHEON COORDINATE
 IN SUBMITTING TO US HERE BY 25 JUL, IF FEASIBLE, A
 STATEMENT OF NEW WESTPAC INPUT REQUIREMENTS BY MONTH

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PAGE THREE RUHMFMA1968 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER. FOR YOUR PLANNING,
 AS IT RELATES TO RELOCATION OF HQ III MAF, IT SHOULD
 BE ASSUMED THAT HQ I MAF WILL HAVE FOUR COLONELS (TO
 INCLUDE ONE NAVAL AVIATOR) ACTUALLY ON BOARD THROUGH
 THE PERIOD AND AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT TO HQ III MAF.
 4. FOR GEN ARMSTRONG (TS) YOUR COLONEL BILLET
 REQUIREMENTS AS PROJECTED BEYOND AUGUST TO INCLUDE
 POST REDEPLOYMENT ARE NOT PARTICULARLY RELATED TO
 THE ABOVE. ASSIGNMENTS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION NOW
 AND WILL BE ADDRESSED TO YOU FOR COMMENT IN THE NEAR
 FUTURE.

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MCCUTCHEON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING
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A. FMFPAC 080143Z JUL 70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

B. MY 151740Z JUN 70 (S) (MCEO)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, I HAVE NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO ADD AT THIS TIME TO THE INFORMATION I PROVIDED IN REF B.
2. THE VMFA, HMM, MACS, AND RAD BN (-) WERE DELETED FROM THE 50,000 INCREMENT FOUR REDEPLOYMENT AND THEIR SPACES REALLOCATED TO THE OTHER SERVICES. PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS, CURRENT THINKING IS THAT THESE UNITS WILL NOW REDEPLOY IN INCREMENT FIVE BETWEEN 15 OCT AND 31 DEC 70, BUT THIS IS ONLY SPECULATION. THERE IS NO INTENTION ON MY PART TO RETAIN THESE UNITS WITH THE 3D MAR, EXCEPT FOR THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED 85 SPACES IN

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RADIO BN. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN REF B, I FEEL CERTAIN
THAT XXIV CORPS AND COMUSMACV WILL MAKE A STRONG PITCH TO
RETAIN AS MUCH OF THE BATTALION FOR AS LONG AS THEY CAN.

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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN
ARMSTRONG, MGEN WOODRUFF AND MGEN PADALINO FROM LTGEN
WOODRUFF

FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO.
QUOTE

P 093221Z JUL 70
FM CG III MAF
TO RUM MPA/CG FM MAF
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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN
JONES FROM LTGEN WOODRUFF
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. XXIV CORPS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MACV TO PROVIDE AN

PAGE TWO RUM MPA 0107 SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCL FOR
IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EARLIER STAND-DOWN DATES
FOR INCREMENT IV REDEPLOYMENTS AS PROVIDED BY CINCPAC.
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED AND PROVIDES THE XXIV
CORPS RESPONSE.

QUOTE
P 080600Z
FM CG SHEDD C/S XXIV CORPS DMC RVN
TO MC COMLES JR MACV SON RVN
INFO CG MILLER C/S III MAF
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SECRET DMC 1019 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: MY TELECOM THIS MORNING WITH MGEN KRAFT CONCERNING
PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT DATE CHANGES FOR SOME MARINE COMBAT ELEMENTS.

1. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT THAT THE EARLIER DATES WILL HAVE
ON THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN. THOUGH, THE CHANGE OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR THE
INFANTRY UNITS AND SOMEWHAT MORE FOR THE ARTILLERY MAY SEEM MINOR,
WHEN VIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE IN
PROGRESS AT THE TIME, THE IMPACT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT. WE PLAN TO PRESS
THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN UNTIL THE ONSET OF BAD WEATHER IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
UNTIL THEN, ALL MAJOR AREAS OF THE CORPS WILL BE ENGAGED IN INTENSIFIED

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ACTIVITY.

