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REDEPLOYMENT  
AFTER ACTION REPORT  
1 JULY 1971 - 25 AUGUST 1971

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Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223

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SUBJECT: Redeployment After Action Report

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1. PURPOSE: This after action report reviews redeployment of the 173d Abn Bde from Binh Dinh (P), RVN to Ft Campbell, Ky between 14 Jun and 25 Aug 71. It was prepared to assist other units which may be tasked with redeployment in the future. Accordingly, this report is primarily concerned with how things were done, the rough spots, and what can and should be done better. This report is not concerned with organizational eulogies although the redeployment operation was successfully executed in a professional manner.

2. MISSION: On 14 Jun 71 USARV directed the 173d Abn Bde to redeploy from the RVN to an unannounced CONUS station by 31 Aug 71. Seven subordinate units were inactivated in-country. The brigade redeployed with TOE personnel (-) and equipment (-) with orders to reorganize under TOE 57-100 H after arrival in CONUS.

3. ORGANIZATION: The following units were included in the 173d Abn Bde at the time of redeployment. The assigned strength is as of 1 Jul 71, the first day of standdown.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED STRENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED STRENGTH</u>
2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf	920	844
3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf	920	814
4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf	920	816
3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty	484	502
173 Spt Bn	704	793
173d Engr Co	147	208

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED STRENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED STRENGTH</u>
172d MI Det	38	37
534th Sig Co *	102	124
51st Chem Det *	10	15
39th Inf Flt (SD) *	31	27
75th Cbt Trkr Det *	10	15
24th MHD *	2	1
46th PID *	5	11
E/17 Cav	210	218
N/75 Inf (Rgr)*	61	85
HHC 173d Abn Bde	301	444

\* Inactivated Units

#### 4. REDEPLOYMENT CONCEPT:

a. The redeployment was planned and executed as a 3-phase operation using an infantry battalion/artillery battery base with comparable service support elements within each of the three increments. Redeployment was planned in this manner so that elements of the Brigade would be properly supported during all phases of the operation. The redeploying increments were as follows:

##### (1) 1st Increment: 1 Jul to 20 Jul

2 Bn (Abn) 503 inf

A Btry, 3d Bn (Abn) 319 Arty

173d Spt Bn (Elm)

HHC (Elm), 173d

534th Sig Co - inactivated

173d Engr Co

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172 MI Det

39 Inf Plt (SD) - inactivated

75 Cbt Trkr Det - inactivated

51 Chem Det - inactivated

(2) 2d Increment: 21 Jul to 9 Aug

3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf

H&S Btry (Elm), 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty

D Btry, 3d Bn (Abn), 319 Arty

173d Spt Bn (Elm)

(3) 3d Increment: 6 Aug to 25 Aug

4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf

H&S Btry (-), 3d Bn (Abn) 319 Arty

C Btry, 3 Bn (Abn) 319 Arty

173 Spt Bn (-)

IHC (-), 173d Abn Bde

24 MHD - inactivated

E/17 Cav

N/75 Inf (Rgr) - inactivated

46 PID - inactivated

b. To process personnel and equipment for redeployment, a standdown facility was established at the existing Brigade Jungle School at Cha Rang. On completion of processing at Cha Rang, units were transported by CH-47 aircraft directly to the Phu Cat Air Base departure airfield.

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c. The Brigade's bases and facilities were closed or transferred to GVN or PA&E as occupying units departed for Cha Rang. To preclude delay in brigade redeployment, a Roll-Up Force was organized from personnel to be reassigned in-country to secure LZ English until it could be turned over to GVN. This force was assigned to HQ, USARMYF MR 2 effective 25 Jul 71 (Annex N). A separate Roll-Up Force composed of personnel for reassignment in RVN closed out Cha Rang on 26 Aug 71.

5. PLANNING PHASE:

a. Planning in the absence of solid USARV guidance was based on a series of reasonable assumptions. Since no unit had previously redeployed from Vietnam to CONUS with personnel and equipment, there were no precedents.

b. Initially the following guidance was provided by USARV (USARV Redeployment Assistance Team - URAT).

(1) Each increment will redeploy during a 20-day period. Movement of personnel to CONUS (PSRD) may not begin prior to the 21st day of redeployment.

(2) Increments may not overlap.

(3) Movement of personnel to CONUS will be by C-141 aircraft with 92 PAX per aircraft.

(4) The last aircraft must depart by the 55th day of the redeployment.

c. Unfortunately, all the above guidance proved to be wrong. Schedules for the standdown of Brigade units and requests for aircraft based thereon were completed before any of the guidance was corrected. As a result standdown dates for the first increment had to be changed several times and often with little advance notice to the units. Because of the lack of firm aircraft schedules, proper planning was next to impossible and the actual population in the Cha Rang standdown area grew so large at times as to present a lucrative target for the enemy. (See Para 7b, below).

d. The planning phase culminated on 27 Jun 71 with the publication of the 173d Abn Bde OPORD 10-71. This OPORD provided tasks and guidance to all Bde units and staff sections (Annex A).

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## 6. EXECUTION PHASE:

a. An advance party consisting of representatives from all Bde staff sections (except S-5) and battalions was organized under the Deputy Brigade Commander. This party departed Vietnam for Ft Campbell on 10 Jul 71. The advance party arranged for the reception of personnel and the preparation of an area for occupancy by each of the Brigade's units at Ft Campbell (Annex P).

b. The processing of all personnel and equipment to include extensive custom inspections, was accomplished at the Brigade standdown center located at the existing Brigade schools compound at Cha Rang. This compound was located immediately adjacent to the Keystone Facility operated by the Qui Nhon Sub Area Command (QNSAC) which was responsible for accepting all of the Brigade's equipment for turn-in or shipment to CONUS. Operations at the standdown center are described in detail in Annex B (Personnel and Administration), Annex J (Redeployment Operations Center), Annex K (Redeployment Control Center) and Annex L (Redeployment Administration Center).

c. Initially, baggage and TAT were transported to Phu Cat Air Base by vehicle, with troops being transported by CH-47 Aircraft to minimize vulnerability of the personnel. For a period of the operation, all movement from Cha Rang to Phu Cat Air Base was by CH-47 due to civil unrest (unrelated to redeployment). QNSAC transported equipment from Cha Rang to Qui Nhon port for surface shipment.

## 7. PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS:

a. General. The Bde was the first major US Army unit to redeploy from RVN to CONUS with personnel and equipment. As such the Bde experienced many problems, learned many lessons, and set precedents which will be of value to follow-on redeploying units. Problems and solutions which proved to be of major importance are summarized in this paragraph. More detailed accounts of problems encountered by the Bde staff and subordinate units can be found in the attached Annexes.

### b. RVN - to - CONUS Aircraft Availability.

(1) Aircraft availability paces the entire redeployment operation and aircraft scheduling evolved as the paramount problem.

(2) Initially, the ground commander must have accurate in-put data concerning type of aircraft available, capacity, and any scheduling peculiarities which would influence the ground plan such as the approximate rate of availability. Initial in-put provided was C-141 aircraft (92 PAX each). In fact, the Bde received 19-Boeing 707 aircraft (164 or 165 PAX each) and one DC-8 aircraft (219 PAX).

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(3) Based on general aircraft in-put data, the ground commander then develops the entire redeployment schedule in considerable detail. This detail must include specific dates on which a specific number of aircraft are needed. Once the aircraft schedule is established, there must be a high order of assurance by the responsible transportation agency that aircraft will be available on the dates and in the quantities specified by the ground commander.

(4) If aircraft are delayed by even a few days, huge bulges are created in the equipment and personnel pipeline systems established by the commander. These "bulges" translate directly to unprofessional and unwarranted vulnerabilities to enemy action. An excessive concentration of troops did occur at Cha Rang for approximately a four-day period. Extraordinary measures were taken to minimize the vulnerability and no enemy incidents occurred. However, the point to be made is that the troop concentration should not have occurred in the first place and this requires the provision of RVN-to-CONUS transportation on the dates and in the quantities requested by the commander.

c. Heroin Urinalysis Test - The timing was unfortunate in that the Bde commenced redeployment and USARV commenced the test at about the same time. The desired requirements and ground rules for the testing program were hard to fix, finite written instructions had not yet been published, and oral instructions were incomplete. Testing procedures should be well established by now and testing facilities should be better able to support the surge of redeploying units in the future. Recommend the testing facilities be collocated at the redeploying command's standdown area.

d. Minimum Essential Equipment (MEE)

(1) A listing of MEE to accompany troops (TAT) is provided but the listing excludes equipment required for training by the redeploying command shortly after arrival in CONUS (See Para 4, App B, Sec 1, Part III, to USARV Redeployment Guide, undated). USARC OPLAN 183-70 does not address the MEE issue.

