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PROPOSED REPLY TO AID TO 1658

A. Control of movement of goods and people is indeed complex which enters into every phase of counterinsurgency. Necessary re-emphasize this because tendency exists consider it separate field of action. Prohab committee studying means supplement the principal measures for control of movement and denial of support to VC, which are strategic hamlet program and military action against VC. Recognizing this, and the necessity to ensure that additional measures are worth this cost in terms of financial and personnel resources and in a ^{possible} ~~inevitable~~ adverse popular reaction the committee is still engaged in seeking to evaluate possible additions to, or possible expansion or improvement of activities currently in progress.

To this end, committee has instituted province-by-province survey to determine (a) what controls ~~are~~ are presently in existence; (b) who is carrying them out; (c) how effective are they; (d) present critical VC commodities; (e) present VC source supply; (f) present VC methods of ~~the~~ movement of commodities. In addition, two pilot projects (in Binh Duong

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and Quang Ngai) using existing military and paramilitary forces especially trained for this work by national police and UBOM PSD are expected provide essential practical experience.

At this point, committee's views on specific points raised reftel are as follows:

1. Agree.

2. Point is ambiguous. Committee does not favor establishment of new force with primary mission control of movement goods and people. Nor does it believe that latter should be primary mission any existing force, civil or military. Movement control should be a complementary effort and one of the tasks accomplished by forces already engaged in security missions. In any given area, however, responsibility for this (and other) functions should of course be clearly defined.

3. Concur in use local personnel for majority of control functions

except insofar as carried out by ARVN. Also must be recognized that
Some PSD
AS administrative, *and investigative* ~~and~~ communications activities of a specialized nature such

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as manifesting and verifying arrival of bulk food and equipment shipments,
may require use of other than local personnel.

4. Agree.

essential.
5. This is ~~the primary consideration which outweighs all other aspects~~

~~of the program.~~

Agree
6. Need of clear definition of responsibilities and roles of civilian
police and military/paramilitary forces well recognized. Committee favors
restricting active national police role at this time to urban centers
with police assisting in training effort in rural areas. Plan must be
developed, however, for expending police to cover rural areas as military
law phases out. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

7. This is true of all US military and civilian effort in RVN. US
personnel expected to act in normal advisory role in movement control operations.

Though US not identified with operation it must not be ~~exposed~~ ^{exposed} or will
essential
conflict with ~~primary~~ objective as cited para 5.

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8. If program conducted along lines cited para 1-7 above, anticipate few additional US costs which could not be made up by savings.

Above replies based on situation which now exists in RVN. National police organization functions ^{the primary} as security force in major urban areas while ^{have their role} military forces ^{the} provide security in rural areas. Military forces, as part of their mission to secure ^{rural} the areas, ~~will~~ engage in movement and population control measures, as areas are cleared of insurgents and the military

begins to relinquish control, civil law and order must be established. At ^{and plans must be developed to accomplish this} this time the national police should be phased into ^{control functions,} the rural areas. It

is visualized that members of paramilitary units being demobilized would provide a recruiting base for local police. It is also recognized that necessity for movement and population controls will be greatly reduced when civil law and order replace military controls. In this regard the final disposition or status of the Civil Guard must be determined.

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