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TOP SECRET /SPECAT/ MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZ IN
REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U)
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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 IS CONCURRED WITH.
- 2. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE SPACES IN HUESTION, 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, 1.2K LOG-ROLLUP AND .6K CAG FORCE, WHICH REMAINS OUR PREFERRED POSITION.

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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CMC 271339Z JUN70(TS)
- B. CG FMFPAC 130121Z JUN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE)
- C. CG FMFPAC 150756Z JUN70(TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)
- D. CG FMFPAC 140521Z JAN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)
- E. CMC 261220Z JAN70(TS) (SPECAT EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED CMC 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 HMM 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 MAB (10.8K) AS PROPOSED REF D AND APPROVED REF E. THOSE AVIATION FORCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE RESIDUAL MAB SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN EARLIEST PRACTICABLE BUT NLT 31DEC70, COMMENSURATE WITH TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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 RUMMLUA -I- CG FIRST MARDIV
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON,
 MGEN ARMSTRONG, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN WILSON AND EGEN PADALINO
 FROM LTGEN JONES. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING
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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

PAGE TWO RUHHFMA0715 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 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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FROM LTGEN JONES/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 02248Z JUL 70 (TS)(SPECAT)(MCEO)

1. (TS) REF A NOTES THE RETENTION IN RVN OF ONE VMFA,
ONE NMM, AND ONE MAGS 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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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 AND 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.

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FV BG SHEDD C/S XXIV CORPS DNG RVN

TO MG COWLES J3 MACV SGN RVN

INFO BG MILLER C/S III VAF

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SECRET DNG 1619 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: MY TELECON THIS MORNING WITH BGEN 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

PAGE TWO RUM MPA 12 15 SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCL FOR 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 ACTIVITY.

2. IN CENTRAL ICTZ, 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 ICTZ, THE AVERICAL 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 ICTZ CONTINUE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENEMY FORCES THERE FROM CONCENTRATING AGAINST THE KHAM DUC FOR: BUT THAT US MARINE FORCES (THE 7TH MARINES) REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE QUE SON VALLEY TO COMPENSATE FOR A SHIFT OF NOW ADJACENT AVERICAL UNITS TO THE KHAM DUC AREA.

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

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PAGE THREE RUMMPA 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.

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 VNMC 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 INCREMENTAL REDEPLOYMENTS.

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM VADM KING
MARINE CORPS ADVISORS FOR VIETNAMESE GROUND UNITS ATTACHED TO
SEAFLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR ATSB (U)

1. (S) THE U.S. NAVY'S EFFORTS TO SECURE COMPLETE GVN CONTROL OF
LOWER NAM CAN DISTRICT OF AN XUYEN PROVINCE ARE HINDERED DUE TO A
LACK OF RELIABLE, WELL TRAINED VIETNAMESE FORCES SKILLED IN THE
TACTICS OF NAVAL INFANTRY.

2. (S) THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT IN THE AO IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT
COMMANDANT HENDERSON FOUND TO BE SUCH A CHALLENGE IN THE FLORIDA
EVERGLADES IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. WE NEED SOME OF HIS SPIRIT
IN THIS WAR IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA.

3. (S) I AM CONVINCED THAT A MAJOR STEP TO SHIFT THE
ADVANTAGES TO OUR SIDE AND ENSURE THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION OF THE
VC/NVA FORCES OPERATING IN NAM CAN WOULD BE THE ADDITION OF U.S.
MARINE CORPS ADVISORS TO OUR TASK ORGANIZATION THERE.

4. (S) I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AS A FEASIBLE PLAN:

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A. A MARINE ADVISORY CONTINGENT CONSISTING OF ONE MAJOR,
THREE CAPTAINS AND THREE SERGEANTS OR STAFF SERGEANTS ASSIGNED TAD
TO NAVFORV FOR A PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS.

B. PHASED INPUT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF EFFORT AND
EXPERIENCE AS ADVISORS ARE ROTATED INTO THE TACTICAL ORGANIZATION.

C. PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTARY EXTENSION FOR PERIODS OF 3
MONTHS NOT TO EXCEED TWO SUCH EXTENSIONS FOR EACH ADVISOR.

D. THE FIELD GRADE OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED THE DUTIES
OF SENIOR GROUND ADVISOR AND DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR BASE DEFENSE, WITH
THE OTHER MARINES AS HIS IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

E. ACCREDITATION OF THESE ADVISORS TO NAVFORV IN COUNTRY
ASSOWANCE WHILE TAD FROM PARENT USMC ORGANIZATION.

5. (S) I WOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR
STAFF TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL AND TO VISIT THE OPERATING AREA
OF SEAFLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR AT ANY TIME.

6. (U) NAMK REGARDS.

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SECRET/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES/
LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
OFFICER INVESTIGATION

- A. CMC SPDLIR AIA-3/JLV OF 18JUN70 (NOTAL)
- B. MY 271500Z JUN70 (NOTAL)

- 1. REFERENCES A AND B BEING PASEP VIA AIR MAIL TO CG FMFPAC.
- 2. (S) REFERENCE A CITES A REPORT OF INVESTIGATION RELATED TO ALLEGED MALFEASANCE ON THE PART OF AN OFFICER OF THIS COMMAND AND ENCLOSES AN UNSIGNED, UNDATED COPY OF A CMC ENDORSEMENT (CODE AIA) FORWARDING THE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS VIA CG FMFPAC. THE ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDS A LETTER OF REPRIMAND IF THE SUBJECT OFFICER CONSENTS TO NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT.
- 3. (S) REFERENCE B ADVISED CMC THAT THE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AND THAT NO ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BASED UPON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A.

