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MEMORANDUM

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Ref: (a) COMUSPAC STAFFINST 4770.1B
(b) COMUSPAC STAFFINST 4770.1C, Ch 1 of Apr 1969

1. The report of supply and material inspection of the USNS POPE and USNS WEIGEL in ready reserve status covering the area of the staff supply officer's responsibility is submitted as directed by reference (a) and (b).

2. An inspection of GSM and spare parts records on both ships with particular reference to inventories, deficiency requisitions and store-room and material condition revealed following findings and recommendations.

✓ (a) Deck Department GSM Inventories are not current on either the USNS POPE or the USNS WEIGEL. Both ships appear to have a sufficient quantity of forms, office supplies and rope but an up to date inventory is required.

(b) Engine Department GSM Inventories are satisfactory on both ships and deficiency requisitions can be made from information on stock tally cards.

✓ (c) Spare parts inventories on the USNS POPE on S & A Form 489 are 90% current. Only a small percentage of requisitions have been made to correct shortages.

✓ (d) Spare part inventories on the USNS WEIGEL are not current nor have any deficiency requisitions been prepared.

(e) Steward Department GSM stock tally cards in both ships are current and accurately reflect a bin count.

(f) Storerooms on both ships in all departments are generally well stowed, clean and orderly.

✓ (g) New stores books for each department on both ships have been delivered to department heads. Department heads are to utilize stores books to order materials shown by inventories to be below required allowance. Materials below required allowance and not in the stores

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✓ (h) There are areas such as deck department inventories and USNS WEIGEL's spare parts that need more attention, however both ships are considered to be in a good Ready Reserve Supply Status. An additional yeoman to fill a deck yeoman position which is not now assigned to manning scale would solve problems in this area.

3. Provisions and provision storerooms

(a) There are no provisions aboard the USNS WEIGEL.

(b) The USNS POPE while in reserve status has received provision transfer from other ships being deactivated, such as USNS RICHFIELD and USNS WEIGEL; and has in turn transferred these stores and 80% of its own stores to ships in active service. There is approximately \$25,000 worth of dry stores still aboard the USNS POPE.

(c) Sanitation and material inspection by the MESTPAC, Medical Division to determine any possible deterioration or infestation have been made periodically and stores are in good condition.

(d) Dry Stores aboard USNS POPE are stored neatly but are spread throughout storerooms and would have to be consolidated if a change of status should occur.

(e) Steward Dry Storerooms and Reefer Spaces on both ships are in excellent condition.

(f) All provision accounting and supply functions are being properly performed.

✓ (g) Chief Steward has been advised to submit requisitions for a capacity load so that they will be available for processing if need be.

4. Material (Condition)

(a) Labor saving devices and portable electric power tools are aboard and adequate.

✓ (b) Damage Control Lockers and equipment on both ships are inventoried and requisitions to eliminate deficiencies are being prepared.

✓ (c) Lifeboat equipment on the USNS WEIGEL's portside lifeboats were removed and held aboard ship with the exception of the water which has been disposed of. Emergency provisions and water on both ships are rusty and may be outdated.

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- ✓ (d) Some lifeboat fishing kits are missing from lifeboats on both vessels.
 - ✓ (e) Paints, greases, gases, lube oils and pyrotechnics have been removed from both vessels and must be requisitioned.
 - (f) Chronometers for both ships are not aboard. Other navigational instruments are aboard, except stop watches and compassing watch missing from USNS WEIGEL.
 - (g) Fire hose with spares are up to allowance. Some outside fire hose may need replacing.
 - ✓ (h) CO² fifteen lb. extinguishers will require hydrostatic testing and recharging.
 - (i) Life jackets are in sufficient quantities aboard both ships.
 - (j) Ice making machine has been removed from Troop Galley on USNS WEIGEL.
 - (k) Water pump removed from dishwashing machine in the troop scullery on USNS WEIGEL.
 - (l) Six mattresses from the USNS ROPE and 141 mattresses from USNS WEIGEL have been transferred to active MSTS ships.
 - ✓ (m) Inventory of used and new linen is not complete on either ship and should be conducted immediately to determine if operational shortage exists.
 - (n) Troop mattresses and blankets are fully covered for both ships.
 - (o) Vegetable peelers, reach-in cooler and other equipment in food preparation and serving areas have been properly secured by removal of brushes and the wrapping on communicators. No difficulty in activating this equipment is foreseen.
5. Both ships are deemed to be in good ERS 90-120 supply status and could be readily converted to a more urgent status.

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