(2) Although this command's equipment will be delayed unduly (about three weeks) by the sinking of the MST Green Bay in Qui Nhon Harbor, unforeseeable delays are quite possible in the long surface shipment from Vietnam to CONUS. Accordingly, it is best to expand the authorized listing of MEE to permit TAT transportation of a percentage of crew served weapons and other equipment required for initial training in CONUS. TAT beyond the capability of troop transport aircraft could be shipped in aircraft dedicated to this purpose.

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e. Personnel Turbulence: Major personnel policy changes timed for implementation when the redeploying command has one foot on each side of the ocean impact adversely.

(1) The Bde was initially advised that redeploying personnel would receive normal tour credit with completion of eight or more months in RVN and, if otherwise eligible, would qualify for separation upon return to CONUS if within 150 days of ETS on the date of return. This eight-month criterion was then changed to require completion of ten months in country to become eligible. The policy was again changed (DA Msg DTG 191252Z Aug 71) to delete any minimum time in country requirements for either normal tour credit or eligibility for 150-day early release as pertained to involuntarily redeployed personnel. In addition, the 120-day early release of CONUS based AUS personnel was announced (DA Msg DTG 131940Z Aug 81). As a result of these policies, 235 personnel redeployed with the Bde have thus far been separated from the Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. It would have been preferable for these personnel to have been separated at Fort Lewis, where facilities are available for quick separation, instead of transporting them to Fort Campbell.

(2) Approximately 300 personnel took advantage of the requirement placed upon the Bde by USARV to accept personnel actions, such as applications for foreign service tour extensions for the purpose of attaining early separation eligibility, until the actual redeployment of each unit. This caused considerable difficulty in determining who would actually redeploy. The subsequent liberalization of early release policies caused many of these personnel to become victims of the system, in that had they not extended, they would have qualified for early separation upon return to CONUS instead of remaining in RVN to qualify.

(3) Another 1200 Bde personnel had individual options as to whether to redeploy with the Bde to CONUS, or be reassigned within RVN, or comply with existing DA orders. Many personnel would like to have redeployed with the Bde, but opted to continue their duty in RVN because they had less than eight months in-country and would not receive credit for normal tour. When this policy was changed (DA Msg DTG 191252Z Aug 71) these personnel were already reassigned within RVN. Many of these troops believe they were mouse trapped which appears to be contrary to the principles of the Modern Volunteer Army. Congressional correspondence is now being received on this issue.

(4) As just stated, over 1500 Bde personnel had individual options to remain assigned to the Bde or be reassigned. This represents 40% of the Bde's authorized strength (ALO 2, Hotel Series TOE). Such a gross liberalization of individual preferences is inimical to maintaining the continuity of a command.

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(5) DA authorized USARV to reassign personnel from the Bde to fill key USARV shortages. In the exercise of this authority, USARV hand-picked 36 officers and warrant officers who would have deployed with the Bde (Annex B, App 3, Tab E).

(6) In sum, a premeditated high-level decision must be made as to the degree of intactness and continuity desired in the redeploying command on arrival in CONUS, what period of time is acceptable before the command can be reconstituted, and then promulgate personnel policies in accordance with these decisions.

f. Modern Volunteer Army:

(1) Classification of the Bde's redeployment to CONUS and classification of the CONUS destination was prolonged to the extent that it became inimical to the Army's best interest.

(2) Over 1500 officers and men had various individual options for redeploying with the Bde or reassignment. These options were complex (12 variations) and had to be explained on a man-by-man basis when most of the troops were still in the jungle on combat operations.

(3) The individual explanation usually commenced with - - "should the Bde deploy to CONUS." This was quite humorous to most of the young troopers who were well aware of the pending redeployment through the various news media. The credibility gap widened.

(4) Then, the interviews concluded with - - "or would you prefer to deploy with the Bde to an unknown CONUS location? At this point, the individual believed he was being forced to a decision but the facts were being intentionally withheld. Credibility disintegrated.

(5) The withholding of redeployment information from the troops by the mechanism of security classification appears to be predicated on the fear that the troops will quit fighting. This concern is unwarranted in any well-led, properly controlled command.

(6) In sum, the commander of the redeploying organization should have the primary say-so on the timing for release of redeployment information to the troops. The Army must establish credibility with our young troopers and maintain good faith with our career soldiers.

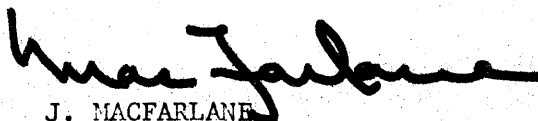
8. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Extrication from combat and intertheater redeployment is a complex, painstaking, demanding operation. The deploying command needs assistance

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from many external agencies for the performance of functions that are not spelled out in their mission statements. Such assistance was graciously and professionally provided this Bde. Particularly noteworthy and an "Airborne all the way" goes to:

- a. Qui Nhon Sub Area Command.
- b. 17th Combat Aviation Group.
- c. Phu Cat Air Base.
- d. Customs Bureau and Military Customs Processing Teams, both in Vietnam and at Fort Campbell.
- e. USA Training Center and Fort Campbell.



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Annexes: A - OPORD 10-71  
B - Personnel and Administration  
C - Intelligence  
D - Tactical Operations  
E - Logistics  
F - Civil Affairs and Psyops  
G - Signal  
H - Military Justice  
I - Medical Operations  
J - Redeployment Operations Center  
K - Redeployment Control Center  
L - Redeployment Administration Center  
M - Installation Clearance and Turn-Over  
N - Roll up Force  
O - Public Information  
P - Advance Party  
Q - Unit After Action Reports  
R - Distribution

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ANNEX A (OPORD 10-71) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO) (U)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70; 30 Apr 71

B. USARV MSG, DTG 1211430Z, Subj: Redeployment of forces, Increment Eight (U) (S-17 Jun 71)

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT OPORD: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION:

TF 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf    PSA Binh Dinh (P)    Brigade Control

2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf  
Btry C/3-319th FA

E/17 Cav

2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf  
3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf  
4 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf  
3-319th FA (-)  
173 Spt Bn  
Sp Troops Bn  
173 Engr Co  
534 Sig Co  
N/75 Inf (Rgr)  
39 Inf Plt (SD)  
172 MI Det

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) USARV:

(a) USARMYF MR2 provides security for LZ ENGLISH NLT (D+44).

(b) 34th Engr Group provides engineer support as required.

(c) 17th Avn Gp (CBT) provides GS Army Aviation to 173d Airborne Brigade.

(d) QNSC supports 173d Abn Bde redeployment as required.

(e) USASUPCOM - CRB:

1 Retain OPCON TF 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf until o/a 1 Jul 71.

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2 Support 173d Abn Bde

(1) 21st Sig Gp provides required spt to facilities redpl of the 173d Abn Bde as required.

(2) MAC provides redpl airlift spt as required.

(3) MSTs provides redpl sea transport as required.

(4) 7th USAF:

(a) Provides tac airlift spt to 173d Abn Bde.

(b) Provides tac air spt to 173d Abn Bde.

(5) ROKFV

(6) II CORPS, ARVN

(7) Binh Dinh (P) forces.

c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) Task Organization

(2) TF 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf OPCON CG, USASUPCOM, CRB.

(3) E/17 Cav OPCON PSA Binh Dinh (P).

2. MISSION: 173d Airborne Brigade continues present mission in RVN and between 1 Jul and 31 Aug 71 conducts a phased redpl to CONUS, inactivates selected units in RVN and achieves full operational readiness in CONUS NLT 31 Dec 71.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Annex B Tactical Concept; Annex C, Operations Overlay.

(1) Maneuver: The 173d Abn Bde continues opns in spt of USARMY MR2 OPLAN 2-71 while concurrently preparing to execute USARV OPLAN 183-70 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO). (Annex B, Tactical Concept). KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO will be executed as a three phase opn commencing on D-Day and completing on D+60 (Annex P, Standdown Schedule).

(2) Fires:

(a) Annex D, Fire Support.