2. IN CENTRAL TOUTZ, ARVN FORCES HAVE BEGUN SUBSTANTIAL MOVES TO THE WEST. AS THESE FORCES LEAVE THE POPULATED AREAS, THE IMPORTANCE OF USMC INFANTRY CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN THOSE AREAS INCREASES. FURTHER, THE ARVN OFFENSIVE WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN ARTILLERY SUPPORT, A REQUIREMENT THAT WILL GROW WHEN THE VN MARINE BRIGADE ARRIVES AND IS EMPLOYED IN AND TO THE WEST OF BA 112.

3. IN SOUTHERN TOUTZ, THE 1ST ARVN AND 2D ARVN DIVISIONS WILL BE MAKING A DEEP PENETRATION TO THE VICINITY OF KHAM DUC. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT THAT THE DEEP ARVN OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL TOUTZ CONTINUE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENEMY FORCES THERE FROM CONCENTRATING AGAINST THE KHAM DUC FOB; BUT THAT US MARINE FORCES (THE 7TH MARINES) REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE OUE SON VALLEY TO COMPENSATE FOR A SHIFT OF NOW ADJACENT AMERICAN UNITS TO THE KHAM DUC AREA.

4. IN NORTHERN TOUTZ, THE 1ST ARVN AND 101ST DIVISIONS WILL BE ENGAGED IN HEAVENED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH, THESE OPERATIONS WILL HAVE LITTLE DIRECT INFLUENCE ON OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE, WE PLAN TO MOVE ARTILLERY FROM N10TZ TO C10TZ WHEN MARINE ARTILLERY BEGINS TO LEAVE. EARLIER REDEPLOYMENT DATES FOR MARINE ARTILLERY WOULD REQUIRE SHIFTING TUBES FROM N10TZ AT A TIME WHEN

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THEY ARE MOST NEEDED THERE.

5. IN SUM, THE DATE CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY MEAN SCALING DOWN SUMMER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES EARLIER THAN PLANNED, WITH A RESULTING REDUCTIONS OF NEEDED PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY.

UNQUOTE

2. ALTHOUGH WE WERE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS AND POSITION TAKEN BY XXIV CORPS WE CHOSE NOT TO CONCUR OR NONCONCUR WITH ITS CONTENTS. WE DID POINT OUT THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE VMO BDE IN I CORPS ON OR ABOUT 10 JULY THAT THE TROOP DENSITY AND COMBAT SUPPORT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW, AFTER INCREMENT IV REDEPLOYMENTS.

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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. XXIV CORPS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MACV TO PROVIDE AN IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EARLIER STAND-DOWN DATES FOR INCREMENT IV REDEPLOYMENTS AS PROVIDED BY CINCPAC. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED AND PROVIDES THE XXIV CORPS RESPONSE.

QUOTE

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FM BG SHEDD C/S XXIV CORPS DNG RVN

TO MG COWLES J3 MACV SGN RVN

INFO SG MILLER C/S III VAF

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SECRET DNG 1619 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: MY TELECON THIS MORNING WITH GEN KRAFT CONCERNING PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT DATE CHANGES FOR SOME MARINE COMBAT ELEMENTS.

1. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT THAT THE EARLIER DATES WILL HAVE ON THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN. THOUGH, THE CHANGE OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR THE

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2. IN CENTRAL 107Z, ARVN FORCES HAVE BEGUN SUBSTANTIAL MOVES TO THE WEST. AS THESE FORCES LEAVE THE POPULATED AREAS, THE IMPORTANCE OF USING INFANTRY CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN THOSE AREAS INCREASES. FURTHER, THE ARVN OFFENSIVE WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN ARTILLERY SUPPORT, A REQUIREMENT THAT WILL GROW WHEN THE 3RD MARINE BRIGADE ARRIVES AND IS EMPLOYED IN AND TO THE WEST OF BA 102.

