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Lieutenant General W. R. Peers  
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Washington, D. C. 20310

Dear General Peers:

General Lemley has asked that I reply for him to your letter of 27 June 1969. The importance of the Reserve Components and the necessity for the DA staff to be aware of the capabilities and limitations of the Reserve Components is fully appreciated throughout ODCSOPS.

To optimize their use our office works closely with your office and that of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the Chief of Army Reserve. A recent highlight was the revision of the Department of Army Master Priority List (DAMPL) which stratified the Reserve Component elements to assure that resources will become available to them in the sequence in which it is planned that they will be used in a mobilization. ODCSOPS has a full-time member assigned to the Study Group on Readiness of the Army Reserve and National Guard Forces (CSM 69-263). This officer brings with him the full OPS support. In coordination with ODCSLOG, the DADAC and your office ODCSOPS is supporting fully the efforts toward solution of the problem of providing the equipment essential to training of the Reserve Components units to be demobilized under CLEAR ADJUST Plan. ODCSOPS also supports and will assist in the development of a Five-Year FEMA Distribution Plan to satisfy the Reserve Components' requirements for equipment for training. OPS is familiar with and sympathetic to the problems which confront the Reserve Components.

There is no question that the Army benefits by staff visits to Reserve Component and active Army units alike. Practically, visits to Reserve Component units by ODCSOPS representatives could best be accomplished in conjunction with staff visits already scheduled.

Alternatively, we could, to the extent feasible, accompany members of ORC conducting scheduled readiness visits to Reserve Component units. Within the limitations of funds and time available, we will participate in visits to Reserve Component units during their summer training. OPS representatives are working with your office to arrange a schedule of visits, and I will confirm our participation as quickly as possible.

Most sincerely,

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for Military Operations