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THE INTENT OF REFERENCE B WAS TO APPRISE HMC THAT DEFINITIVE ACTION
COULD NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL THE MISSING REPORT OF INVESTIGATION WAS
RECEIVED OR A DUPLICATE PROVIDED.

- 4. (S) THE UNSIGNED ENDORSEMENT INDICATES THAT THE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION WAS DATED 14 NOV 1969. ALTHOUGH THE ENDORSEMENT ITSELF IS NOT DATED IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THE REPORT WAS FORWARDED FROM HMC. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THE REPORT WAS LOST IN TRANSMISSION.
- 5. (S) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ASCERTAIN IF CG FMFPAC HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPORT, ITS WHEREABOUTS, OR ITS CURRENT STATUS.

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CONFIDENTIAL/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES AND LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. AVELLINO 39 60 59 USMC

A. CG 1ST MARDIV 020320Z JUL 70

B. CMC LTR AD IE-SJ-SE OF 17JUN70 (NOTAL)

1. (C) REFERENCE A INDICATED THAT ON 1 JULY 1970 CAPTAIN G. L. WASH HAD BEEN RELIEVED AS AND CAPTAIN AVELLINO ASSIGNED AS DIVISION EXCHANGE OFFICER.

2. (C) IN EARLY JULY, I WAS PERSONALLY INFORMED BY CHIEF OF STAFF, FMFPAC, VIA TELCON, THAT CAPTAIN AVELLINO WAS APPARENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION. ADDITIONALLY, BY BLIND COPY OF REFERENCE B, THIS HEADQUARTERS WAS ADVISED THAT CMC HAS REQUESTED HIS TO CONDUCT AN APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGATION THAT WHILE ASSIGNED EXCHANGE OFFICER, MARINE CORPS SUPPLY ACTIVITY,

PAGE TWO RUMLL UA 1685 CONFIDENTIAL/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, CAPTAIN AVELLINO UNLAWFULLY TOOK MER-
CHANDISE VALUED BETWEEN \$500 TO \$600 FROM THE EXCHANGE THREERAT.
ALTHOUGH THE COPY OF REFERENCE B WAS RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS
PRIOR TO CAPTAIN AVELLINO'S ASSIGNMENT AS EXCHANGE OFFICER, IT
WAS NOT BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMAND ECHELON UNTIL THIS
PAST WEEK DUE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR.

3. (U) YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN EXPEDITING DELIVERY OF
THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. BEST
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THIS IS A KEYSTONE ROBIN (ALFA) MSG

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM RADM ROBEL

1.(S) I AM VERY CONCERNED OVER THE LESS THAN COMPLETE LOAD-OUT OF VANCOUVER AND CLEVELAND. SINCE OUR NAVY ASSETS HAVE DIMINISHED AS OUR LIFT REQUIREMENTS HAVE INCREASED, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT SHIPS ASSIGNED TO REDEPLOYMENT LIFTS BE FULLY LOADED.

2.(S) WITH ASSUMPTION OF MOST SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN DANANG BY THE ARMY, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON THE ABILITY OF ARMY TO MEET THE SUPPORT AND LICHTERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEYSTONE REDEPLOYMENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT WE BOTH CAN EXPECT IN THE WAY OF CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND WHAT WE IDENTIFY EXISTING SHORTFALLS SO THAT I CAN EXPLORE ALTERNATE MEANS OF PROVIDING THE REQUIRED SUPPORT.

3.(U) LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU LATER THIS MONTH IN DANANG.
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 PADALING, INFO USED ARMSTRONG, NGEN WILSON, FROM
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 COLONELS ASSIGNMENTS (C)
 1. (CIS) ONGOING AND PROJECTED REDEPLOYMENTS TOGETHER
 WITH ASSOCIATED PLANS TO BUILD A MAS HQ AND RETAIN AN
 MAF/MEF HQ REQUIRE A REASSESSMENT OF COLONELS NEEDS
 IN WESTPAC TO MEET FUTURE BILLET REQUIREMENTS.
 COLONELS ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY HQMC IN SUFFICIENT
 NUMBERS TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING OF ALL WESTPAC POS
 PHASE I/II STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF

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 THIS CALENDAR YEAR. THIS HQ HAS, IN TURN, ASSIGNED
 THOSE SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO WESTPAC THROUGH AHEADST
 (WITH ONE EXCEPTION) TO MAJOR COMMANDS. YOUR ANALYSIS
 IS NOW REQUESTED AS TO NEW INFANTRY REQUIREMENTS NEEDED
 DURING THE SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER TIME FRAME.
 2. (CIS) MARINE CORPS WIDE REQUIREMENTS DECIDE THAT
 OVER STAFFING BE AVOIDED AND THAT ONCE ASSIGNED TO
 WESTPAC SHORT TOURING BE AVOIDED TO THE MAXIMUM
 EXTENT FEASIBLE. TRANSFERS AMONG MAJOR WESTPAC COMDS
 WILL DOUBTLESS BE NECESSARY. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT
 UNCERTAINTIES ARE INVOLVED, IT IS NOW THE LEAS
 INCUMBENT UPON THIS HQ TO INFORM THE COMMANDANT
 SOONEST OF REDUCTION IN REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER THAT
 ORDERS BE CANCELLED/MODIFIED AT THE EARLIEST.
 3. (CIS) IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONSIDER 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 WILSON COORDINATE
 IN SUBMITTING TO US HERE BY 22 JUL, IF FEASIBLE, A
 STATEMENT OF NEW WESTPAC INFANTRY REQUIREMENTS BY MONTH

