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## CHAPTER IV

PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following activities have taken place in the Plans and Requirements area during the past quarter:

AQRS Programming Plan 69-1

(U) The 40ARRSq, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, received its twelfth and last HH-53 in February. All actions needed to support conversion of the 37ARRSq, Da Nang AB, RVN, have either been completed or are on schedule.

~~(S)(CP-4)~~ The 37ARRSq, now equipped with the HH-3E helicopter, will begin receiving new HH-53's during the coming quarter. During the past quarter, three of the HH-53's were shipped from the CONUS and will arrive in SEA approximately 11 April. The 37th will receive a total of 12 HH-53C's. At present, due to the strike at General Electric, manufacturers of the jet engines for the HH-53's, no definite date can be given as to when the 37th will have its total of twelve new air rescue helicopters. The 37ARRSq will operate for a period of time with both the HH-3E and HH-53C.

Other Reprogramming Actions

(U) Det 9, 38ARRSq, moved from Pleiku AB, RVN to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand on 16 February as Pleiku is being turned over to the Vietnamese Air Force.. This LBR Det is equipped with two HH-43B helicopters.<sup>1</sup>

1. See Supporting Document for Movement Order.

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~~(S)(GP-4)~~ The five HH-3E rescue helicopters of Det 1, 40ARRSq, located at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand have been transferred to the 37ARRSq, Da Nang AB, RVN. The 40ARRSq has been equipped with its full complement of 12 HH-53's during this quarter. The faster, more powerful HH-53 is now on daily fraggd strip alert at NKP, and the HH-53's also fly the orbit over the Central Laotian Panhandle, formerly flown by the HH-3E's. Det 1, 40ARRSq at NKP operates as a support function for the HH-53's there.

~~(S)(GP-4)~~ CSAF has directed that the 39ARRSq move from Tuy Hoa AB, RVN to Cam Ranh AB, RVN by the end of June, 1970. Preliminary meetings among 3ARRGp, 39ARRSq, 7AF, and the 483TAWg have been held to review and discuss facility requirements. In view of other Air Force pending actions, 7AF has requested that the movement of the 39ARRSq be delayed until all units programmed for movement have been identified.

#### SEACR Review

(U) There has been no change in SEACR's since last quarter's report. Lack of funding has virtually stopped the introduction of new SEACR's. Those in being but not yet funded will be converted to Command ROC's or be dropped.

#### Vietnamese Air Force Improvement and Modernization Program

(U) During the reporting period, 3ARRGp became an active participant in the program to improve and modernize the Vietnamese Air Force SAR organization. Although titled otherwise, the pro-

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gram is actually one of creating a viable SAR organization rather than improving an existing one. Heretofore, no force had existed except on paper. An initial proposal which includes the organization, concept of operations, aircraft modifications, additional equipment requirements, crew complements, and training requirements has been forwarded to the Air Force Advisory Group where it is being staffed before being submitted to VNAF Headquarters for approval.

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## CHAPTER V

MISCELLANEOUSGlossary (U)

ACH	Aircrew Recovery
AF	Air Force
AFSC	Air Force Speciality Code
AMC	Airborne Mission Commander
ARRGp	Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group
ASIF	Airlift Service Industrial Fund
Det	Detachment
DSR	Director of Aerospace Rescue
EOP	Emphasis On People
FIR	Flight Information Region
FOL	Forward Operating Location
HQ	Headquarters
IRAN	Inspection and Repair As Necessary
Jolly Green	HH-3E/HH-53B/C Rescue Helicopter
JRCC	Joint Rescue Coordination Center
King	HC-130P Rescue Aircraft
LBR	Local Base Rescue
LNRS	Limited Night Recovery System
NKP	Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand

