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I.6 Troop withdrawal

- A. force levels discussed as result of Pres announcement 3 JAN 72 A-3
 1. Army/AF give impact statements 14 JAN 72 C-1
- B. Laird memo on redeployments to be held closely 7 JAN 72 D-1
 1. Ryan asks possibility of raising their ceiling in case of expedited withdrawal
- C. Residual forces (discussion) 19 JAN 72 B-2
 1. comments on 69 vs 60 thousand force level
 2. AF/Army positions
 3. Navy position
 4. SECDEF concern for security of US forces during withdrawal 19 JAN 72 B-3
- D. AF desires to withdraw some assets desired by MACV/CINCPAC 25 FEB 72 A-2
- E. paper on US Redeployment from RVNAF approved 24 MAR 72 A-1
 1. recommends SECDEF raise force levels
 2. unlikely SECDEF will agree as he recommended reductions to White House
- F. WSA6 only agrees further withdrawals necessary politically 19 APR 72 B-4
 1. give in terms of end strength as of 1 Nov vice intermediate times
 6. AF concern over security of A/C following 1 July withdrawal 3 MAY 72 C-1

2. #VN outlook ~~18 JAN 72~~ ~~22 JAN 72~~

A. Strong NVN/VC offensive predicted around Tet 18 JAN 72 A-1

B. MACV requests authorities to conduct studies during upcoming offensive 20 JAN 72 C-1

1. Land feels MACV has enough authorities as is

2. Abrams assessment of threat being checked 20 JAN 72 C-2

3. Laird passed word verbally

C. Rogers briefed on impending enemy offensives/MACV authorities ^{by ISA} 28 JAN 72 B-1

D. Director gives JCS briefing " " " " ^{by MACV} originally scheduled for CJCSC give Rogers 28 JAN 72 B-2

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~~3. #K directs VN assessment to be made~~ 20 JAN 72 C-5

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(cont 2) 4. 1. shows equipment/personnel movements

2. authorities discussed

E. White House concerned over pending offensive 31 MAR 72 B-1

1. update on recent attacks and friendly counter-moves

F. Stilwell feels offensive not likely in III Corps area as attention aimed at tying down possible movement of reserves 7 APR 72 B-1

G. Pres determined to give NVN bloody nose

1. everything available to Abrams but ^{US} ground forces

H. COMINT indicates Danang will be hit 12 APR 72 B-1

I. OPDEPS briefed on op planned into NVN 14 APR 72 C-1

J. Mink's performance in III Corps criticized by CIA 14 APR 72 C-4

1. Haig's visit bears this out 19 APR 72 B-4

K. amphibious feint to be conducted near DMZ 19 APR 72 B-1

L. CIA reporting on situation unduly pessimistic 21 APR 72 C-1

1. an Loc/Pleikue running short on supplies

M. JCS briefs Military Committee Mty (Brussels) on VN situation 26 APR 72 A-3

N. SECOEF comments Navy slow on readiness papers 27 APR 72 B-1

1. Z's theory is to make all the points of both SEA talking paper and need for all volunteer force

2. air power is a necessity

3. SECOEF feels JCS puts too much emphasis on logistics

4. " " our readiness is all time low

O. ~~Alamo may discuss~~ giving special assessment 3 MAY 72 C-2

P. CSA points out SVN have lost much artillery 3 MAY 72 C-3

1. need to concentrate on individual NVN units

Q. JCS decision input on ~~Seig~~ ^{plan 6 seize} Bachlong Vi island 22 MAY 72 A-1

R. computations on enemy strengths 24 MAY 72 B-1

S. SEASIA update optimistic 24 MAY 72 B-3

1. SVN marine op going well 24 MAY 72 B-4

T. Things going reasonably well 26 MAY 72 C-1

U. 2 G call JCS on IV Corps activity 12 JUN 72 A-2

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5. ^{RVNAF} RVNAF / Force Structure

- A. earlier paper requested program cost 24 MAR 72 A-1
- B. paper addresses costs
- B. C JCS solicits ideas to help RVNAF effort 3 MAY 72
- ~~B. addressing force structure C-2~~
- C. ability of RVNAF to cope w/ ~~air threat~~ air threat questioned 17 MAY 72 B-3
 - 1. Navy / AF to provide support
- D. paper addresses additional equipment packages for RVNAF 19 MAY 72 C-1
 - 1. presents 5 options (discussed)
 - 2. WSA6 presented options but Pres to decide
- E. Selden memo requires quick review of possible modifications to RVNAF force structure 24 MAY 72 B-2
- F. SECDEF inquires on RVNAF intelligence capability 26 MAY 72 C-1
- G. Military assistance to RVNAF
 - 1. prepared in response to NSSM 2 JUN 72 B-2
 - 2. input for all sources 2 JUN 72 B-3
 - 3. SA taking questions
 - 4. OPOWPS make changes
 - a. concurrence sought (CONT # 27)