(b) One Btry, 3-319th FA will standdown with each Inf Bn. (Annex P, Standdown Schedule).

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b. 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf:

- (1) Continue present msn at CRB.
- (2) On D-day move by C-130 to LZ English. Then combat assault to conduct scy ops in AO RED.
- (3) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

c. 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Combat assault to conduct scy ops in AO BLACK beginning (D-2).
- (3) Combat assault Bn (-) into AO RED on (D+13). One Co remains in AO BLACK until (D+32), to conduct scy ops.
- (4) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

d. 4 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Terminate present msn on (D-1).
- (3) Redeploy to CRB on (D-Day).
- (4) Assume msn of 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf on (D+1).
- (5) Terminate opns vic CRB on (D+32).
- (6) Move all elements at CRB to LZ English and combat assault into AO BLACK to conduct scy ops on (D+33).
- (7) After D+33 move one Co overland to secure LZ Uplift. Date TBA.
- (8) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

e. 3-319th FA:

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Displace one Btry from CRB to LZ English on (D+33).
- (3) Provide continuous Arty coverage of AO RED until (D+33) (day LZ Uplift closes) and AO BLACK until (D+47).
- (4) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

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f. 173 Spt Bn:

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Be prepared to house and mess up to 1500 personnel in Cha Rang Valley.
- (3) Support 173d Abn Bde redpl and inactivation activities as required.
- (4) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

g. Sp Troops Bn

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

h. E/17 Cav:

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Return to 173d Abn Bde control NLT (D+35).
- (3) On D+35 or when unit returns to 173d Abn Bde control, become 173d Abn Bde RRF with one platoon on 30-minute alert and the troops on 60-minute alert.
- (4) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

i. 173 Engr Co:

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Be prepared to support Inf units operating vic LZ's UPLIFT and ENGLISH.
- (3) Assist in closing LZ's and FSB's as directed by Bde Engr.
- (4) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

j. 534 Sig Co:

- (1) Continue present msn.
- (2) Prepare for relief from all area communication responsibilities by 21st Sig Gp NLT (D+7).

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(3) Transfer 50 personnel as specified by Bde Sig 0, to HHC, 173d Abn Bde NLT (D-1) IAW Sec II, TO&E 57-102H.

(4) Conduct standdown and inactivation IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

k. N/75 Inf (RGR):

(1) Continue present msn.

(2) Perform reconnaissance and surveillance missions as targeted by Bde S2.

(3) Transfer personnel to redpl Bns NLT (D-1). Personnel remain with N Co for duty until their gaining unit stands down at which time they will physically join their gaining unit.

(4) Conduct standdown and inactivation IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

l. 39 Inf Plt (SD):

(1) Continue present msn.

(2) Provide set dog support as required by maneuver elements.

(3) Conduct standdown and inactivation IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

m. 172 MI Det:

(1) Continue present msn.

(2) On order attach msn essential OB and IPW personnel as specified to Bde HHC (S2) to finally redeploy with that unit.

(3) Conduct standdown and redpl IAW Annex P, Standdown Schedule.

n. 173 ALO:

(1) Redeploy to Phu Cat AFB NLT (D+20).

(2) Maintain a TACP at LZ English until released (D+48).

o. 173 TALO:

p. Bde Avn:

(1) Continue present msn.

(2) Support combat assault msns as specified in this order.

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(3) Obtain GS aviation assets to replace organic aircraft as required.

q. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) D Day is 1 Jul 71.

(2) Direct coordination between all units is directed.

(3) All questions concerning redpl and inactivation will be directed to this Hq.

(4) Requests for Army Avn in support of Bn combat assaults will be submitted NLT 72 hrs prior to operation to Bde Avn Off.

(5) Requests for Air Force aircraft for tactical troop movement:

(a) Will be coordinated with Bde TALO.

(b) Will be submitted to Bde SH NLT five days prior to movement.

(6) CO, 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty will request aircraft to move Btry from CRB to ELH.

(7) Scope of tactical opns will be governed by Annex B, Tactical Concept.

(8) Security of this operation will be strictly enforced (Annex M, Security).

(9) CONUS station TBA.

(10) Roll up force TBA as required.

(11) Regrade unclassified 1 Sep 71.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT:

a. Annex G, Logistics.

b. Annex H, Personnel.

c. Annex I, Medical.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. CP:

(1) Located at LZ English.

(2) CP FWD relocates to CONUS Station (TBA) o/a D+41.

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b. Signal:

(1) Current SSI - SOI in effect.

(2) Annex F, Signal.

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**ANNEXES:**

- A - INTELLIGENCE
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- C - OPERATIONS OVERLAY
- D - FIRE SUPPORT
- E - ENGINEER
- F - COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
- G - LOGISTICS
- H - PERSONNEL
- I - MEDICAL
- J - INFORMATION
- K - LEGAL
- L - PROVOST MARSHAL
- M - SECURITY
- N - MILITARY HISTORY
- O - ADVANCE PARTY
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- W - CIVIL MILITARY ACTIONS
- X - ARRIVAL CEREMONY
- Y - ROLL-UP FORCE (NOT PUBLISHED)
- Z - DISTRIBUTION
- AA - PERSONNEL PROCESSING PROCEDURES UPON ARRIVAL AT FT. CAMPBELL

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REFERENCE: See OPCORD 10-71.

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Current SRAG INTSUM and PERINTREP.
- b. IFFV order of Battle Book.
- c. Summary of Enemy Situation:

(1) AO RED:

(a) The AO has traditionally been the FOB for the 1st Bn 2d NVA Regt. Although recent intel has not pinpointed this Bn, elm of it may be encountered in the area. The probable msn of the Bn is to disrupt the GVN community development program, and regain a degree of control of the local populace. At present, the Bn is probably refitting and collecting rice with the assistance of local force units. Elements of the 5th NVA Artillery Bn have also used this area to conduct ABF on LZ Uplift.

(b) Terrain in the AO is characterized by moderate slopes and heavy vegetation which affords the en good observation from the high gnd excellent concealment. There are numerous E-W trails which have been traditionally used by the en to move sup or cond atk. The nature of the terrain will hinder frd mov and conceal trip wires and booby traps.

(2) AO BLACK:

(a) The AO has traditionally been the op area for the C-4 Company (District Force). Although recent intel has not pinpointed this unit, it is probable that they are in the area with the msn of collecting rice, cond gnd atk, and tng abductees taken from Hoai An (D) and Hoai Nhon (D). Elm of the 5th NVA Arty Bn are also believed to have operated in the area prev, cond ABF on LZ English.

(b) Terrain in the AP is characterized by moderate to steep slopes and dense vegetation. Numerous trails throughout the area affords the en ease of mov. The dense vegetation and trail network makes the area an ideal site for caches and way stations.

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(c) Weather:

1 Wea will favor en mov in both AO's. Afternoon thunder storms may hamper frd helicopter ops. Light data published separately.

d. Order of Battle:

(1) Morale/Combat Effectiveness: In AO RED en morale and combat effectiveness are marginal due to his sustained presence in forward operation areas and recent contacts. In AO BLACK en morale and combat effectiveness are also marginal due to the numerous contacts and resultant cas inflicted by RF/PT op in the southwest portion of the AO.

(2) Hard targets: (See Appendix I).

(3) Location:

AO BLACK

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES OF INFO</u>
C-4 Co (D)	25	BR820980	Dec 70

AO RED

1st Bn 2d NVA Regt	210	Bn Hq's BR880785	Jan 71
		1st Co BR880785	Jan 71
		2d Co BR887783	Jan 71
		3rd Co BR880785	Jan 71
		4th Co BR875796	Jan 71
		5th Co BR880785	Jan 71

(4) Weapons:

1st Bn 2d AK-47's, AK-50's, B-40 rkt Lehr, B-41 rkt Lehr,  
NVA Regt K53 HMG's, 57mm rol rifle, 60mm mort, 82mm mort.

C-4 Company 2 x 60mm mort, 2 x 82mm mort, 2 x B-40 rkt Lehr,  
1 x RPD LMG.

e. Enemy Capabilities and Vulnerabilities:

(1) The enemy is capable of:

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(a) Conducting ABF's against US and GVN installations with up to 122mm rkt at times and places of his choosing.

(b) Conducting harrassing act along frd axes of advance through the use of mines and booby traps at times and places of his choosing.

(c) Engaging frd acft with .51 cal MG fire.