3. IN SOUTHERN 107Z, THE AVERTICAL AND 2D ARVN DIVISIONS WILL BE MAKING A DEEP PENETRATION TO THE VICINITY OF KHAM DUC. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT THAT THE DEEP ARVN OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL 107Z CONTINUE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENEMY FORCES THERE FROM CONCENTRATING AGAINST THE KHAM DUC FOB, BUT THAT US MARINE FORCES (THE 3RD MARINE) REVEIN ACTIVE IN THE ROBINSON VALLEY TO COMPENSATE FOR A SPLIT BETWEEN ADJACENT AVERTICAL UNITS TO THE KHAM DUC AREA.

4. IN NORTHERN 107Z, THE 1ST ARVN AND 101ST DIVISIONS WILL BE

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PAGE THREE RUMVPA 12 17 SECRET/MCEO/SPECAT/EXCL FOR ENGAGED IN HEIGHTENED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH, THESE OPERATIONS WILL HAVE LITTLE DIRECT INFLUENCE ON OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE, WE PLAN TO MOVE ARTILLERY FROM NICTZ TO CICTZ WHEN MARINE ARTILLERY BEGINS TO LEAVE. EARLIER REDEPLOYMENT DATES FOR MARINE ARTILLERY WOULD REQUIRE SHIFTING TUBES FROM NICTZ AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST NEEDED THERE.

5. IN SUM, THE DATE CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY MEAN SCALING DOWN SUMMER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES EARLIER THAN PLANNED, WITH A RESULTING REDUCTION OF NEEDED PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY.

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A. OMC 022248Z JUL 70 (TS)(SPECAT)(MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A NOTES THE RETENTION IN RVN OF ONE VMFA,
ONE HMM, AND ONE MACS WITH NO FINITE REDEPLOYMENT
TIME SPECIFIED.2. (S) REQUEST YOU INFORM ME, WHEN KNOWN, OF
REDEPLOYMENT TIMES OR ANY INDICATIONS THEREOF
CONCERNING THESE THREE AVIATION UNITS SO THAT I MAY
RESPOND TO REF A. WARM REGARDS.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

081300H Jul 70

From: Chief of Staff**To:** G-1
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The discussion agenda proposed by the CG FMFPAC for discussions with III MAF general officers will be discussed at length during the III MAF Commanders Conference on 13 Jul.

The above staff sections will provide talking points for the CG on the issues which will impact on matters under their cog.

Deadline for these talking papers to the Staff Secretary will be 1500, 12 Jul 70.

Staff Secretary will place this subject on the Commanders Conference agenda.

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1. (TS) FORTHCOMING REDEPLOYMENTS WILL REQUIRE THE
 RELOCATION OF HQ III MAF AS WELL AS THE 1ST MARDIV AND
 1ST MAW. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE RELOCATIONS BE
 EFFECTED IN AS ORDERLY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE AND THAT,
 CONCOMITANT THEREWITH, THE VAST AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT
 AND MATERIAL WHICH IS TO BE MOVED BE THE SUBJECT OF
 STRICT AND PRECISE ACCOUNTING. TO THIS END, I WOULD

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 LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ALL OF YOU ON 15 JULY 1970 AT
 HQ III MAF IN DANANG.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AGENDA IS PROPOSED
 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A. RELOCATION OF HQ III MAF TO OKINAWA:

(1) TIMING FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF HQ III MAF ON
 OKINAWA AS IT RELATES TO ACTIVATION OF HQ 3D MAB IN RVN.

(2) SITE FOR HQ III MAF ON OKINAWA.

(3) ESTABLISHMENT OF MANNING LEVEL FOR HQ III MAF
 ON OKINAWA AND DETERMINATION OF SOURCE OF PERSONNEL.

(4) TIMING OF RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF HQ I MEF AT
 CAMP PENDLETON.

B. RELOCATION OF 1ST MAW TO IWAKUNI. TIMING FOR
 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF HQ 1ST MAW AT IWAKUNI AND DEACTIVA-
 TION OF 1ST MAW (REAR).