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 FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER. FOR YOUR PLANNING,
 AS IT RELATES TO RELOCATION OF HQ 111 MAF, IT SHOULD
 BE ASSUMED THAT HQ 1 MEF WILL HAVE FOUR COLONELS (TO
 INCLUDE ONE NAVAL AVIATOR) ACTUALLY ON BOARD THROUGH
 THE PERIOD AND AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT TO HQ 111 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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REQUEST FOR MARINE CORPS ADVISORS (U)

A. CG III MAF 161123Z/JUL 70 (S) (MCEO)

1. (S) I CONCUR WITH YOUR EVALUATION OF THE MANPOWER PROBLEMS OCCASIONED BY ITG REDEPLOYMENT AND THE INABILITY OF III MAF AND THE FUTURE MAB TO SUSTAIN MARINE ADVISORS TAD TO NAVFORV.

2. (S) THE SOLUTION OPEN TO VADM KING IS, AS YOU POINT OUT, TO REQUEST MARINE ADVISOR SPACES IN THE NAVFORV JTD. I AGREE THAT WITH THE CONTINUING WITHDRAWAL OF MARINE FMF SPACES FROM VIETNAM, THE MARINE CORPS MAY BENEFIT FROM AN INCREASED ADVISORY ROLE.

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 POST EXCHANGE INVESTIGATION IN RESPECT CAP AVELLINO
 1. REQUEST RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDED
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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

A. MY MSG 201005Z JUN70 (NOTAL) (C)

1. (S) AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE (A), ON 27 JUNE I DIRECTED AN
INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE OPERATION OF THE
HQBN STAFF NCO CLUB. THAT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND
THE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION IS NOW BEING REVIEWED.

2. (S) ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT ACTED DEFINITELY ON THE INVESTIGATION,
EXAMINATION OF THE REPORT REVEALS THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS:

A. IRREGULARITIES EXISTED WITH RESPECT TO SLOT MACHINE OPERA-
TIONS. THE SYSTEM OF INCOME ACCOUNTABILITY WAS INADEQUATE AND
MAINTENANCE OF THE MACHINES WAS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, NO EVIDENCE
WAS FOUND TO INDICATE MISAPPROPRIATION OF SLOT MACHINE INCOME.

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SLOT MACHINE OPERATIONS WITHIN THE 1ST MARDIV WERE SUSPENDED DURING
APRIL 1970 AND WILL NOT BE RESUMED.

B. CONVERSION OF MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES TO PIASTERS FOR
PAYMENT OF VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES WAS MADE AT VARIOUS CONVERSION
CENTERS WHICH DID NOT MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE RECORDS. CONSEQUENTLY,
POSSIBLE CONVERSION VIOLATIONS COULD NOT BE DETECTED. ON 1 JUNE
1970, A DIVISION BULLETIN WAS PUBLISHED REQUIRING ALL CONVERSIONS
TO BE MADE AT A 1ST MARINE DIVISION DISBURSING OFFICE AND THAT
AUDITABLE RECORDS OF CONVERSIONS BE KEPT.

C. NO SIGNIFICANT MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF VIETNAMESE EMPLOY-
EES WAS FOUND

D. CERTAIN IMPROPER INVENTORY AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES RELAT-
ING TO BAR SUPPLIES WERE DETECTED. CORRECTIVE ACTION HAS BEEN
TAKEN TO CORRECT THESE DEFICIENCIES.

3. (S) DURING THE INTERCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO THIS
MATTER, THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THAT THE FORMER MANAGER OF THE
CLUB, GYSGT E. VORGEAS, SS 59 34, USMC, HAD SOME OF THE CLUB'S
RECORDS IN HIS POSSESSION. ALTHOUGH NO COPIES OF CLUB RECORDS
HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE MISSING, ADVICE AS TO THE STATUS OF
RECORDS POSSIBLY IN POSSESSION OF GYSGT VORGEAS IS REQUESTED.

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FINAL ACTION ON THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING
RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN IN THIS
REGARD. BEST REGARDS.

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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 FWSF PRESENCE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
 IN THE RYDER-ROSS AREA AFTER 7TH MARINES WITHDRAWAL, PREFERABLY BY
 THE VNMC 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 HELO-
 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 VNMC 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 LTGEN 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 SSDC 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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C O N F I D E N T I A L DNG 1731 EYES ONLY
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 1970, GENERAL VIEN, CHAIRMAN, JOINT GENERAL
STAFF, AND GENERAL ROSSON WILL VISIT OUR AREA. AFTER INITIALLY
VISITING THE KHAM DUC AREA, GENERAL LAN AND I WILL BRING THEM
TO THE 7TH MARINE FORWARD CP AT FSB DEFIANT. THEY ARE INTERESTED
IN A SHORT BRIEFING AND DISCUSSIONS OF YOUR PICKENS FOREST OPERATION.
WE WILL ARRIVE AROUND 1130 AND SPEND 30 MINUTES THERE. I WOULD
APPRECIATE IT IF MG WIDDECKE COULD MEET US THERE. FROM THERE WE WILL
GO ON TO THE QDSZ FORWARD CP. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED
THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS, HOWEVER, THE VISIT TO FSB DEFIANT IS THE
ONLY PORTION WITH ANY OF YOUR UNITS. *SP-A*

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

A. CG FMFPAC SPDLTR 59/JPO/NHF OF 1 MAY 68

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 250630Z JUNE 70 (NOTAL)

1. (S) DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE COMMANDANT TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, HE QUERIED ME RELATIVE TO THE FOXHOLE STRENGTHS OF DIVISION RIFLE COMPANIES. ON TWO OCCASIONS I RESPONDED THAT LATELY THE RIFLE COMPANIES HAS BEEN AVERAGING APPROXIMATELY 180 ON ROLLS, 160 EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AND 140 FOXHOLE STRENGTH. THE COMMANDANT MENTIONED THAT THE INFORMATION HE HELD WAS THAT THE FOXHOLE STRENGTHS WERE GREATER THAN THE FIGURES I GAVE HIM.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DIVISION'S STRENGTH IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST CG FMFPAC IN THE EVENT HQMC QUERIES THAT HEADQUARTERS RELATIVE TO THIS SUBJECT.