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NORM	Not Operationally Ready, Materials
NOBS	Not Operationally Ready, Supply
OL	Operating Location
Pedro	HH-43B/F Rescue Helicopter
PJSS	Pacific Air Force Jungle Survival School
RECONDO	Reconnaissance Commando, Doughboy
RESCAP	Rescue Combat Air Patrol
RESCORT	Rescue Escort
ROC	Required Operational Capability
RPI	Area in North Vietnam between 18°N and DMZ
RTAFB	Royal Thai Air Force Base
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
Sandy	A-1E aircraft stationed at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand
SAR	Search And Rescue
SARTF	SAR Task Force
SEA	Southeast Asia
SEAOR	SEA Operational Requirement
Spad	A-1E aircraft stationed at Da Nang AB, RVN
TACC	Tactical Air Control Center
TDY	Temporary Duty
UAR	Uniform Airman Records

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UDL

Unit Detail Listing

USARV

United States Army -  
RVN

WAPS

Weighted Airmen Promotion  
System

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## APPENDIX 1

## Awards and Decorations

	<u>AFC</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>LOM</u>	<u>DFC</u>	<u>AMN'S</u>	<u>BSM</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>AFCM</u>	<u>Total</u>
Colonel						1			1
Lt Col	1	4		6		7	23		41
Major		7	2	35		17	138	2	201
Capt	4	13		62	2	14	175	4	274
Lt	1	1		7		1	10		20
Warrant Officer						1			1
CMSgt								2	2
SMSgt				1		7		4	12
MSgt		3		19		7	58	4	91
TSgt		2		31	2	10	114	19	178
SSgt		4		42	4	14	248	42	354
Sgt		9		56	1	4	173	60	303
A1C		1		5			28	17	51
A2C					1				1
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	6	44	2	264	10	83	967	154	1530



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## APPENDIX 2

## COMBAT/NCN-COMBAT SAVES

	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Non-Combat</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	14	3	17
February	11	3	14
March	26	29	55
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	51	35	86

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## APPENDIX 3

## FLYING HOURS

	<u>HH-3E</u>	<u>HH-53B/C</u>	<u>HH-43B/F</u>	<u>HC-130P</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
January	673.8	392.6	693.4	1169.3	2929.1
February	402.8	485.2	707.2	1189.9	2785.1
March	447.2	546.5	835.1	1221.6	3050.4
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
	1523.8	1424.3	2235.7	3580.8	8764.6

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APPENDIX 4  
STANDARDIZATION VISITS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit Visited</u>	<u>Action</u>
2 - 4 Jan	Det 7, 38ARRSq	5 No-Notice Checks
7 - 12 Jan	Det 1, 40ARRSq	5 Upgrades
9 - 11 Jan	Det 6, 38ARRSq	Records Check
21 - 23 Jan	Det 14, 38ARRSq	1 No-Notice Check
30 Jan - 3 Feb	Det 13, 38ARRSq	2 Instrument Checks
4 - 7 Feb	37ARRSq	Records Check
9 - 24 Feb	39ARRSq	2 Instrument 2 Supervisory 2 No-Notice 2 Proficiency Checks
11 - 18 Feb	40ARRSq	1 Proficiency 1 Instructional Checks
9 - 15 Mar	37ARRSq	1 Instructional 1 Proficiency Checks
14 - 20 Mar	40ARRSq	
17 - 20 Mar	Det 11, 38ARRSq	2 No-Notice Checks
18 - 27 Mar	39ARRSq	4 Supervisory 1 Proficiency 1 Instrument 1 No-Notice Checks
20 - 23 Mar	Det 13, 38ARRSq	1 Proficiency 1 No-Notice Checks
27 - 28 Mar	Det 6, 38ARRSq	1 Local Area Check

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## APPENDIX 5

## CJT VISITS

<u>Unit Visited</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Det 1, 40ARRSq	15 - 17 Mar
Det 9, 38ARRSq	15 - 17 Mar
40ARRSq	17 Mar
Det 2, 38ARRSq	17 - 20 Mar
Det 12, 38ARRSq	20 - 24 Mar