(d) Interdicting LOC. (Hwy QL-1).

(2) The enemy is vulnerable to:

(a) Small unit amb while mov along well used trails.

(b) Frd air and arty detection.

(c) Detection by sensors while mov along well established trails.

(d) Detection by APD (Snoopy) and Red Haze msns.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI):

a. Will the enemy cond ABF's on US installations?

b. Where are the en indirect fire weapons pos?

c. Will the en cond gnd or sapper atks on US installations?

3. INTELLIGENCE REQUISITION TASKS:

a. Rept susp anti-acft, mort and arty firing pos and their last use.

b. Rept large base camps and date of usage.

c. Evacuate immediately all cptr docu or items identifying en units.

d. Cptr PW's where opportunities exist.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERS, DOCU, AND MATERIAL: (173d Abn Bde TAC SOP).

5. DOCU AND/OR EQUIP REQUIRED:

a. Maps, as in ref, above.

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b. Photo, Red Haze, APD, and VR sup aval on req.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: The en maintains the capability to monitor preparations for and executions of frd ops through obsr, loose talk, and monitoring frd commo. Increased emphasis to be placed on COMSEC and OPSEC procedures.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS:

a. 173d Abn Bde TAC SOP.

APPENDIX 1 - Hard Targets.

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APPENDIX 1 (HARD TARGETS) TO ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) TO OPOD 10-71  
(KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

(AO RED)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>HARD TARGETS</u>
011135 Jun 71	HK 232	HR845792	Base Camp
171430 May 71	HK 24	HR855795	13x ftg pos
280946 Apr 71	HK 243	HR885785	Base Camp
261715	HK 242	HR884775	2 x ftg pos
261500	HK 242	HR890775	5 x ftg pos
251700	HK 241	HR899782	6 x spider holes
231900	TM 2	HR845768	1 x ftg pos
160730	HK 321	HR890739	Base Camp w/5 x bunkers
121430	3-503	HR892753	Base Camp w/24 x bunkers
021500	HK 32	HR866734	Base Camp w/3 x bunkers
161140 Mar 71	41 ARVN	HR873734	Rice Cache
111800	219 RAC	HR888787	Bunker complex
101145	HK 111	HR856793	Base Camp
06 Mar 71	TONTO	HR882792	Cave
06 Mar 71	TONTO	HR887787	30 - 50 bunkers
241105	HK 143	HR877799	Rice cache
22 Feb 71	HK 111	HR855796	Base Camp w/6 x bunkers
211340	HK 111	HR856797	Base Camp w/50 x ftg pos
211230	HK 11	HR853792	Base Camp w/11 x ftg pos & 4 x bunkers
201820	HK 11	HR856798	Base Camp w/15 x bunkers
200950	HK 11	HR845791	1 x ftg pos
291430 Jan 71	219 RAC	HR831763	2 x bunkers
281030	HK 12	HR878799	Base Camp
221300	TM 1	HR895746	Base Camp
221245	HK 132	HR862735	1 x ftg pos & 2 x bunkers
201230	C/7-17	HR854799	4 x bunkers & 2 x pits
161030	HK 133	HR864753	Base Camp w/2 x bunkers
161025	HK 132	HR884766	2 x ftg pos
131340	HK 132	HR854726	Base Camp w/10 ftg pos
111650	HK 133	HR864734	Trench complex
111225	HK 133	HR868740	11 x bunkers
101100	HK 133	HR894750	Base camp w/2 x tunnels
091330	HK 132	HR892753	Base camp w/12 x ftg pos
071400	C/7-17	HR891738	2 x tunnels

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(AO BLACK)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>HARD TARGETS</u>
111110 Jun 71	132 PF	BR774975	Cache w/2 x caves
130800 May 71	132 PF	BS866015	Ammo cache
181120 Apr 71 071630	226 PF 40 ARVN	BS847008 BS857034	1 x ftg pos w/10 x 122mm rkts 2 x bunkers
051700 Mar 71	TM Q	BR795925	Cache
231230 Jan 71 111340	HK 45 C/7-17	BR791989 BS855026	30 x foxholes 3 x bunkers

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ANNEX B (TACTICAL CONCEPT) TO OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.

B. USARV MSG, DTG 121430Z Jan 71, Subj: Redeployment of Forces, Increment Eight (S-17 Jun 71).

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER: HOTEL.

1. GENERAL:

a. 173d Abn Bde(-) continues opn LUCAS GOLD. TF 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf conducts mobile scty opns vic CRB (CPO57307) under OPCON CG, USASUPCOM, CRB until 1 Jul 71, on which date 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf replaces 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf in CRB. E/17 Cav conducts scty opns in Phu My (D) (BR902673) for the 538 Engr Co (LC) under OPCON PSA, Binh Dinh (P)

b. As standdown commences, 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf and 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf will employ saturation ambushes in AO's RED and BLACK respectively with the objective of preventing rocket and mortar attacks on LZ's ENGLISH and UPLIFT by:

(1) Interdicting enemy LOC's.

(2) Denying the enemy access to sites from which attacks by fire with 82mm mortars, 122mm rockets, and shorter range weapons can be launched.

c. As 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf stands down, 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf will reposition forces to AO RED leaving one stay-behind Co in AO BLACK.

d. As 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf stands down, 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf will occupy AO BLACK.

e. N/75 Inf (Rgr) will conduct reconnaissance opns as directed.

f. Troop densities at LZ's ENGLISH and UPLIFT will be minimized in field locations.

g. Dispersion will be maximized and movement minimized in field locations.

h. Additional FRAGO will be published as required to implement the concepts in this ANNEX.

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2. SEQUENCE OF TACTICAL EVENTS:

- D-2 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf CA's into AO BLACK. Opn LUCAS GOLD terminates.
- D-1 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf extracts from AO STRIKE and stands down at LZ ENGLISH. 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf extracts from tac AO and prepares for move from CRB.
- D DAY 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf moves by C-130 from LZ ENGLISH to CRB. Upon arrival OPCON CG, USASUPCOM, CRB. 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf moves by C-130 to LZ ENGLISH and CA's into AO RED (Annex P, Standdown Schedule).
- D+1 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf assumes mission of 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf, inserting elements into CRB AO as directed.
- D+8 - Elements of 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf cease tactical opns  
D+12 and moves to LZ UPLIFT to prepare for redeployment (Annex P, Standdown Schedule).
- D+13 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf(-) CA's into AO RED. One Co cont opns in AO BLACK.
- D+28 - Elements of 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf cease tactical opns  
D+32 and move to LZ UPLIFT to prepare for redeployment. Co in AO BLACK moves to LZ UPLIFT on D+32.
- D+32 TF 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf terminates operations vic CRB and prepares for move to LZ ENGLISH.
- D+33 TF 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf moves to LZ ENGLISH by C-130. 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf(-) CA's into AO BLACK and moves one Co to secure LZ UPLIFT.
- D+35 E/17 Cav returns to 173d Abn Bde control.
- D+44 - Elements of 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf cease tactical opns  
D+48 and move to LZ ENGLISH to prepare for redeployment (Annex P, Standdown Schedule).