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3. (S) AS BACKGROUND, THIS HEADQUARTERS USES THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS IN DETERMINING AND REPORTING RIFLE COMPANY STRENGTHS:

A. ON ROLLS. ALL MARINES JOINED TO THE REPORTING UNIT IN STRENGTH CATEGORIES, CHARGEABLE AND NON-CHARGEABLE. THIS DEFINITION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A.

B. EFFECTIVE. MARINES IN A CHARGEABLE STRENGTH CATEGORY WHO ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE UNIT MISSION. THIS DEFINITION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A.

C. FOXHOLE. A RIFLE COMPANY'S EFFECTIVE COMBAT OR FIELD STRENGTH. IT IS THAT PORTION OF A COMPANY'S STRENGTH THAT IS COMMITTED TO COMBAT.

(1) FOXHOLE STRENGTH INCLUDES EFFECTIVE STRENGTH MARINES ASSIGNED TO THE COMPANY FORWARD POST OR LEFT IN THE COMPANY REAR BECAUSE THE COMPANY MISSION DOES NOT REQUIRE ALL EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL.

(2) FOXHOLE STRENGTH DOES NOT INCLUDE EFFECTIVE STRENGTH MARINES PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO ADMINISTRATIVE OR LOGISTICAL DUTIES WITH THE COMPANY REAR OR HELD IN THE COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, E.G., LIGHT DUTY, ORIENTATION TRAINING,

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REMOVED FROM THE FILED FOR ROTATION OR TO PREPARE FOR DEB. INsofar
AS I CAN DETERMINE, THIS DEFINITION WAS GENERATED WITHIN THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS TO INDICATE ACTUAL FIELD OR OPERATIONAL STRENGTH.

4. (S) THE CURRENT REVISED DIVISION MANNING LEVEL PROVIDES FOR
1,123 OFFICERS AND 19,457 ENLISTED. THE OUT OF COUNTRY NON-EFFEC-
TIVE ALLOWANCE (OOONE) OF 51 OFFICERS AND 1,077 ENLISTED, ADDED TO
THE MANNING LEVEL, ESTABLISHES AN RVN CEILING OF 1,174 OFFICERS AND
20,534 ENLISTED. ON 19 JULY, THE 1ST DIVISION STRENGTH WAS 1,148
OFFICERS AND 18,938 ENLISTED, FOR A TOTAL SHORTAGE OF 26 OFFICERS
AND 1,576 ENLISTED VERSUS THE RVN CEILING.

5. (S) THE RECENT TREND IN RIFLE COMPANY STRENGTHS HAS BEEN
STEADILY DOWNWARD DUE TO AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN DIVISION STRENGTH.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE MANNING LEVEL OF A RIFLE COMPANY IS 205. THE
AVERAGE ON-ROLL STRENGTH ON 31 MAY 70 WAS 192; THE EFFECTIVE
STRENGTH, 173; THE FOXHOLE STRENGTH, 150. ON 30 JUNE THESE
STRENGTHS WERE 186, 163, AND 140, RESPECTIVELY. ON 19 JULY THESE
STRENGTHS WERE 177, 156, AND 134 RESPECTIVELY.

6. (S) AN ANALYSIS OF HEADQUARTERS UNITS OF THE INFANTRY AND
ARTILLERY REGIMENTS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION REVEALS THAT THESE
HEADQUARTERS UNITS ARE OVER STRENGTH WHILE THE RIFLE COMPANIES ARE

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UNDER STRENGTH. IN SOME CASES THERE ARE VALID REASONS FOR OVER-
AGES IN HEADQUARTERS UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN HEADQUARTERS
BATTALION THERE IS A SCAMP PLATOON AND DIVISION SCHOOLS FOR WHICH
THERE IS NO AUTHORIZED MANNING LEVEL BUT NONETHELESS MUST BE
STAFFED. IN THE INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY REGIMENTS, THERE ARE IN
SOME CASES EQUALLY VALID REASONS FOR THE OVERAGE IN THE REGIMENTAL
HEADQUARTERS UNITS, SUCH AS HEADQUARTERS LOCAL SECURITY ELEMENTS,
LIAISON PERSONNEL, AND REQUIRED FSGC AND DOC AUGMENTATION. HOW-
EVER, IN MY OPINION THE OVERAGE IN HEADQUARTERS UNITS THROUGHOUT
THE DIVISION HAS BEEN EXCESSIVE AND POSITIVE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN
TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

7. (S) IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE, COUPLED WITH THE RECENT DOWN-
WARD TREND IN OVERALL DIVISION STRENGTH, ON 25 JUNE I DIRECTED,
IN REFERENCE B, EACH REGIMENTAL COMMANDER AND THE COMMANDING OFFI-
CER OF HEADQUARTERS BATTALION TO REVIEW IN DETAIL THEIR PERSONNEL
ASSIGNMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM ON-ROLLS,
EFFECTIVE, AND FOXHOLE STRENGTHS IN THE TACTICAL UNITS OF THIS
COMMAND, AND FURTHER THAT THEY WOULD MAKE A WEEKLY REPORT OF
PROGRESS MADE TO INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL WHO
HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED FROM HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS, OR REASONS WHY

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SUCH REASSIGNMENTS WERE NOT POSSIBLE, AND FUTURE PLANS TO REDUCE
THEIR HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS.