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## APPENDIX 6

## AIRCRAFT PROCESSED THROUGH IRAN PROGRAM

<u>Type</u>	<u>Tail Number</u>	<u>In-Date</u>	<u>Out-Date</u>
HH-3E	67-14712	14 Feb	-
HH-3E	64-14232	23 Feb	-
HH-3E	67-14709	29 Mar	-

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## APPENDIX 7

## AIRCRAFT COMPLETING THE REHAB PROGRAM

<u>Type</u>	<u>Tail Number</u>	<u>In-Date</u>	<u>Out-Date</u>
HH-43P	62-4508	20 Jan	25 Jan
HH-43B	58-1859	23 Jan	29 Jan
HH-43B	59-1459	1 Feb	15 Feb
HH-43B	59-1574	15 Feb	28 Feb
HH-43B	60-0254	26 Feb	1 Mar
HH-43B	61-2950	20 Mar	26 Mar
HC-130P	66-211	27 Jan	31 Jan
HC130P	66-213	1 Feb	6 Feb
HC-130P	65-994	31 Mar	-

## APPENDIX 8

## AIRCRAFT PROCESSED THROUGH 31ARREQ FACILITY

<u>Type</u>	<u>Tail Number</u>	<u>In-Date</u>	<u>Out-Date</u>
HC-130P	66-212	2 Jan	3 Jan
HC-130P	66-219	5 Jan	6 Jan
HC-130P	66-213	12 Jan	13 Jan
HC-130P	66-217	14 Jan	15 Jan
HC-130P	65-994	19 Jan	21 Jan
HC-130P	66-220	22 Jan	23 Jan
HC-130P	66-216	11 Feb	13 Feb
HC-130P	65-993	16 Feb	17 Feb
HC-130P	66-215	18 Feb	20 Feb
HC-130P	66-211	23 Feb	25 Feb
HC-130P	65-991	26 Feb	27 Feb
HC-130P	66-212	4 Mar	6 Mar
HC-130P	66-219	9 Mar	10 Mar
HC-130P	66-213	16 Mar	18 Mar
HC-130P	66-220	19 Mar	21 Mar
HC-130P	65-994	23 Mar	24 Mar
HC-130P	66-217	26 Mar	27 Mar

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APPENDIX 9

BATTLE DAMAGE

	<u>HH-3E</u>	<u>HH-53B/C</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January	1	0	1
February	0	2	2
March	1	4	5
	-	-	-
	2	6	8