C. RELOCATION OF 1ST MARDIV TO CAMP PENDLETON.
 TIMING FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF HQ 1ST MARDIV AT CAMP
 PENDLETON AND DEACTIVATION OF 5TH MEB. IN THIS REGARD,
 CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO 5TH MEB PERFORMING
 THE MISSION OF A 1ST MARDIV (REAR) AT CAMP PENDLETON.

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A. OMC 271339Z JUN70(TS)

B. CG FMFPAC 130121Z JUN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE)

C. CG FMFPAC 150736Z JUN70(TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

D. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)

E. OMC 261220Z JAN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED OMC GUIDANCE RELEVANT TO THE FOURTH RE-
DEPLOYMENT INCREMENT AND UNIT DESTINATIONS. IN ESSENCE REF A
CONCURRED WITH REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST CONTAINED IN REF B AS
MODIFIED BY REF C. IT IS NOTED THAT REF C INDICATED THE RETENTION
IN RVN OF ONE VMFA, ONE HMW AND ONE MACS WITH NO DEFINITIVE DURATION
OF RETENTION.

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2. (TS) THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING A BALANCED AIR-GROUND TEAM
IN RVN IS REALIZED AND ENCOURAGED. HOWEVER, THE RETENTION OF THE
ABOVE AVIATION UNITS BEYOND 31DEC70 COULD HAVE A DELETERIOUS IMPACT
ON OVERALL MARINE AVIATION POSTURE IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. PERSONNEL GOALS FOR BEGINNING FY-72.

B. CONTINUED ADDITIONAL WESTPAC REPLACEMENTS WHILE STRUCTURING
FOR OTHER COMMITMENTS.

C. READINESS OF CONUS UNITS AND CONTINGENCY FORCES IN WESTPAC.

D. ABILITY TO REMAIN WITHIN FY-71 BUDGET.

3. (TS) REQUEST REVIEW AVIATION FORCE TO SUPPORT RESIDUAL WAS
(10.8K) AS PROPOSED REF D AND APPROVED REF E. THOSE AVIATION FORCES
NOT INCLUDED IN THE RESIDUAL MAB SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN EARLIEST
PRACTICABLE BUT NOT 31DEC70, COMMENSURATE WITH TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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- A. CG FMFPAC 272226Z JUN 70 (TS, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) - MCEO
- 1. (TS) THE PROPOSED MESSAGE TO CINCPAC CONTAINED IN REF A HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND I CONCUR WITH.
- 2. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE SPACES IN QUESTION, I.E., JOINT STAFF AND DEFENSE AGENCY SUPPORT MISSIONS, I AGREE THAT IT IS INADVISABLE FOR CG III MAF TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REDUCTIONS OF THESE SPACES.
- 3. (TS) I ALSO AGREE THAT A TIMELY RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM MAY PRECLUDE A FUTURE INFRINGEMENT UPON THE APPROVED COMPOSITION OF THE 10.8K MAB, 16.2K LOG. ROLLUP AND .6K CAG FORCE, WHICH REMAINS OUR PREFERRED POSITION.

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REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 252124Z/JUN70 (TS) (PASEP)

1. (TS) REF A HIGHLIGHTS AGAIN A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN WITH US FOR SOME MONTHS NOW. THIS PROBLEM SIMPLY IS THAT, WHILE ALL RECENT DEPLOYMENT PLANS SHOW THE MARINE CORPS REDUCING FROM ITS CURRENT AUTHORIZED SPACES OF 42.6A IN RVN TO A .5K SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE BY END OF FY-71, THERE ARE CURRENTLY .8K SPACES ALLOCATED TO THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE. SINCE THESE ARE ALL NON-III MAF UNITS, WEITH CANNOT PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THEIR REDUCTION. ONLY COMUSMACV CAN DO THAT AND APPARENTLY TO DATE HIS STAFF

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IS RELUCTANT TO FACE THE ISSUE AS TO THE PLANNED SIZE OF THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE. HOWEVER, THIS PROBLEM WILL COME TO A HEAD WHEN MARINES IN RVN ARE REDUCED TO THE MAJ LEVEL OF 15.8K PLUS .6K CAC, 1.2K ROLL-UP FORCE, AND .8K SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE, FOR A TOTAL OF 15.4K VICE THE 13.2A COMMONLY USED.