8. (S) BASED ON INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THIS HEADQUAR-
TERS, OVERALL DIVISION SHORTAGES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED
DURING LATE AUGUST DUE TO INCREASED REPLACEMENT INPUT; THIS
COUPLED WITH THE CURRENT ON-GOING PROGRAMS, AS OUTLINED ABOVE,
WILL MARKEDLY IMPROVE RIFLE COMPANY STRENGTHS.
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A. CG III MAF 250833Z JUL 78 (S)

B. CG FMFPAC 070402Z JUL 78 (C)

1. (S) REF A RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST
MARDIV (REAR) AT CAMP PENDLETON ON OR ABOUT
1 SEPTEMBER 1978. REF B STATED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION
CONTAINED IN REF A WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING CG
FMFPAC FORTHCOMING WESTPAC TRIP, 11-16 JULY 1978.

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 UNIT'S COMPRISING
THE 16 OCTOBER THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1978 REDEPLOYMENT
HAD BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. WARM REGARDS.

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SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORT

A. MY 210715Z JUL 70 (C)

1. REFERENCE A REPORTED THE BODY OF VN 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS FOUND BY VN CIVILIANS IN THE VICINITY OF BT 053643 AND TAKEN TO TU CAU NEW LIFE HAMLET AT 171800H JUL 70. FOLLOWING MORNING AT 180930H JUL 70, USMC ROAD SWEEP TEAM AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION TEAM WERE INFORMED OF VN CASUALTY BY GVN VILLAGE SECURITY CHIEF AND A VN WOMAN. CIT INVESTIGATED AND LEARNED THAT ALLEGATIONS WERE BEING MADE BY THE VN AGAINST SIX AMERICANS AS BEING THE PROTAGONISTS OF THE WOMAN'S RAPE AND DEATH.
2. MR. JED DUVAL OF CBS, ACCOMPANIED BY VN CAMERA CREW (2), VISITED THE SCENE OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT DESCRIBED BELOW ON 22 AND 23 JULY, UNANNOUNCED AND UNESCORTED, AND HAS INDICATED GREAT INTEREST. HE

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 HAS BEEN OBSERVED TALKING WITH PURPORTED VN WITNESSES TO ALLEGED
 INCIDENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADVERSE PUBLICITY COULD RESULT
 PRELIMINARY TO THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED.
 3. POPULACE REACTION IS ONE OF GENEREAL CONCERN. NIS IS CONDUCTING
 INVESTIGATION IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GVN OFFICIALS AND 2NDBN,
 1STMAR IN WHOSE AREA OF OPERATIONS THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

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FROM MGEN ARMSTRONG/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. AS I MENTIONED DURING YOUR VISIT ONE OF MY REAL CONCERNS IS MAINTAINING THE BEST POSSIBLE POSTURE IN FMAW REAR DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD SO AS TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION AND REGROUPING WHEN THE FIRST MAW FLAG MOVES TO IWAKUNI. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE BEST RESULTS WOULD ACCRUE IF BOB CONLEY BECAME FMAW REAR AND BILL QUINN OR SOME ONE ELSE CAME TO RVN.
2. CONLEY IS THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE WINGS PROBLEMS AND THE RVN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED BY OUTOF COUNTRY UNITS. HIS COMCABS EXPERIENCE GIVES HIM A GOOD INSIGHT INTO THE BASE SIDE OF THE PICTURE WHICH IS A BIT DIM AT IWAKUNI. HIS SIXTH FLEET AND OP-05 EXPERIENCE WOULD BE VERY USE-

PAGE TWO RUMLMHA0078 S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FUL IN OUR COMAIRWESTPAC AND SEVENTH FLEET RELATIONSHIPS. IM-
 PORTANT TO ME IS THE FACT THAT HE KNOWS WHAT I WANT WHEN I GET
 THERE. HE GETS THINGS DONE.

3. I WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE AN AWC GAP AT THIS END TO ACHIEVE
 THIS ARRANGEMENT. HOPEFULLY THIS WOULD NOT BE FOR LONG AS THERE
 WILL BE MUCH TO BE DONE HERE ALSO.

4. HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH WITH BOB AND HE ALSO FEELS THAT
 THIS WOULD BE BEST OVER THE LONG HAUL. LTGEN MCCUTHEON SUGGESTED
 THAT I PUT THE PROPOSITION TO YOU.

5. HOPE YOU CAN SPEND MORE TIME WITH US NEXT TIME. WARM REGARDS.

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240830Z JUL 70

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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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SPECAT

PTIAZYUW RUMLLUA3419 2061245-AAAA--RUMLMFA.

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FLC -I- MAF

P 251245Z JUL 70

FM CG FIRST MARDIV

TO INFO RUMLMFA/CG III MAF

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SECRET/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY//NO0000//

CG FMFPAC R 242057Z JUL 70 QUOTED FOR INFO QUOTE:

FM CG FMFPAC

TO CG MCB CAMPEN

INFO CMC

CG FIRST MARDIV

STE C R E Y SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN ROBERTSON INFO MAJGEN ANDERSON, MAJGEN WIDDECKE FROM LTGEN JONES.