APPENDIX: 1 - Tactical Scheme

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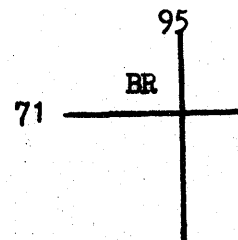
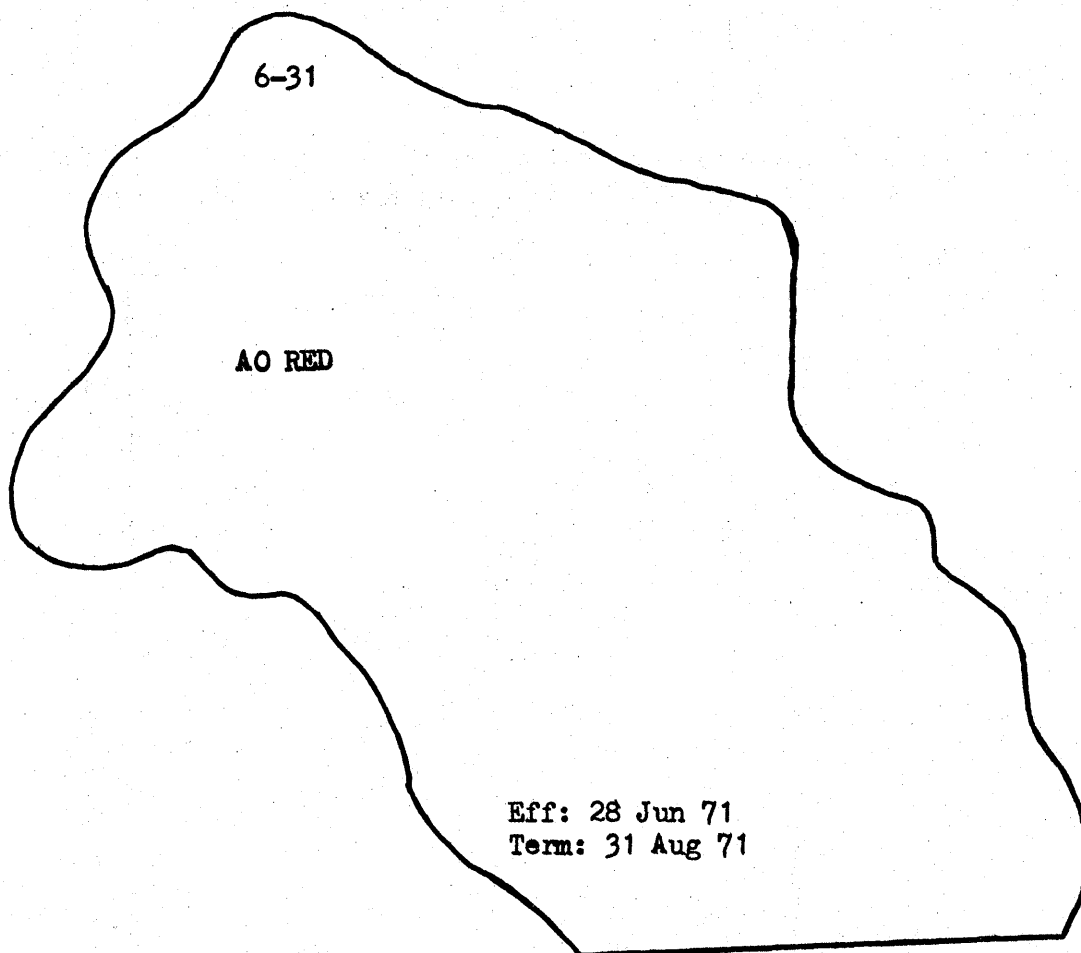
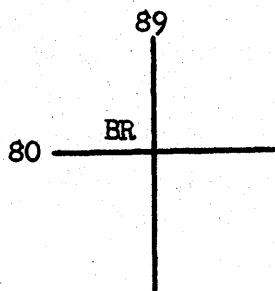
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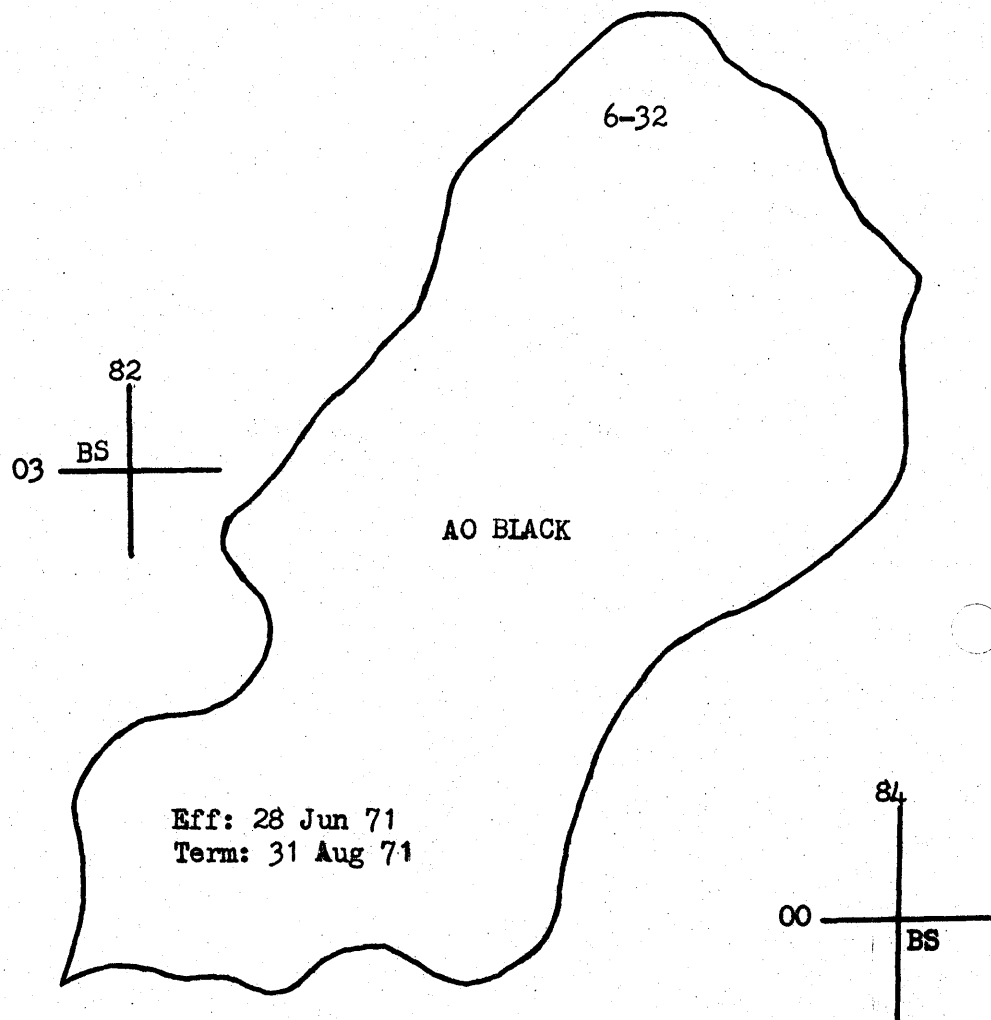


ANNEX C (OP OVERLAY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO) (PART I)  
References: Map Series L7014 Vietnam, Sheets 6837 III and IV, Edition 1  
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References: May Series L7014 Vietnam, Sheets 6738 II, 6838 III, 6737 I  
and 6837 IV, Edition 1, AMS 1:50,000



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ANNEX D (FIRE SUPPORT) TO OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

REFERENCE: A. OPORD 10-71

B. Map Series L7014 Vietnam, Sheets 6737 I & II, 6827 III, 6827 III & IV  
EDITION 1, 6738 II & III, AMS 1:50,000.

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER: HOTEL

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence) to OPORD 10-71.

b. Friendly Forces: Para 1b OPORD 10-71.

2. MISSION: Artillery with the Brigade and supporting fire elements support the 173d Abn Bde with artillery, air and air defense artillery fire.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: The 173d Abn Bde continues operations in support of USARV FV MR2 OPLAN 2-71 while preparing to execute USARV OPLAN 183-70 KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO (ANNEX B TACTICAL CONCEPT). KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO will be executed as a three (3) phase opn commencing on D-Day and completing on D+60 (Annex P Standdown Schedule).

(2) Fire Support:

(D-3), one (1) gun from Battery D displaces overland from LZ Crystal to LZ English to provide additional fire support for 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf insertion into AO BLACK.

(D-1), the Battery A raid at LZ Uplift closes and returns to FSB Salem.

(D+12), three (3) guns from Battery D will displace overland from LZ Crystal to LZ Uplift and assume the fire support mission for AO RED.

(D+13), Battery A will commence standdown and the closing of FSB Salem.

(D+28), H&S Battery will commence standdown.

(D+29), one (1) gun from Battery D displaces overland from LZ Uplift to LZ English.

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(D+33), Battery C moves by C-130 from Cam Ranh Bay to LZ English, then positions two guns at LZ Uplift and four guns at English, relieving Battery D from the mission of fire support of AO BLACK.

(D+33), Battery D will commence standdown.

(D+36), Battery C will displace the raid from LZ Uplift to LZ English. Battery C will commence standdown on D+49.

b. Air Support: Gunships and TAC Air Support are available upon request through the 173d Abn Bde TOC.

c. Artillery Support:

(1) Field Artillery

(a) General: 3-319th FA will support all operations.

(b) Organization for Combat.

1. 3-319th FA: DA 173d Abn Bde.

Battery A, 3-319th FA: Priority of fires initially to 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf and on D day to 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf.