2. (TS) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT FORCING THE ISSUE NOW COULD CAUSE COMUSMACV TO COMMENCE A REDUCTION OF THE NON-III MAF MARINES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING THOSE IN HIS HEADQUARTERS. ON-THE-OTHER-HAND, IF WE DON'T FORCE THE ISSUE NOW, COMUSMACV COULD DIRECT A .2K REDUCTION OF THE MAJ, CAC, OR ROLL-UP FORCE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE MARINE TOTAL TO 13.2K DURING ONE OF THE NEXT DEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS. ALSO, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT, FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF RECOMMENDING REDUCTIONS NOW FOR THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE, COMUSMACV COULD ACCEPT THE MARINE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE AS .5K AND PASS THE .2K WITHDRAWAL TO ONE OF THE OTHER SERVICES.

3. (TS) ON BALANCE, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ISSUE OF

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 THE SIZE OF THE MARINE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED NOW. WHILE IT COULD BE POSSIBLY RESOLVED BY III MAF POSING THE PROBLEM TO COMUSMACV, IT IS BELIEVED THAT A MORE RAPID AND COMPLETE RESPONSE CAN BE OBTAINED BY INTRODUCING THE ISSUE HERE IN HAWAII. CINCPAC WILL HAVE TO PASS THE PROBLEM TO COMUSMACV, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE MACV REPLY.

4. (TS) THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL SEND IT TO ADMIRAL MCCAIN.

QUOTE

FROM : CG FMFPAC

TO: CINCPAC

INFO: CMC

CINCPACFLT

CG III MAF

U. S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

A. CINCPAC 182145Z/MAY70 (TS)

B. CINCPAC SER: 021937 OF 22 JUNE 1970

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1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED TWO ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF 150.8K U. S. TRCPS FROM RVN BY 1 MAY 1971. WITH RESPECT TO MARINE SPACES, THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE:

	ALT A	ALT B
1ST INCREMENT	29.4K	10.8K
2ND INCREMENT	12.6K	31.2K
TOTAL	42.0K	42.0K

2. (TS) IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THE EXACT SIZE OF EACH DEPLOYMENT INCREMENT IS SUBJECT TO REVISION AND REFINEMENT. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS OF 42.0K DOES CREATE A PROBLEM.

3. (TS) REF B IDENTIFIES A TOTAL OF 42.6K MARINE SPACES IN RVN. OF THIS TOTAL, 41.8K SPACES REPRESENT UNITS ASSIGNED TO III MAF WHILE THE REMAINING .8K SPACES CONSIST OF ELEMENTS WHICH ARE IN SUPPORT OF NON-MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES. THIS .8K CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

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99K039	NAVFORV	23
99K240A	LG STAFF JTD MACV	52

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99K044	NAV ADV GRP JTD	78
99K045	SOG JTD	17
99K046	AID DEPT STATE	3
99K047	DEF COMM AGENCY JTD	11
99K048	SL. GRI, 1st ANGLICO	197
99K050	EMBASSY SECURITY	151
99K101	CO L, MARSPCL	75
99K104A	COORDS JTD	35
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05J048	ARPA JTD	1
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SSHOWN AS 32 IN REF 2 BUT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 24
 4. (TS) THEREFORE, CG III MAF CAN SUBMIT DEPLOYMENT
 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONLY A TOTAL OF 41.8K. THE
 REMAINING .2K WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE UNITS LISTED

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IN PAR 3 ABOVE. SINCE NEITHER III MAF NOR THIS HEAD-
 QUARTERS ARE IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND THE SIZE OR
 TIMING OF ANY REDUCTIONS TO THOSE UNITS, IT APPEARS
 THAT COMUSMACV MUST MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. (TS) THERE ARE TWO SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM:

A. REDUCE THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS BY
 1 MAY 71 AT 41.8K. THIS HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF AVOIDING
 THE NEED FOR AN UNPROGRAMMED .2K REDUCTION AMONG
 THE UNITS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. HOWEVER, IT WILL
 REQUIRE THE .2K TO BE ADDED TO OTHER SERVICE TOTAL
 WITHDRAWALS IN ORDER TO REACH THE GRAND TOTAL OF 153.0K.