6. ^{MACV} MACV Reorganization

- A. MACV HQ to assume purely advisory function 29 MAR 72 A-1
 - 1. management of air war discussed
 - * 2. Rank structure extremely heavy
 - 3. need to manage air war w/ both AF/Navy resources in country where no US forces ^{are} involved on ground
 - 4. calendar date personnel target goals for stepping down to advisory group force level deleted 31 APR 72 C-3
- B. paper grew out of SECDEF/JCS discussion 19 MAY 72 C-2
 - 1. Army ^{feels} ~~proposed~~ staff billet should be upgraded
 - a. CSA changes point later
 - b. JCS lay out 3 alternatives for ^{staff} staff billet
 - 2. Army questions Fleet Coordination Group 19 MAY 72 C-3
 - 3. Wader problem for Navy

II AIA ACTIVITY

7. AROE

a. Army questions SECDEF memo on ROE 29 MAR 72 A-4

a. SECDEF memo instructs all to abide by existing ROE

8. ^{VII.} Contingency Planning for RVN

A. Paper discussing what could/couldn't be done to keep Vietnamization moving if all US military forces were required to withdraw from SVN 31 MAR 72 D-2

9. VIII Progress of Vietnamization

- A. SECDEF requested for Pres 6 APR 72 A-2
- B. JCS need to face issue rather than skirt it
- C. paper approved but SECDEF unhappy over JCS perfecting their responsibilities in SEA matters
- D. Response to SECDEF queries re Vietnamization of intelligence functions 7 APR 72 B-1
- E. TACAIR problem discussed 21 APR 72 C-2
 - 1. Four options for FY 73-75 discussed
 - a. CINC option supported
 - b. problem in SECDEF guidance specifying attack sorties for Navy but attack + support sorties for AF
 - 1) number of support sorties not known
 - 2) Navy to provide support sorties also
 - 3) SECDEF should not combine attack + support together
 - 2. paper to be restructured
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~~10. IX ~~Topic~~~~

~~A. doesn't understand why we have trouble~~

IX C JCS

- 10. A.C.JCS solicited co-op of Service Secretaries to hold down paper work for commanders in field 12 APR 72 B-1

- 11. EISA has been taking service action officers directly to provide info 12 APR 72 B-1
 - A. needs to work thru JCS

- 12. B. C.JCS feels Congressional attitude is sympathetic to present situation in SVN but he doesn't know how long it will last 14 APR 72 C-4

- 13. XI Navy Staff feels AF has been taking liberties w/ funding designated for SEASIA and utilizing assets elsewhere for some time 14 APR 72 C-4

- 14. XII Haig Visit 17 APR 72 B-4
 - A. indicates draws affects more activity in regions # I + III
 - B. Criticizes Membs performance
 - C. VNAF helo ops not responsive to RVN requirements

- 15. XIII WSAAG into A discussion on equipment delivery into SVN 19 APR 72 B-4

1. possible acceleration if no ~~agreement~~ agreement reached w/ Soviets in a mutual cut back of support cutting back support

2. concerns on withdrawals reached

- B. Increasing activity N of DMZ, advantages/disadv of in place cease fire, how to isolate Hanoi discussed 26 APR 72 A-1

16. F. paper worked on RVNAF improvement and VNAF capabilities
1. looks at military outlook

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17. DOD Logistics / Material Group going to VN to get status of equipment report 3 MAY 72 C-1
A. group optimistic re overall logistic situation 15 MAY 72 A-1
18. C. C. KS briefs Republican leadership on VN and RVN performance 3 MAY 72 C-3
①. White House wonders if SVN properly armed in view of Soviet equipment given NVN
19. D. C. KS addresses POW rescue team 3 MAY 72 C-4
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20. P. 2 A-4 squadrons proposed to augment Bien Hoa 15 MAY 72 A-1
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21. Evolution of Transport Systems

01. DIA brief on ~~extent of damage to~~ ^{transport} systems 15 MAY 72 A-1

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22. SECDEF directs no one to comment on mines or Soviet merchant/combat movements which may or may not be associated w/ mining ops 15 MAY 72 A-1

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23. Material for VN

A. White House directs group to find what more materials can be given to SVN 17 MAY 72 B-3

1. SVN can only take so much equipment
2. C/CS not sure of purpose of material supply
3. C/CS fought this but no one listened

B. paper addresses additional ^{equipment} packages for RVNAF 19 MAY 72 C-1

1. presents 5 options
2. Pres to choose

- A. Pres unhappy over delay in dropping leaflets 19 MAY 72 C-1
- B. Question on taking out NVN radio stations 19 MAY 72 C-2
- C. CJCS desires suggests on PSY OPS in NVN 22 MAY 72 A-1
- D. Pres unhappy over lack of program 24 MAY 72 B-4

25. POW Group 12 JUN 72 A-2

A. New organization formed "Three R's"

- 1. witnesses to be checked out thru POW committee

26. V. CJCS feels time running out / SVN must be encouraged to move 19 JUN 72 A-2

- 1. Discussion on where ARVN should move first
- 2. Z suggests hitting Vinh LOC

3. assessment on future RVNAF objectives 21 JUN 72 B-1

- a. time running out to regain lost ground
- b. various objectives discussed
- c. Z stresses Navy point
- d. msg sent to CINCPAC
- e. discussion of possible ops and risks 21 JUN 72 B-4
- f. Abrams optimistic on assessment of SVN developments

27. H. SECDEF request for appraisal of RVNAF leadership/training 28 JUN 72 B-2