Battery C, 3-319 FA: Priority of fires initially to 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf then on D day to 4 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf.

Battery D(-), 3-319th FA: Priority of fires to 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf.

Plt Battery D, 3-319th FA: Priority of fires initially to E-17 Cav (-) and on D+12 to 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf.

2. Reinforcing Artillery: None.

(c) Miscellaneous:

1. Political clearance will be obtained through the 3-319th FA FDC until Battery C enters standdown.

2. Air advisories will be posted from LZ English Air Advisory until Battery C enters standdown.

3. Maneuver Battalion Artillery Liaison Officers will establish procedures to insure that Fire Support Bases and maneuver elements have defensive targets planned and fired in when possible.

4. Liaison sections at Hoai Nhon and 40th ARVN will remain in operation until standdown of Battery C. Liaison to Thy My and 41st ARVN will remain the responsibility of units operating in AO RED and at LZ Uplift.

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(d) Organization for Combat: Battery D(-), 4th Bn (AW/SP)  
60th Artv: GS-R 3-319th FA.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT:

- a. ASP Located at LZ English.
- b. ATR-105mm: None.
- c. Fire Support Bases supporting the operation will be in a light configuration.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal:
  - (1) Current SOI is in effect.
  - (2) Frequencies:
    - (a) Battery A will monitor the fire direction net F-2 and CF.
    - (b) Battery C after returning from Cam Ranh Bay will monitor fire direction net F-4 and CF.
    - (c) Battery D(-) will monitor fire direction net F-3 and CF.
    - (d) Plt Battery D will monitor fire direction net F-4 and CF initially. After D+12 it will monitor F-3 and CF.
  - (3) Red star cluster - Beehive
- b. Command: FSOC - LZ English.

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ANNEX E (ENGINEER) to OPCORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORICLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV O LAN 183-70, 30 Apr 71.  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z, Jan 71.

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER: MOTEL.

1. General: This annex provides guidance on availability of engineer support during redpl and disposition of real estate.

2. OBJECTIVES:

- a. To continue to provide necessary engineer support during redpl.
- b. To trf real property under Bde control expeditiously.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Engr Troops: Effective 1 Jul 71, all platoons of the 173d Engr Co will terminate direct support and return to their company. All projects presently underway by these plts must be completed prior to 1 Jul. Engr Troop support, subsequent to 1 Jul 71, will be provided on an as needed basis by GS engrs. Request for such support will be made to the Bde Engr.

b. New Construction: No new construction will be undertaken without Bde approval. Approved projects will maximize self-help.

c. Repair and Utilities (R&U):

(1) R&U in the Cha Rang/Phu Tai area will be provided by Qui Nhon Instl Coordinator.

(2) LZ ENGLISH will continue to receive R&U support from PA&E and 46th and 153d Engr Dets.

(3) LZ UPLIFT will continue to provide its own R&U support. Effective 1 Jul 71, 173d Engr Co will transfer LZ Uplift water point personnel to the 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf. The latter will assume responsibility for the waterpoint. The LZ UPLIFT waterpoint will be left intact by the 173d Engr Co. The 153d Engr Det (Fire Fighting) will continue to support LZ UPLIFT.

(4) CO, 153d Engr Det (Fire Fighting) will be prepared to operate the LZ ENGLISH waterpoint if required by Bde Engr.

d. Real Estate Disposal:

(1) Disposal of Bde real estate is the responsibility of the Bde Engr (Appendix 1, Real Estate).

(2) Present plans call for turning over Bde installations intact to ARVN or GVN forces. Units or indivs will not remove any parts of buildings or structures. This includes, but is not limited to: light fixtures, fixed fans, air conditioners, electrical wiring partitions, permanently fixed furniture ~~or~~ plumbing fixtures.

e. Clearing: All units, to include non-organic tenant units, will clear with the Bde Engr prior to departure from their area.

f. Reports: Bde Engr will submit all reports related to instl clearance. Redpl units will provide data, as requested, to the Bde Engr.

APPENDIX: 1 - Real Estate

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APPENDIX 1 (REAL ESTATE) to ANNEX E (ENGINEER) to OPORD 10-71  
(KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV Reg 700-26, 4 May 71  
B. MACV Dir 735-3, 21 Mar 71

1. GENERAL: This appendix outlines the disposal procedure for Bde instl's and activities by the Bde Engr. As disposal progresses this appendix will be updated.

2. LZ ENGLISH: LZ English will be disposed of using the procedure outlined in para g of ref A.

a. A MACDC-13 (Proposed Property Transfer Report) has been submitted.

b. USARV will send a team to inventory LZ English in early Jul 71.

c. The LZ has been offered to the 22d ARVN Division.

d. Date of disposal is NLT 20 Aug 71.

3. LZ UPLIFT: This is a minor base and will be disposed of IAW App I of ref A.

a. The instl has been offered to the 22d ARVN Division.

b. Date of disposal is o/a 5 Aug 71.

4. FSB SALEM: This is a minor base and will be disposed of IAW App I of ref A.

a. The Fire Support Base has been offered to Binh Dinh Province who will accept it intact.

b. Approval to dispose of FSB Salem was granted by CG, USARMYF MR2 by message (220620Z Jun 71).

c. Date of transfer is 14 Jul 71.

5. BRIGADE ACTIVITIES IN 86th MAINT BN AREA (CHA RANG): Three Bde activities exist within the 86th Maint Area: Bde Schools, BSO Yard, and BMSO Yard. Buildings now being used are receipted from PA&E Qui Nhon. Prior to vacating these buildings, tenants will make a joint inventory with PA&E representatives and turn the building back to PA&E. Each building will be turned back to PA&E as it is being vacated and at earliest practical time but NLT 28 Aug 71.

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6. 173d SPT BN AREA (PHU TAI): See para 5, above, for instructions.

7. "C" CO (S&S) AREA (CHA RANG): This area is accountable real property signed from PA&E. Upon Bde departure, this property will be trf I.W ref A.

a. Trf of this property will be effected by Qui Nhon Instl Coord.

b. A MACDC-13 Report has been submitted by the Qui Nhon Inst Coord.

c. Date of transfer is NLT 28 Aug 71.

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ANNEX F (COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS) to OPORD 10-71, (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER: HOTEL

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe requirements and procedures for communications support in the Bde until departure from RVN.

2. SCOPE: All communications required to provide command, control, administration and logistics must be provided during each incremental redeployment of the Bde to CONUS. Communications must be provided during packaging and shipment phases without the use of organic equipment and personnel.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde SigO:

(1) Insure proper control and use of all organic signal equipment and personnel until each unit stands down.

(2) Insure adequate communications support is provided each unit during standdown.

(3) Insure adequate external communications are operational for all phases of Brigade redeployment.

b. Bn CO's:

(1) Continue normal communications using organic signal equipment until start of standdown operation.

(2) Provide the Bde SigO with signal requirements during standdown phase.

(3) Provide the Bde SigO timely requirements for photographic and audio support for ceremonies and other activities.

(4) Provide the Bde SigO with scheduled termination dates for local telephone service.

4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Special functions and activities are required as follows:

a. Sole user telephone circuits:

(1) From the S1 of each Bn standing down to the Bde AG.

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- (2) From the Bde AG to USARV AG.
- (3) From the Bde AG to the Bde standdown staging area.
- (4) From the Bde AG to the Bde S1.
- (5) From the Bde standdown area to the Phu Cat LN Team.
- (6) From the Bde S4 to the Bde standdown staging area.
- (7) From the Bde standdown staging area to the Qui Nhon dock LN Team.
- (8) From the Bde TOC to USARV Redpl Center.
- (9) From the Bde S3 to the Phu Cat AFB LN Team.
- (10) Other circuits as required.

b. MARS Radio Facilities: MARS operational facilities will be maintained at LZ English until D+47.

c. Radio Teletypewriter Communications: Will continue until D+47. Each Bn will use organic equipment until it begins standdown.

d. SOI's and Keylists: Will be maintained until separate disposition instructions are published.

e. Photographic and Audio Requests: Must be timely to insure adequate coverage.

f. COMSEC Equipment (less NESTOR): Will be redeployed with HHC, Bde. Separate instructions TBP

g. NESTOR Equipment and Components: Will be retained in RVN. Separate turn-in instructions TBP.

h. AUTOSEVOCOM Equipment: Will be returned to CG, 1st Sig Bde, but will remain operational until D+47.

i. COMMEN Support: Will be provided by 1st Sig Bde until redeployment has been completed.

