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TO RUCAKB/CG 11TH AIR ASSAULT DIV FTBENNING GA

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FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF A BRIEFING FOR THE PRESS 23 JAN 65 ON THE FY 66 DEFENSE BUDGET.

PRESS WAS NOT PERMITTED TO USE THIS MATERIAL UNTIL 1200 25 JAN 65. ATTRIBUTION WAS TO DEFENSE OFFICIALS.

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EXCERPT FOLLOWS:

2116 Hrs.

QUESTION: THE MESSAGE MENTIONS THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR THE 15,000 MEN IN THE EXPERIMENTAL AIR ASSAULT DIVISION BUT WHAT IS TO BECOME OF THE CONCEPT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED.

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SOME 600 PLUS BASE CLOSING ACTIONS ELIMINATING ABOUT 150,000 JOBS. OF THE 150,000 JOBS, TENS OF THOUSANDS ARE MILITARY JOBS. THE MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTH HAS DECLINED ACCORDINGLY AND THERE ARE THE BONAFIDE SAVINGS WE HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BASE CLOSINGS. THERE IS A THIRD REASON FOR THE MILITARY STRENGTH REDUCTION. THAT IS THE PHASING OUT OF THE B-47'S IN THE AIR FORCE ACCORDING TO THE PLAN INITIATED MANY YEARS AGO AND WHICH WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INITIAL CONCEPTS OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. BUT NOW SPECIFICALLY TO ANSWER YOUR POINT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CONCEPTS DEVELOPED BY THIS 15,000 MAN TEST UNIT IN THE ARMY? THOSE CONCEPTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE ARMY STAFF TODAY AND BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND I BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THEM WILL BE INCORPORATED IN EXISTING ARMY DIVISIONS.

"THERE WAS MUCH IMAGINATIVE, ORIGINAL WORK DONE BOTH IN OPERATIONAL TERMS AND LOGISTICAL TERMS IN THAT AIR ASSAULT UNIT. I THINK THE MONEY WE HAVE SPENT WILL BE REPAID MANY TIMES OVER IN INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REMAINING ARMY DIVISIONS, THE 16." (END OF EXCERPT).

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AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO CLARIFY REFERENCE TO SENTENCE, "THE UNIT HAS FULFILLED ITS PURPOSE AND IS BEING ELIMINATED." ADDRESSEES WILL BE NOTIFIED ASAP.

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