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17 June 1987

FACT SHEET

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11 Oct 1971  
29 July 1971

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SUBJECT: Australian OH-58 Lease Agreement (U)

PURPOSE: To provide information on the training program and lease agreement for Australian Forces Vietnam (AFV)

FACTS:

1. In January 1971 MACV received a request from AFV for the loan of eight OH-58 aircraft. The Australian Government is currently evaluating the purchase of a turbine powered observation helicopter and the OH-58 is one of the aircraft being considered. The proposed lease is for a period of six months with an option to purchase at the termination of the lease period.
2. MACV requested DA approval on 12 Jan 71. On 26 Feb 71 DA message 262154Z approved loan of eight OH-58A aircraft to AFV for a period not to exceed six months and directed AMC to ship the aircraft to USARV.
3. Coordination conferences on 25 Jan 71, 2 Feb 71 and 17 Feb 71 have resulted in the following points of agreement:
  - a. AFV's request was for eight new OH-58's of which four were to be equipped with the XM27E1 "Mini-gun" system. However the Australian Government did not approve the arming and all aircraft will be delivered unarmed.
  - b. Ten pilots ~~were~~ received transition training at the rate of two pilots every two weeks at the IP/SIP school, Vung Tau, with ~~one~~ receiving additional training as instructor pilots. ~~ONE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTOR PILOT IS INDUCED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTOR PILOT TRAINING DURING NOV 1971.~~
  - c. AFV is to perform organizational level maintenance utilizing the 388th Maintenance Company at Vung Tau as their direct support facility.
  - d. Twenty-eight mechanics ~~were~~ trained by the IP/SIP school and the training consists of two weeks of classroom instruction and two weeks of OJT. Eight personnel ~~were~~ receive training at the Army Aviation Refresher Training School (AARTS) on the T-63 engine and technical inspection which includes US Army forms and records.
  - e. Repair parts, ground support equipment and special tools required for organizational maintenance ~~were~~ be provided by USARV, as required to supplement existing equipment at the AFV using unit. A list of these support items was compiled by AVHAB-LOG.
4. The aircraft issue schedule ~~is~~ as follows:
  - 3 aircraft 27 Jul 71
  - 2 aircraft 6 Aug 71
  - 3 aircraft 1 Sep 71

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5. The training program for AFV was modified to some extent to insure training for their replacement personnel. This was accomplished by slipping the training of four pilots and seven mechanics into the late August to early October period. To date ~~six pilots have been transitioned, eight maintenance personnel have completed training and seven more started training on 25 Jul 74.~~

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