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ANNEX G (LOGISTICS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A: USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B: USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER: HOTEL

1. PURPOSE: To provide logistical guidance for redpl/inactv units.
2. CONCEPT OF LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS

a. Redpl Units will redpl with all equipment that is: (1) compatible with the "H" series TOE, (2) meets SCRAM criteria I or II and (3) is not listed as critical to USARV. Bde (C) MSG 200510Z Jun 71 lists equip that must be turned in to Cha Rang for reissue in RVN even though this equip may be authorized by the "H" series TOE.

b. All ASL/PLL required to support the "H" series TOE equipment will be returned to CONUS with the owning units, even though the equip may be short or turned in for USARV redistribution.

c. Units will move with all equip to Cha Rang Valley on the dates indicated in basic plan.

d. The 173d Spt Bn will establish a Redeployment Operation Center (ROC) at Cha Rang Valley to accomplish the following activities:

- (1) Messing, Billeting and Internal Administration
- (2) Surface Transportation.
- (3) Keystone Operations.
- (4) CONUS Preparation, Packaging and Packing (PP&P) Documentation

e. Once a redeploying unit has moved into the standdown location, it will remain in the standdown area until embarkation for CONUS.

f. Units inactv in USARV will turn in all material through Keystone operations (See Appendix 1).

g. When inactv turn-in is completed, unit property books and supporting files will be audited and cleared by the Bde S-4. Units redpl to CONUS will take property books and all supporting documents as minimum essential equip (MEE) which will move as Red Circle TAT. (See USARV Redeployment Guide for Units)

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h. Lateral transfer of MTOE equip from inactv or redpl units to units remaining in USARV is prohibited except as specifically stated in Appendix 1.

i. Primary mode of shipment for equip will be surface transportation. Port of embarkation will be Qui Nhon.

j. Personnel will be airlifted from Phu Cat via Special Assigned Airlift Mission (SAAM). Uniform for personnel departing on SAAM flights will be prescribed in the movement order TBP.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

#### a. Bde S-4:

(1) Establish Bde standdown staging out area.

(2) Insure that redpl and inactv units are prepared to process equip for redeployment.

(3) Insure that redpl and inactv units completely process their equip to include correction of organizational maintenance deficiencies and submission of appropriate reports prior to turn in and departures.

(4) Clear property books of subordinate units that deactivate in-country IAW AR 735-35. Property books and supporting documents will be forwarded to HQ USARV, ATTN: AVHDL-REK NLT five days after completion of unit turn-in.

#### b. CO, 173d Spt Bn:

(1) Establish a Redeployment Operation Center (ROC).

(2) Continue to provide or to coordinate the provision of all classes of supply for the Bde.

(3) Provide necessary transportation to assist in movement of pers and equip. Requests for transportation in excess of Spt Bn assets will be directed to QUI Nhon TMA by the ROC.

(4) Accept PLL stockage from inactv units and that portion of redpl unit's PLL no longer required.

(5) Provide qualified inspectors to each inactv unit for the purpose of performing technical inspections of equip.

#### c. CO's of Inactivating Units:

(1) Provide all manpower and control required to perform and complete necessary processing of unit equip and supplies prior to departure as described in the USARV Redeployment Guide for units and this OPORD.

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(2) Within unit capability and available time, correct organizational maintenance deficiencies on equip prior to turn-in or retrograde.

(3) Clean and decontaminate vehicles, equip and supplies prior to vector control measures being applied by 86th Maint Bn pers. This requirement includes the removal of human remains from vehicles and equip. (See Appendix 1)

(4) Insure that all ammunition is removed from vehicles, weapons, and other major items of equip (AR 740-20).

(5) Prepare equip for storage or shipment IAW applicable TM's and instructions given by the Qui Nhon Sub-Area Comd. Information will be presented by Qui Nhon Sub-Area Comd at the processing location briefings.

(6) Insure compliance with U. S. Customs restrictions for the shipment of unit impedimenta, accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. Instructions for compliance with U. S. Customs are discussed in Annex L (Provost Marshal).

(7) Hand carry Reports of Survey (DD Form 200) through processing channels to the extent possible. At standdown, Reports of Survey from inactv units will be expedited.

(8) Provide pers to drive unit vehicles from the turn-in point/processing location to the marshalling area, port intransit storage area, or ship-side as appropriate.

(9) Designate an OIC or NOIC for each contingent to board a specific Channel flight (inactv units only). Individuals will be familiar with the pers ticketed for the flight from his unit and will act as a coordinator with the replacement center to insure all unit personnel depart on the day of inactv.

(10) Submit reports and inventories as required herein.

(11) Cancel open requisitions as prescribed in paragraph 4b.

(12) Comply with mov orders and schedules.

(13) Provide a permanent LNO to coordinate all retrograde activities. This officer will report to the ROC, Cha Rang Valley, NLT 72 hrs prior to the date scheduled for the unit to begin standdown operations.

(14) Designate unit "on-board) contacts" for movement by Special Assigned Airlift Mission (SAAM) (redpl units only) and report names to Ede S-4 who will notify HQ USA V, ATTN: AVHDL-SDT, as soon as

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possible after notification of redpl. Individual must be familiar with pers and equip manifests for each aircraft. He must be available full time during unit departure to coord the move with transportation reps.

4. REQUISITIONING AND SUPPLY PHASEDOWN POLICY:

a. Requisitions for authorized items for redpl units will be filled to the extent possible from available in-country assets prior to standdown. Requisitions not filled before standdown will be cancelled (See para b below). Requisition procedures will be described in a later publication.

b. Units, upon notification of designation as Keystone unit, will immediately cancel all requests for Class II, IV, VII and IX. Requisitions with priorities 05-12 & 02, which have a required delivery date (RDD) after the beginning of standdown will be cancelled using the schedule below. DSU level requisitions for these items will be cancelled proportionally and concurrently using the schedule below:

(1) All out-of-country requisitions on which shipping instructions have not been received other than Redball and 02 priority requisitions will be cancelled upon receipt of redeployment troop list.

(2) All out-of-country Redball and 02 priority requests on which shipping instructions have not been received, will be cancelled seven (7) days prior to inactv or redpl of the submitting unit.

(3) All in-country requisitions other than Redball and 02 priority requisitions will be cancelled 30 days prior to standdown of submitting units.

(4) All in-country Redball and 02 priority requisitions will be cancelled upon standdown of the submitting unit.

c. Units will reduce and discontinue requisitioning for Class I, III and V as operations are phased down and as pers strength is reduced or deployed. Basic loads and other expendables should be consumed to the extent practical prior to inactv or redpl. Remaining items in basic load will upon direction from Bde S-4 be transferred to other US or ARVN forces or turned in to the logistical support activity IAW para 5 below.

d. Equip Disposition Policies (See Appendix 1 para 3c).

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5. AMMUNITION POLICIES:

a. Normal ammunition supply is planned for all units until standdown. The amount of ammunition on hand at the unit as it approaches standdown is left to the discretion of the battalion commanders. Ammunition loads should be reduced consistent with operational requirements.

b. As units standdown, on hand ammunition may be disposed of in the following ways:

(1) Transfer to US or ARVN units remaining in the area (serviceable only).

(2) Turn in to ASP LZ English, or Qui Nhon.

(3) Units, standing down in the first two increments will turn all remaining ammunition, except individual basic loads, into the ASP LZ English three days prior to moving into the standdown area. A collection point will be established at Cha Rang Valley to collect individual basic loads (M16 ammo) upon arrival at Cha Rang Valley and turned in to the ASP Qui Nhon.

(4) Units standing down in the third increment will turn in the bulk of their ammunition to the ASP LZ English. LZ English ASP will close out approximately one (1) week prior to increment three moving to standdown area. After the closing of LZ English, all remaining ammunition will be turned in to the ASP Qui Nhon.

c. Ammunition will not be abandoned or buried.

d. Ammunition transferred to US, ARVN or other FVMAF will be properly documented.

e. The following munitions will not be transferred to RVN Armed Forces:

(1) Allocated (ASR) items, except upon approval of this Hqs.

(2) Air munitions of all types, except upon approval of this Hqs.

(3) Improved conventional munitions:

(a) B574, 40mm HE, M386.

(b) C462, 105mm HE, M444 series.

(c) D561, 155mm HE, M449 series.