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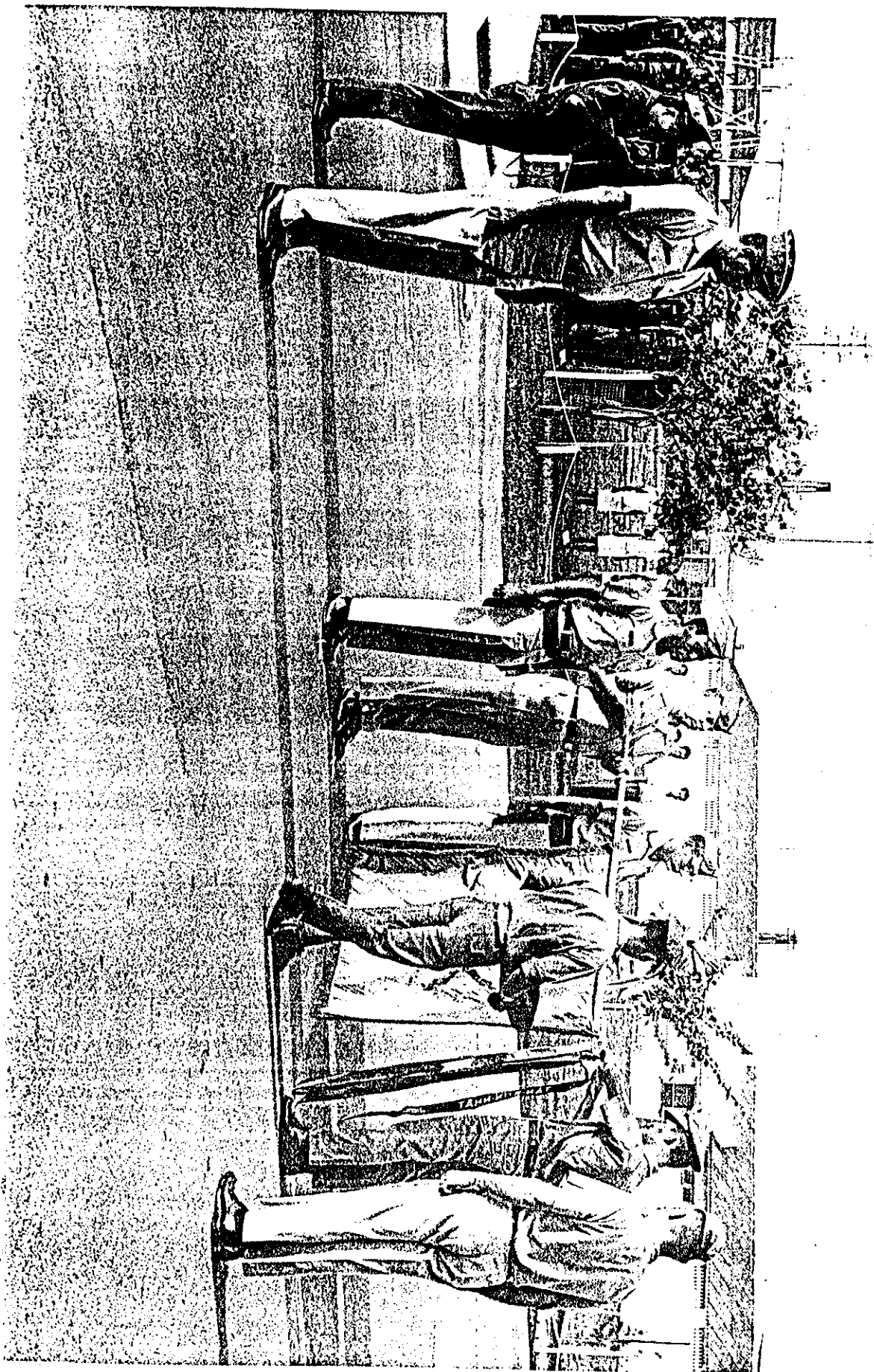
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P H O T O G R A P H S

3D ARRGp RECEIVES AWARD

Major General Tran Van Minh, Commander, Republic of Vietnam Air Force, attaches the Vietnamese unit citation streamer of the Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the guidon of the 3rd ARRGp. The presentation, made on 5 January 1970 before several hundred VNAF troops in formation at VNAF Headquarters, Tan Son Nhut AB, cited 3rd ARRGp for saving the lives of more than 2,406 people from 8 January 1966 through 28 July 1969. After the unit presentation, General Minh decorated the 3rd ARRGp Commander, Colonel Malcolm C. Frazee, left, and the 3rd ARRGp Vice-Commander, Colonel Frederick V. Schie, Jr., far right facing General Minh.



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READY!

Held by his safety harness, Staff Sergeant Kenneth C. Myer of Fairmont, Minnesota, a flight engineer with Detachment 13, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Phu Cat AB, RVN, lowers a jungle penetrator from his precarious perch in the doorway of an HH-43 "Pedro". He was recently awarded the Airman's Medal, the U.S. Air Force's highest non-combatant award for heroism for his part in the recovery of a seriously wounded security policeman from a mine field at a hilltop outpost near Phu Cat AB.



SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Air Force Captain Leonard A. Seagren of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, presents a scholarship to a student of Hoa Vang High School near Da Nang. Captain Seagren, an HH-3E "Jolly Green" helicopter pilot with the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Da Nang AB, RVN, presented 131 scholarships, which amounted to more than 177,750 piasters (\$1,506), to students of the high school. Money for the scholarships was raised during the base's "Dollars for Scholars" fund drive last year.



