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FACT SHEET

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Prepared for: Commanding General

1. SUBJECT: Armament Systems on UH-1H Gunships for VNAF.
2. PURPOSE: To provide information on which armament systems will be used on VNAF gunships.
3. BACKGROUND: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade received information that the UH-1H gunships ordered by the United States Air Force for VNAF would be armed with a United States Air Force, pintle mounted, mini-gun system only and would have no system for firing air to ground rockets.
4. DISCUSSION: On 27 June 1969, a meeting was held at Bien Hoa Air Base between Major Roberts, 1st Aviation Brigade, Major Silva, 1st Aviation Brigade and Major Davis, United States Air Force Advisory Group. Major Davis made the following statements:
 - a. Initially the UH-1H gunships ordered for VNAF were thought to be armed with the XM-21 system.
 - b. Latest indications are that these gunships will be armed with a United States Air Force, pintle mounted mini-gun mounted inside the cargo compartment on either side of the aircraft and operated by two enlisted gunners. This system would also have the capability of being fired by the pilot when the guns are locked in the fixed or "stowed position". In addition the aircraft will be equipped with rocket pods, similar to the rocket pods on our XM-21 system.
 - c. Based on the fact that rocket pods will be mounted on the aircraft the United States Air Force Advisory Group continues to desire that VNAF gunship pilots receive Army training in armed helicopters.

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d. Upon completion the United States Air Force will provide additional training to VNAF crews on the pintle mounted mini-gun system.

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