B. RETAIN THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS BY
 1 MAY 71 AT 42.0K AND REQUEST COMUSMACV TO IDENTIFY
 .2K SPACES FROM THE UNITS LISTED IN PAR 3 ABOVE, TO
 INCLUDE TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL. THIS .2K WOULD BE
 ADDED TO THE 41.8K FOR III MAF, THUS, PROVIDING A
 MARINE TOTAL OF 42.0K SPACES.

6. (U) ACCORDINGLY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS
 PROBLEM BE RESOLVED AT AN EARLY DATE TO PERMIT
 ORDERLY REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING.

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9. (U) VARA REGARDS.

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FO LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. COMUSMACV 060000Z MAY 79 (TS)

1. (TS) PLANNING WITH FMFPAC AND MACV, ENVISAGES 12.6K USMC SPACES IN-COUNTRY BETWEEN 1 JAN AND 1 MAY 1971 TO CONSIST OF AN AUSTERE 10.5K MAB, 0.5K CAG, AND 1.2K ROLL-UP FORCE; PLUS A TRANSITIONAL FORCE (INCLUDING ANGLICO) OF 0.5K.

2. (S) THE 0.5K TRANSITIONAL FORCE WILL BE THE RESIDUAL OF 0.5K CURRENT SIMILAR SPACES, INCLUDING ANGLICO. WHILE THE REDUCTION OF THESE SPACES IS NOT A III MAF RESPONSIBILITY, III MAF BECOMES INVOLVED INASMUCH AS THE 0.2K REDUCTION IN TRANSITIONAL FORCE SPACES ARE INCLUDED BUT NOT IDENTIFIED IN REF. A. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THEM IN THE INCREMENT IN REDEPLOYMENTS WAS NOT CONCURRED IN BY MACV. IF THESE SPACES ARE NOT REDEPLOYED PRIOR TO 1 JAN 1971 OR IF THE TOTAL USMC

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SPACES REMAINING IN-COUNTRY AFTER 1 JAN 1971 IS NOT INCREASED TO 13.4K, THE SPACES WILL HAVE TO BE FILLED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MAB. THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DO.

3. I BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED BY III MAF PLANNING ONLY FOR THOSE 41.8K SPACES ASSIGNED TO III MAF AND REQUESTING THAT COMUSMACV ASSUME REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 0.5K TRANSITIONAL FORCE SPACES (INCLUDING ANGLICO) OVER WHICH III MAF HAS NO CONTROL.

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TOP SECRET/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN BUSE FROM
 LT GEN MCCUTCHEON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 132124Z MAY 70 (TS/SPECAT)

B. CG III MAF LTR SER 00038070 OF 2 JAN 70 (TS/SPM DIS)

1. (TS) REF A INDICATED THAT UPON REVIEW OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANS
 ALTERNATIVE ALPHA AND BRAVO LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE (LRF) SHOULD
 PROVIDE OWN SECURITY OR ACTION BE INITIATED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS
 TO INCREASE LRF PERSONNEL SPACES TO INCORPORATE SECURITY FORCE
 IN THAT UNIT.

2. (TS) REF B REDUCED LRF SPACES TO 1141 TRANSFERRING 59 SPACES
 TO MAB FOR INCREASE IN AVIATION ASSETS.

3. (TS) IN VIEW OF CURRENT PLANNING TO INITIATE ALTERNATIVE
 ALPHA WHICH EXTENDS LRF OPERATIONS AND REDEPLOYMENT TO 1 MAY 71
 LRF HAS CAPABILITY TO COMPLETE RETROGRADE OPERATIONS AND PROVIDE

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 OWN INTERNAL SECURITY FROM PRESENT ASSIGNED 1141 SPACES.