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY, DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS//NO0000//

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 200152Z JUL 70 (PASEP)

1. (S) GYSGT E. VORGEAS, 38 59 34, USMC, APPEARED AT HQMC ON 25JUN70 ALLEGING MISCONDUCT AND IRREGULARITIES CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HQMC FIRST MARDIV SNCO CLUB. CMC ORDERED THE

PAGE TWO RUMLLUA3419 SECRET/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY

MATTER INVESTIGATED AND EXTENDED GYSGT VORGEAS' RELEASE DATE FROM 30JUN70 UNTIL 31AUG70 PENDING RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION. GYSGT VORGEAS IS PRESENTLY AT MCB CAMP PENDLETON AWTC RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY.

2. (U) REQUEST YOU TAKE PAR 3, REF A FOR ACTION AND REPLY DIRECT TO CG FIRST MARDIV WITH INFO THIS HQ AND CMC. WARM REGARDS. GP-4 UNQUOTE.

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VV PAC216VV WING434 TOR: 26/2345Z JUL 70
PTIAZYUW RUHFMA3306 2062228-AAAA--RUMLMPA.

ZNY AAAAA
FLC-T-CG FIRST MAW
FLC-T-CG III MAF
P 252228Z JUL 70
FM CG FMFPAC
TO RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
INFO RUMLMPA/CG III MAF

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN ARMSTRONG INFO LTGEN
MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN JONES. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS. //N00000//

1. (S) I BELIEVE YOUR PROPOSAL TO MOVE BOB CONLEY TO
FMAW (REAR) AND BILL QUINN IN-COUNTRY AS YOUR AWC
HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT, AND I DISCUSSED IT WITH THE
COMMANDANT. HE SEEMED GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO YOUR
PROPOSAL AND INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH
ANDY UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. I ALSO GATHERED
THAT IT IS HIS INTENTION TO MOVE BILL JOHNSON AT AN
EARLY DATE. THEREFORE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD EXPECT
BOB TO MOVE RATHER SOON. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON TIMING.

2. WARM REGARDS.
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P 190250Z JUL 70 ZFF-1
FM CTF SEVEN SEVEN
TO RUMLMPA/CG III MAFINFO RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
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C O N F I D E N T I A L//NO00000//
VISIT TO CTF 77 (U)

FOR LGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO MGEN ARMSTRONG

1. (C) YOU AND GEN ARMSTRONG ARE MOST WELCOME ON THE 30TH. I HAVE SUGGESTED A 21 JULY VISIT TO GEN ARMSTRONG CONCERNING SUPPORT SORTIES. IF IT TURNS OUT YOU COULD BOTH COME THEN THAT WOULD ALSO BE FINE.
2. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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P 270700Z JUL 70

FM CG FIRST MAW

TO RUMHMA/CG FMPPAC

INFO RUMLMFA/CG III MAW

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SECRET OFFICERS EYES ONLY SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
LTGEN JONESINFO LTGEN MCCUMCHEON FROM MSGN ARMSTRONG DELIVER DURING WORKING
HOURS

1. CONLEY CAN BE AVAIL ON ANY DATE THAT IS REQUIRED ALTHOUGH
HIS EFFORTS HERE WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH.
2. RELATED MATTER IS COLONEL'S ASSIGNMENTS IN FMAW REAR CG
MAG ONE TWO IS DUE FOR RELIEF IN AUG. APPARENT CANDIDATES TO
REPLACE WEAVER ARE RITTER AND MCCALEB. I FEEL THAT QUALIFIED
JUNIOR COLONELS HAVING GENERAL OFFICER POTENTIAL SHOULD COMMAND
MAGS WHEN ONBOARD COLONEL'S POPULATION PERMITS. DO NOT CONSIDER
EITHER RITTER OR MCCALEB HAS SUCH POTENTIAL. PROPOSE THAT COL
MCELROY BE SENT FROM HERE TO FMAW REAR FOR MAG ONE TWO. BILL
JOHNSON AND BOB CONLEY AGREED.
3. WE ARE REVIEWING ENTIRE PICTURE OF COLONEL'S REQUIREMENTS WITH

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LTGEN MCCUMCHEON. THERE MAY BE OTHER CHANGES INDICATED HOWEVER
I FELT THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD NOT WAIT.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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VV PAC217
 PTTAZYUW RUHHFMA3467 2090111-AAAA--RUEOFIA RUMLMPA.
 ZNY AAAAA
 P 280111Z JUL 70
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUEOFIA/CMC
 INFO RUMLMPA/CG III MAF
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28 JUL 70 0253z

T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN ANDERSON,
 INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND MGEN WILSON FROM BGEN
 HOUGHTON. //N0000//

REQUIREMENTS FOR COLONELS IN WESTPAC

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 162015Z JUL 70 (TS) SPECAT PASEP
 B. CG III MAF 221359Z JUL 70 (TS) SPECAT PASEP
 1. (TS) REFERENCE A REQUESTED AN ANALYSIS OF REQUIRE-
 MENTS FOR COLONELS IN WESTPAC IN LIGHT OF REDEPLOY-
 MENTS AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES IN WESTPAC COMMAND
 STRUCTURE. REFERENCE B, AS AN INTERIM RESPONSE, INDI-
 CATED NO NEED WAS FORESEEN FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITION-
 AL COLONELS DURING THE SEP THRU DEC 70 TIME FRAME, BASED
 ON PRESENT PLANS. ALTHOUGH AS HAS BEEN RECENTLY
 EXPERIENCED, REDEPLOYMENT PLANS WILL NECESSARILY RE-

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 MAIN SUBJECT TO DELAY OR MODIFICATION, IT NONETHE-
 LESS APPEARS QUITE LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A RE-
 DUCED REQUIREMENT FOR NEW INPUT OF COLONELS FROM
 THE NUMBER NOW UNDER ORDERS FOR WESTPAC GROUND
 FORCES (MCC 159) WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WESTPAC
 DURING THE SEP THROUGH DEC 70 PERIOD.

