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Vietnam

(As of 15 April 1966 unless otherwise specified)

1. (U) Airfield Design: The C-130 strips being built by brigade units are designed as support area medium lift strips. The geometrical specifications for such a strip are to be found in TM 5-366. The pavements for these strips are designed for a full operational field as defined in TM 5-330.

2. (FOUO) Phu Cat: Although this expeditionary airfield will be built by contract, USARVEN anticipates that troops will build 20 miles of two lane type Y road from Qui Nhon to Phu Cat and may build the base POL facilities.

3. (FOUO) Status and Progress of Active Projects:

a. Qui Nhon: A multiple surface is being placed on the west apron and PSP is being removed from east ramp.

b. An Khe:

(1) Five of 49 Chinook pads in the division heliport area have been completed. These consist of a multiple surface treatment pavement covered with 200 SF of M8 matting.

(2) Work on the C-130 strip is to begin about mid-April. A multiple surface treatment pavement will be placed on a new runway parallel to the old strip. Rock for the project is now being crushed. The strip will be 4100' in length and is to be completed 6 Jul 66.

c. Pleiku: Two concrete taxiways for the maintenance apron have been completed. Trading for the 380' x 800' apron is underway in preparation for the placement of T-17 membrane. The facility will eventually include

- 1 75' x 202' Hangar
- 1 190' x 175' Hangar
- 1 80' x 220' Warehouse
- 2 20' x 50' Buildings for Admin and Motor Repair
- 250 man camp

d. Cheo Reo: A 4100' runway is being repaired by replacing portions of the pavement, using M8 matting in spots and covering entire strip with a surface treatment. O&MA.

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e. Dong Ba Thin:

- (1) 1500' of taxiway have been completed along with the mid-point ramp.
- (2) The HU-1B heliport (75 concrete pads) is completed except for placing some additional fill around the pads and treating this fill with a dust palliative.
- (3) A 200' x 200' DS maintenance hardstand has been completed and the unit has set up a shop.

f. Phan Rang: A PSP connecting ramp from the old to the new strip has been completed. The primary taxiway except for the north and south ends has been completed. The north overrun has been completed and fill is being placed for the north apron. One pull-thru hangar pad has been poured and work has begun on three shop pads.

g. Lai Khe: M8 matting has been placed for the 3500' x 60' runway, a taxiway, several helipads and the north turnaround. The strip, per se, was required for a 15 Jun BOD but was completed by 15 Apr. As a result of a crash about 150 pieces of matting will have to be replaced.

h. Phu Loi: The control tower was started 2 Mar and will be completed about 30 Apr 66.

i. Phouc Vinh: Work here has consisted primarily of placing a 6" laterite lift on the old Japanese strip which is 3500' x 80' and the placing of M8 matting for helipads. The strip will eventually be covered with M8 matting and MC-0 is now being applied to keep the dust down.

Thailand

(As of 22 April unless otherwise specified)

4. (FOUO) Sattahip: The contractor has completed five and one half lanes of the Air Force runway.

5. (C) Army Airfields listed in the current army program for Khon Koen and Sakol Nakorn have been cancelled. See Tab C to Inclosure 8. An Air Force facility is to be built at the first location and there is an existing field at the second.

Taiwan

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6. (FOUO) Kung Kuan: The name of this base has been changed to Ching Chuan Kang by the Chinese Air Force. The complete construction

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program for this base is outlined in Tab A which is available from the executive officer T&ME. Also, a base development drawing showing existing and planned facilities is available. See inclosure 27.

Okinawa

(As of 26 April unless otherwise specified)

7. (FOUO) The overlay project at Kadena AFB is to be accomplished during June of this year. Plans are now being drawn up for a runway extension project.