4. CG FLC CONCLRS.

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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/PERSONAL FOR LIGEN BUSE
FROM MCCUTCHEON. (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
FORCE PLANNING

1. WENT TO SAIGON 15 JUNE TO ATTEND CEREMONIES INTEGRATING FIRST LOGISTICS COMMAND INTO U.S. ARMY VIETNAM AND TO ATTEND DINNER FOR ZAIS GIVEN BY ABRAMS. ALSO GOT INVOLVED IN DISCUSSING THE MARINE CORPS PACKAGE TO CONSTITUTE FIRST INCREMENT OF PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS. MACV PLANNERS, UNDER ABE'S GUIDANCE, ARE FORMING UP MACV INPUT TO CINCPAC WHICH IS DUE 15 JUNE HAWAII TIME. MACV WANTED TO RETAIN ONE MORE F-4 SQUADRON, ONE MORE CH-46 SQUADRON AND THE FIRST RADIO BATTALION, AND THEY OFFERED TO INCREASE MARINE CORPS IN-COUNTRY SPACES TO DO SO. IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF MARINE AIRCRAFT REMAINING IN COUNTRY INTO MONSOON SEASON, I RECOMMENDED THAT MACS-4 ALSO BE RETAINED. THEY AGREED. THIS WILL

PAGE TWO RUMLEMPA2267 SECRET/MCEO/PERS FOR
INCREASE OUR RESIDUAL FORCE IN COUNTRY BY 1200 AND
REDUCE OUR FIRST INCREMENT FROM 19,800 TO 18,600.
2. THE KEY PROBLEM AS I SEE IT IS HOW LONG WILL THESE
ADDITIONAL UNITS STAY. MACV STAFF WILL NOT DISCUSS
ANYTHING BEYOND 15 OCT. IF IN FACT SECOND INCREMENT
BETWEEN 15 OCT AND 1 JAN IS TO BE MARINE HEAVY, AND
IT REDUCES US TO ONE RESIDUAL BRIGADE, IT WOULD ONLY
MEAN KEEPING THESE 1200 ABOUT TWO EXTRA MONTHS. BASED
ON ALL THE INFORMATION I HAD AVAILABLE RELATIVE TO
HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS PLANS, IT APPEARED TO ME WE
COULD MEET THIS REVISED TROOP LIST.
3. I TOLD MACV PLANNERS IT WAS THEIR LIST TO CINCPAC
AND TO GO AHEAD WITH WHATEVER THEY THINK THEY NEEDED.
IT WAS QUITE EVIDENT THAT ALL HANDS HERE VALUE THE
INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY PROVIDED BY FIRST RADIO BATTALION
AND IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE ME TO SEE THEM REQUEST
THIS TO BE ADDED TO OUR FINAL INCREMENT BEYOND 1 JAN.
THEY ARE AWARE OF COURSE THAT OUR PAST PLANNING PROPOSES
TO DRAW THAT BATTALION DOWN TO A DETACHMENT OF ABOUT 85.
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WARM REGARDS. GP-4

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PERSONAL FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
 LTGEN BUSE (DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS) MARINE CORPS
 EYES ONLY.

1. JUST HAD CALL FROM KEITH WHO WAS IN SAIGON. ABE
 WANTS TO MODIFY TROOP LIST PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU
 BY RETAINING FOLLOWING:

- A. ONE F-4 SQUADRON
- B. ONE CH-46 SQUADRON
- C. 1ST RADIO BN (MINUS)
- D. MACS-4

2. ABE STATED HE WILL GIVE US COMPENSATORY ADDITIONAL
 SPACES. KEITH ASKED DURATION OF ABOVE RETENTION AND
 WAS NOT GIVEN DEFINITIVE ANSWER. MCCAIN WILL BE IN
 SAIGON IN NEXT 24 HRS AND ABE WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED
 CHANGE TO HIM. CLR STAFF WILL ANALYZE AND KEEP YOU
 INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

WARM REGARDS.

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