2. (TS) WE PROJECT NO CHANGE IN INPUT OF COLONELS
 TO WESTPAC AIR FORCES (MCC 167). THERE APPEARS TO
 BE AN ADEQUATE BALANCE CONSIDERING FACTORS OF COLONELS
 INBOUND; UNDER ORDERS; RTD LOSSES; AND THE PENDING
 FIRST MAW AND FIRST MAW (REAR) MERGER.

3. (TS) CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS EXIST IN THIRD MARDIV.
 SIX 9906 COLONELS FOR INPUT DURING SEPTEMBER OVER AND
 ABOVE JUL AND AUG INPUTS, ARE REQUIRED TO REPLACE HEAVY
 SUMMER/FALL LOSSES. THESE SIX WILL NOT COMPLETELY
 FILL ALL THIRD MARDIV/I MEF REQUIREMENTS. THEY WILL,
 HOWEVER, COVER NEEDS IN THE INTERIM, PENDING RESOLU-
 TION OF AVAILABILITY OF OTHERS FROM FIRST MARDIV AND III
 MAF HQ WHO WILL NOT MEET REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA OR WHO
 WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN ANY RVN RESIDUAL FORCES.

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 4. (C) I NOTE THAT THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWELVE 9906
 COLONELS UNDER ORDERS TO REPORT TO WESTPAC THIS FALL
 (9 IN SEP, 2 IN OCT AND 1 IN DEC). WE ARE PREPARED TO
 ASSIGN 6 OF THE SEP INPUT TO THE THIRD MARDIV AND HOLD
 OFF ON ASSIGNMENT OF THE OTHER 6. HOWEVER, RECOGNIZING
 THAT THERE ARE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED AS RELATES TO EACH
 INDIVIDUAL, I SEEK YOUR ADVICE AS TO WHICH OFFICERS
 SHOULD BE SO ASSIGNED AND WHICH ONES YOU MIGHT WANT TO
 SELECT FOR POSSIBLE MODIFICATION/CANCELLATION OF WESTPAC
 ORDERS.

5. (TS) ALSO UNDER ORDERS TO WESTPAC GROUND FORCES TO
 REPORT IN SEP ARE 2 SUPPLY COLONELS (9908), BOTH
 PRESENTLY UNASSIGNED. FIRST MARDIV SUPPLY OFFICER RO-
 TATES FROM WESTPAC IN MID-OCTOBER BUT THE RE-
 QUIREMENT TO REPLACE HIM FOR A SHORT SPELL IN-COUNTRY IS
 NOT RESOLVED. ALSO NOT YET RESOLVED IS THE NEED TO RE-
 PLWCE COL CALVERT DURING OCTOBER AT FLC. NONETHELESS
 IT APPEARS THAT SEP INPUT OF BOTH 9908'S MAY NOT BE
 NEEDED. ALTERNATIVELY, GEN JONES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE IN THE
 FIFTH FSR. BEYOND THAT THE REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE JIM

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 JONES AT THIRD FSR MAY BE DEVELOPING BACK THERE. YOUR
 VIEWS ON THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. (U) GEN MCCUTCHEON IS GIVING THE IN-COUNTRY ASPECTS
 OF THIS OVERALL SUBJECT FURTHER STUDY NOW. WE WILL KEEP
 YOUR OFFICE INFORMED AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
 WARM REGARDS.

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 FM CG FNFPPC
 TO RUMLMPA/CG III MAF

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 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
 LTGEN JONES. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING
 WORKING HOURS. //N00000//
 A. CG III MAF 222356Z JUL 70 (TS/MCEO)
 1. (S) DURING THE COMMANDANT'S 23-24 JULY VISIT HERE,
 HE TOLD ME TO PASS ON TO BILL VAN RYZIN HIS APPROVAL
 OF YOUR DESIRE FOR A BRIGADIER JUNIOR TO ED SIMMONS
 TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE WRAP-UP FORCE. AS YOU KNOW
 FROM MY MSG TO ARMY HE ALSO GAVE HIS APPROVAL OF
 THE CONLEY-QUINN DEAL. ALTHOUGH THE STAFF IS STILL
 CHECKING OUT YOUR TIME TABLE CONTAINED IN REF A THERE
 APPEARS TO BE NO DIFFICULTY INVOLVED. IN FACT, I ALSO
 TALKED THIS OVER IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THE COMMANDANT,
 AND HE SEEMED TO BE WELL SATISFIED WITH YOUR PLANS.
 THEREFORE, THINGS ARE SHAPING UP IN CONNECTION WITH
 YOUR REDEPLOYMENT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN AND HOW

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 WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.

