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MEMORANDUM FOR: AVIATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: CH-47 in Thailand

1. One CH-47 arrived in Bangkok on 29 August 1970. Aircraft was subsequently transferred to Thailand for the Royal Thai Army effective 5 September 1970, but formal ceremonies denoting the transfer did not occur until 18 September 1970.
2. A crew of two officers and three enlisted men were dispatched with the aircraft, TDY for 30 days with a possibility of being extended. Crew was to perform static and flight demonstrations as directed by COMUS MAC THAI.
3. One member of the crew, CW2 Graham, is a USARV SIP. MACTHAI is using him to conduct transition training into the CH-47 for three THAI aviators who are Vertol 107 qualified. Also maintenance familiarization for enlisted personnel is being conducted at the aircraft.
4. COMUS MACTHAI has requested the TDY for the crew be extended. Also that the transition training be conducted and, following that, operational training in a USARV unit. A MACTHAI Letter of Agreement has been provided for the aviators flying the THAI aircraft.
5. COMUS MACTHAI has also requested training for approximately 13 maintenance personnel. COMUS MACV has coordinated and arranged for this training to be provided by the MTT which will be in country for VNAF training.
6. Follow on training for additional aviators and maintenance personnel (THAI) is being programmed to be accomplished in CONUS, based on information provided by LTC Little, MACTHAI.

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