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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation - USARPAC and USARV - CH-47 Transfer to Thailand

1. Summary: a. On 5 Sep 70, the undersigned talked with COL Mahone and LTC Hornish, USARPAC concerning the authority for transfer of one CH-47 helicopter to Thailand. USARPAC advised that nothing officially had come from DA and no decision on funding the transaction had been made, or at least announced.

b. COL Mahone advised the aircraft would be going to the Royal Thai Army (RTA) and not the Air Force. Further that no official transfer could be made yet, but that an unofficial transfer complete with ceremony might be proper since so many plans had already been made. I advised COL Mahone USARV preferred to wait until approval and authority had been received, and that USARV was tentatively planning to send representatives to Thailand to conduct the official transfer. This was considered necessary to have properly qualified experts available to complete the transaction.

c. COL Mahone expressed interest in the training of CH-47 crew and mechanics. He stated USARPAC agreed that transition training could best be done in CONUS. But, he wondered if the training of maintenance personnel could be done with the VNAF when the CH-47 MTT arrives. Further that this would be a point of interest during his forthcoming visit. I stated USARV would sound out AFAG on this.

d. The I & M Project Officer or the undersigned will coordinate with AFAG to determine if the 7 maintenance personnel can be accommodated by the MTT during the VNAF training.
2. Basis for Action: Pending transfer of CH-47 aircraft.
3. Coordination: Log Div (copy furnished).

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