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## ORDER NUMBER

253-D/TTM/CL

28 JULY 1969

HQ., REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AIR FORCE

APO 4002

## UNIT CITATION

## THE 3RD AEROSPACE RESCUE &amp; RECOVERY GROUP

The 3rd Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Group is an outstanding AF Air Force unit stationed on the Vietnamese Territory. This is the first time this unit has been sent to Vietnam to assist the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam and its Allied Armed Forces throughout the country as well as the area north of the 17th parallel. It has accomplished many significant results as follows:

- Rescued 2,406 people, including 317 Vietnamese who had been brought from the battlefield to the rear.

- Carried out thousands of flights carrying wounded soldiers. In February 1968 alone this group evacuated over 1900 wounded soldiers.

- Implemented 18 missions to rescue a crashed VNAF F-34, C-47, A-1, F-5 aircraft and crew members in 1968. Especially on 3 May 1968 a VNAF C-47 aircraft crashed when it was on a flare dropping mission about 500 meters from the Tan Son Nhut Air Base. The aircraft was in flame and was in danger of explosion because of the flares but, with the traditional bravery of the HH-43 crew members of the 3rd Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Group, they rescued all the crew members of the downed plane who still were in the cockpit. These people were given first aid and treatment and were taken to a military dispensary for further treatment.

In addition, this group has organized and participated in Civic Action activities on a regular basis as well as kept in touch with American charitable agencies to collect gifts and cash for distribution among war victims and war widows and orphans.

With the outstanding record as above mentioned, the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group has efficiently assisted the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the fight against communist aggression.

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## THIS AWARD INCLUDES:

- Unit citation streamer of Gallantry Cross with Palm to the flag of the 3ARRGp.
- Gallantry Cross with Palm to Colonel Hollon H. Bridges, Commander, 3ARRGp.
- Unit citation emblem of Gallantry Cross with Palm to all the personnel of the 3rd ARRGp on and between 8 January 1966 and 28 July 1969.

Signed

General Cao-Van-Vien, Chief Joint Staff  
Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces

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MOVEMENT ORDER

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26 January 1970

1. (C) The Commander Seventh Air Force will take necessary action to relocate Det 9, 38 Air Rescue Sq (ARRS) with personnel and equipment from Pleiku APT, Vietnam to Nakhon Phanom APT, Thailand o/a 16 Feb 70. (TED 15 Feb 70).
2. (C) Personnel:
  - a. Unit will move PCS with approximate strength of 6 officers and 16 airmen.
  - b. Advance and/or rear echelons authorized as required.
3. (U) Organic equipment to accompany unit will be identified and transportation requirements will be satisfied by utilization of theater air and ground transportation resources as appropriate.
4. (U) Unit will move IAW applicable provisions of AFR 55-104 and AFMs 35-17, 36-11, 75-1, 75-2 and 75-4.
5. (U) Direct communication between recipients of this order is authorized.
6. (U) Submit Air Force Organization Status Change Report RCS: HAF-01, IAW AFR 20-49. Report of personnel moved required by Para 7, AFR 55-104 as amended by PACAF Supplement 1 will be submitted IAW instructions contained therein.
7. (U) Costs involved are chargeable to 5703500 48 579.01, and P579.02 S503725. Request strict adherence to AFR 170-8.
8. (U) Authority: AFR 55-104, (S) CSAF Msg 291441Z Aug 69.
9. (U) Upon final closure of unit at destination base, the security classification of this order will be downgraded to Unclassified.

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MR 30-3  
31 March 1969

## Personnel

## EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE PROGRAM

3ARRGp Supplement 1 to MR 30-3, 20 March 1969, is rescinded, effective 31 March 1970. This notice of rescission is automatically rescinded upon receipt of the next edition of 3ARRGp O-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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