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MEMORANDUM FOR: AVIATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force (RTAVF) Aviation Training

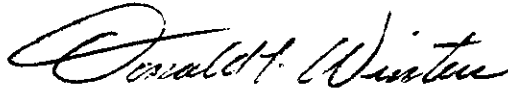
Basis for Action: Aviation Officer's Request.

Summary: a. The Aviation Officer has requested information concerning what training is being accomplished in-country to qualify/standardize Thai aviators.

b. Information from 12th CAG is included in fact sheet at TAB A.

Action Taken: Information on subject training requested from 12th CAG.

Coordination: LTC Dantos, S3, 12th CAG.



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FACT SHEET

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PURPOSE: To provide the Aviation Officer with information on training of Thai aviators in RVN.

FACTS:

1. Thai aviators arriving in RVN receive training with the 240th Assault Helicopter Company at Bear Cat.

2. The following procedures were used prior to the recent rotation of Thai aviators:

a. Upon arrival in-country each Thai aviator was given a standardization check ride not to exceed a maximum time of 4 hours.

b. If the aviator was determined to be proficient, he was then cleared to fly the DCS missions only with the 240th AHC. A maximum of two Thai aviators *per day* were authorized to fly DCS missions.

c. Gunship training was also administered to the group which recently rotated to Thailand. Training commenced approximately 4 months prior to rotation and after the selected aviators had gained considerable experience flying UH-1H helicopters. At the start of training a check ride in the UH-1C *was administered* after which the Thai aviators would accompany an IP on operational missions. One Thai aviator *per day* was authorized to fly operational gunship missions. This procedure was used until the four aviators were qualified and proficient.

3. Recently, approximately half of the Thai aviator contingent, including the unit commander, rotated to Thailand. Subsequent to this rotation a new procedure has been followed.

a. The check ride (para 2a above) is conducted.

b. When declared proficient, the Thai aviators no longer fly DCS missions with the 240th AHC, but rather get flying time by utilizing the three UH-1's on loan to RTAFV. This procedure was the desire of the new Thai unit commander.

4. It is anticipated that Thais will again request gunship training for 4 or 5 aviators when the next rotating group is within 4 months of rotation. The rationale behind this concept is that the aviator returns to Thailand with the training fresh in his mind.

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5. A total of 60 door gunners and 5 armorers have been trained by the 240th AHC.

6. The 3 UH-1's on loan to the Thais are flown with a full Thai crew. Maintenance other than organizational is performed by the 240th AHC.

SUBMITTED BY:

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