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FACT SHEET

AVH&V-OPT

13 March 1971

SUBJECT: Loan of OH-58 Aircraft to Australian Forces Vietnam (AFV)

PURPOSE: To provide the Aviation Officer with current status concerning the loan of OH-58 aircraft to 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. Leasing the aircraft could provide AFV with experience in operating and maintaining this type aircraft and would replace aircraft required to return to Australia.
2. MACV requested DA approval on 12 Jan 71. On 26 Feb DA Msg 262154Z approved loan of eight (8) OH-58A aircraft to AFV for a period not to exceed six (6) months.
3. Coordination conferences on 25 Jan 71, 2 Feb 71 and 17 Feb 71 have resulted in the following understandings:
 - a. AFV's request is for eight new OH-58's of which four would be armed with the XM27M1 "mini-gun" system.
 - b. Avionics configuration would include the following:

AN/ARC - 51B1	AM/UHF
AN/ARC - 115	AM/VHF
(2) AN/ARC - 114	FM/VHF
AN/ARM - 89	ADF
AN/ASN - 43	Gyro-compass
KY - 28	Satn Equip
 - c. Transition training at the rate of two pilots every two weeks would be accomplished at the IP/SIP school, Hung Tau. The initial requirement would be for ten pilots of which two would receive additional training as IP.
 - d. AFV would be expected to perform only organizational level maintenance utilizing the 388th Maintenance Company as their direct support facility.
 - e. Mechanics would receive five weeks training consisting of two weeks class-room/OJT instruction at the IP/SIP school followed by three weeks OJT with the 388th Trans Co. The school can accommodate no more than five students at a time.

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f. Repair parts, ground support equipment, and special tools required for organization maintenance would be provided by USARV, as required, to supplement existing equipment at the AFV using unit. A support list of these items has been compiled by AVHAV-LOG.

g. Lease price per flying hour would be as follows:

Stock fund	\$ 31.00
PEMA	18.00
DS Maint	12.00
Overhaul	15.00
20% Acc Charge	<u>15.20</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$91.20</u>

h. AFV was advised that aircraft delivery would take approximately 30 - 45 days following DA approval and signing of an agreement.

4. A final draft lease agreement is being drawn up at MACV and will be coordinated with USARV during the week 14-20 March.

SUBMITTED BY:

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