2. (S) YOUR REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN MARINE POPULATION
 AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BRINGS INFORMAL RESPONSE
 FROM THE HQMC ACTION OFFICER LEVEL INDICATING THE
 NECESSARY MOVES WILL BE AUTHORIZED SHORTLY, WITH
 ANTICIPATION HERE THAT MARINE CONFINEEES WILL BE RE-
 DUCED TO WELL BELOW 70 BY 10 AUGUST.
3. (S) CHUCK'S REPORT OF REDUCED "FOXHOLE" STRENGTHS
 IN HIS RIFLE COMPANIES APPEARS TO BE A MATTER OF BOOK-
 KEEPING. THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM IS TO
 TALK "ON ROLLS" AND "EFFECTIVE", WITHOUT REFERENCE
 TO THE ILLUSIVE TERM "FOXHOLE." FORTUNATELY, BY
 END-JULY OUR REPLACEMENT INPUT SHOULD HAVE REDUCED
 THE REPORTED SHORTFALL CONSIDERABLY. WE SHOULD ALSO
 BE ABLE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION MORE CLEARLY WITH
 THE REINSTITUTION OF WEEKLY REPORTS.
4. (S) LASTLY, I AM PLEASED TO PASS ON THAT CHAPPIE
 WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED MOST FAVORABLY WITH HIS III
 MAF VISIT, AND COMMENTED IN PARTICULAR ON THE HIGH
 MORALE AND PROFESSIONALISM REFLECTED IN YOUR UNITS.

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 5. WARM REGARDS.

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ZNY AAAAA
 P 290052Z JUL 70
 FM CG MARCORB CAMPEN
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO OMC
 CG FMFPAC
 CG III MAF

TOR: 29/0829Z JUL 70

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 S E C R E T/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/EXCLUSIVE FOR
 MAJGEN WIDDECKE, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, LTGEN JONES, MAJGEN
 E. E. ANDERSON, FM MAJGEN ROBERTSON/DELIVER DURING WORKING
 HOURS.

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 200115Z JUL 70

1. (S) SNM INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY NISRA CAMPEN AS REQUESTED
 IN PARA THREE REF A.
2. (S) SNM ACKNOWLEDGED POSSESSION OF A COPY OF AREA AUDITOR
 REPORT 17-10-02 DATED 7 APRIL 70, PROVIDED HIM INCIDENT TO
 HIS RELIEF AS MANAGER SNCO CLUB NUMBER 17. SNM DENIED
 POSSESSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL CLUB RECORDS.
3. (S) SNM REITERATED ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT WITHIN CLUB
 SYSTEM AS RELATED TO C/S HQMC ON 25 JUN 70 AND AS
 PREVIOUSLY RELATED TO FIRST MARDIV INSPECTOR.

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 FLC -T- CG FIRST MAW
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 R 290405Z JUL 70
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO RUMLMPA/CG III MAF
 RUMLMHA/FIRST MAW
 RUMLLUA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/CG FIRST MAW (REAR)
 RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCOMD
 ZEN/THIRD FSR
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR MAJGEN WILSON INFO
 LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MAJGEN ARMSTRONG, MAJGEN WIDDECKE, BGEN
 JOHNSON, BGEN PADALINO, BGEN BARRON AND COL JONES
 (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY) //NO1300//
 A. CG THIRD MARDIV 210150Z JUL 70 (O) (O) (O) (O)
 1. RECEIPT OF REFERENCE A REGARDING THE SPLIT TOUR
 PROGRAM IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPRECIATED.
 2. SPLIT TOUR QUOTAS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER WILL PARALLEL
 THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR JULY; THAT IS; NO QUOTAS WILL BE ASSIGNED
 FOR CAPTAINS AND ABOVE AS THEY WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL

PAGE 2 RUHFMMA3655 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 CASE BASIS; QUOTAS FOR LIEUTENANTS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO
 MEET ESTABLISHED CRITERIA WILL BE ASSIGNED BUT ADDITIONAL CARE
 WILL BE EXERCISED TO AVOID REASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS AND ENLIST-
 ED MARINES SERVING IN BILLETTS WHEN CONTINUITY AND/OR TECHNICAL
 SKILLS ARE KEY FACTORS.
 3. THE FUTURE OF SPLIT TOURING AS A QUOTA ASSIGNED PROGRAM
 VERSUS RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SPLIT TOURING ON THE BASIS OF
 INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS WILL RECEIVE CONTINUING STUDY AS FUTURE
 REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN FURTHER UNFOLD. WARM REGARDS.
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 P 302355Z JUL 70
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV
 TO CG MARCORB CAMPEN
 INFO CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
 CG FMFPAC
 CG III MAF

TOR: 31/1534Z JUL 70

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S E C R E T/SPECAT/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN
 ROBERTSON INFO LTGEN JONES LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND MAJGEN E.E.
 ANDERSON FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE/DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS/
 CG MARCORB CAMLEJ NOT ADEE PASS INFO TO CMC.

(A) YOUR 290652Z JUL 70 (S)

(B) MY 200115Z JUL 70 (S)

1. (S) APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE, CONTAINED REFERENCE A, RELATIVE
 TO HQBN FIRST MARINE DIVISION STAFF NCO CLUB.

2. (S) IN ORDER THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS CAN TAKE DEFINITIVE
 ACTION TO CONCLUDE PROPERLY THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE
 MANAGEMENT OF THE HQBN STAFF NCO CLUB, THE FOLLOWING WOULD

BE EXTREMELY MEANINGFUL:

A. A DETAILED SWORN STATEMENT FROM GYSGT E. VORGEAS,
 SETTING FORTH ALL ALLEGATIONS HE NOW ENTERTAINS CONCERNING
 THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HQBN FIRST MARINE
 DIVISION STAFF NCO CLUB.

B. A DETAILED SWORN STATEMENT FROM GYSGT E. VORGEAS,
 AFTER APPROPRIATE WARNINGS, SETTING FORTH ANY INFORMATION
 THAT HE CARES TO REVEAL CONCERNING CLUB RECORDS THAT
 MAY HAVE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT ANY TIME AFTER HIS
 RELIEF AS CLUB MANAGER.

3. (S) STATUS OF INVESTIGATION REMAINS AS SET FORTH REFERENCE

B.

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