(d) D566, 8 in HE, M404 series.

(4) Munitions for which RVNAF has no current or planned compatible weapon systems:

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- (a) 90mm tank gun munitions.
- (b) 152mm reconnaissance vehicle munitions.
- (c) 165mm CEV munitions.
- (d) 8 in Howitzer munitions.

f. The following munitions will not be transferred to Free World Military Forces:

- (1) Allocated (ASR) items, except upon approval of this Hqs.
- (2) Air munitions of all types, except upon approval of this Hqs.
- (3) Improved conventional munitions:
  - (a) B574, 40mm HE, M386.
  - (b) C462, 105mm HE, M444 series.
  - (c) D561, 155mm HE, M449 series.
  - (d) D568, 8 in HE, M404 series.

(4) Munitions for which FWMAF has no current or planned compatible weapon system:

- (a) 90mm tank gun munitions.
- (b) 152mm reconnaissance vehicle munitions.
- (c) 165mm CEV munitions.
- (d) 175mm gun munitions.
- (e) 8 in Howitzer munitions.

(5) Brass cartridge case fixed and semi-fixed ammunition of all types, except upon approval of this Hqs.

#### 6. MATERIAL MAINTENANCE:

a. Prior to standdown, units will maximize efforts, as allowed by continuing operational requirements, to bring equip to the highest state of maintenance readiness. Unauthorized modifications will be removed and equip returned to its authorized configuration to the extent practicable.

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b. All applicable equip maintenance records will be brought up to date. Lost records will be reconstituted in accordance with TM 38-750, utilizing information locally available, since time will not permit querying the National Maintenance Point. Commanders will insure that log books accompany all applicable equip upon retrograde shipment or turn-in.

c. Post Camp and station property will be cleaned, inspected and segregated as serviceable or unserviceable by the owning unit. Assistance in classification may be obtained by calling Bde S-4. Bde S-4 can request this assistance from QNSC.

d. Only "urgent" MWO's will be applied after standdown. All other MWO's will be considered as deferred maintenance for redpl units.

#### 7. TRANSPORTATION:

a. Units will make maximum use of organic transportation during standdown. Additional transportation will be coordinated through ROC. Phone numbers and names of contact pers TBP.

b. Units will be provided with appropriate movement information and directives by the Bde S-4.

c. Pers will be allowed 66 pounds of accompanied baggage aboard SAAM flights. Baggage will be packed in containers no larger than a duffle or B4 bag.

d. Unaccompanied baggage will be processed through the hold baggage section located at Cha Rang Valley. The hold baggage section will be set up in the Bde School area. Unaccompanied baggage and those items normally packed and moved by commercial carriers will not move as unit equip.

e. Units will insure that pers within their command having items stored at the Bde School remove these items NLT ten days after standdown begins.

f. Milstamp documentation: Transportation documentation will be prepared by the unit. Assistance in preparation of all documentation will be provided by the 604th USAR Retrograde Assistance Team located at Cha Rang Valley Retrograde Facility.

g. The shipper will affix a Material Inspection Tag (DA Form 9-1) to each vehicle, weapon (except small arms) or other piece of major equip indicating that all explosives have been removed prior to shipment. The tag will be affixed in a readily visible location and in a manner that will protect it against deterioration and mutilation to preserve legibility. Shipping containers of small arms will be tagged to indicate contents have been inspected.

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h. Minimum essential equip (MEE) will be moved as Red Circle TAT with redpl units. A list of recommended MEE is published in USARV Redeployment Guide for Units.

i. Units will depart via Special Assigned Airlift Mission (SAAM). Pers will be processed by parent organization (money change, customs inspections, etc). Pers will be moved directly from Cha Rang Valley to Phu Cat. On load contacts of units departing via SAAM will coord accompanied baggage information and unit's arrival time at Phu Cat Passenger Service 72 hours prior to departure time.

#### 8. REPORTS:

a. At the start of ea increment i.e. 1 Jul 71, 21 Jul 71, and 6 Aug 71, all recurring reports submitted to HQ USARV DCSLOG will be terminated with the exception of Equip Transfer Records (DA Form 2408-7).

b. All standdown units possessing PSYOP peculiar items will contact Bde S-4 for disposition instructions for PA sets AN/UIH-6, AN/UID-5, AEM/ABS-4, PIQ5-A Bullhorns, Sony TC 100/TC800 Taperecorder, Polaroid Camera and Printing Equip specifically issued for PSYOP use. PSYOP peculiar equip will only be laterally transferred or turned in IAW disposition instructions received from HQ USARV, DCSOPS-CMOD.

c. Unit Disposition Report: Each participating unit will annotate columns 6, 7, and 8 of retained extra copies of the Unit Inventory to show the final disposition of all items. Approved lateral transfers within redpl units will be reported by entering the recipient unit's UIC, quantity, Julian date of transfer, and adding the lateral transfer authorization document number. Items turned in to the QNSC will be reported by entering the name of the receiving support unit, quantity, and Julian date of turn-in. This disposition report will be forwarded to Bde S-4 NLT five days after completion of all dispositions for each reporting UIC. Information copies will be provided by Bde S-4 to USAICCV, ATTN: MR-MI, QNSC, ATTN: SP&O. The Bde Supply Officer will provide an indorsement showing document numbers of requisitions cancelled as a result of each lateral transfer. This report will accompany the unit property books and supporting files being forwarded to HQ USARV.

d. Redpl units to remain in the active Army structure will report complete listings of equip shortages to the Bde S-4 NLT ten days prior to departure.

e. Bde S-4 is required by AR 220-10 to submit a redpl readiness report NLT five days after commencement of standdown. The equip portion of the report will be satisfied by one of the following statements:

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(1) Units redpl without equip: "No equip is being redeployed with the unit."

(2) Units redpl with equip: "Unit is redpl with MTOE less shortages and less critical items of equip listed in Bde (C) MSG 200510Z Jun 71." (Enter appropriate message subject and DTG, if critical items list has been published.) A complete listing of unit shortages will be provided to the gaining command through Bde S-4 approximately seven days prior to departure from RVN.

f. Daily Status Reports: Bn S-4's and Separate Company Supply Officers will submit a telephonic report to Bde S-4 utilizing format for unit inventory (Appendix 5 to Annex F to USARV OPLAN 183-70). Needed information is:

(1) Beginning inventory - This figure should remain constant. Any change must be fully explained by responsible officer.

(2) Turned in today - "Turned-In" means that amount of equip for which turn in credit has actually been received.

(3) Processed for shipment - That amount of equip which has been properly packed for overseas shipment and has been received by the carrier, i.e., has been transported to the port of embarkation.

(4) Remaining inventory - "Beginning inventory" less "turned in today" and "processed for shipment."

APPENDIXES: 1 - EQUIP PROCESSING  
2 - EXTERNAL SOP FOR KEYSTONE PROCESSING  
3 - TURN IN PROCEDURE FOR EQUIP ON TEMPORARY LOAN

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APPENDIX 1 (EQUIPMENT PROCESSING) to ANNEX G (LOGISTICS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide general guidelines to be followed in preparing equip for retrograde and CONUS shipment, and to assist units in obtaining needed logistical assistance. This appendix is to be used in conjunction with Cha Rang Retrograde Facility SOP, Annex G, USARV OPORD 183-70, and USARV Reg 750-33.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde S4:

- (1) Set Logistical Policies.
- (2) Publish directives as they are received from higher HQ's.
- (3) Provide coordination between the Retrograde Operations Center, Redpl/inactv units and QNSC.
- (4) Monitor the turn in process and solve logistical problems at their inception.

b. Bn Commanders:

- (1) Implement provisions of this Annex.
- (2) Insure that all schedules for turn in of equip and movement of troops are executed in a timely manner.
- (3) Provide strict supervision and control of individuals in the Retrograde Facility,
- (4) Coordinate directly with RCC in all areas of logistics.
- (5) Insure unit S4's, PBO's, Unit Redeployment Liaison Officers, and key NCO's visit the Cha Rang Retrograde Facility of the 86th Maint Bn for an orientation briefing. Anyone of the following officers should be contacted: CPT Block, CO; LT Glass, XO, LT Davis, Shop Officer. Telephone number is Cha Rang 185. Operating hours are from 0715 to 1800 Mon - Sat and 0800 - 1630 on Sunday. Unit Redpl LNC's will report for orientation NLT 72 hours prior to first day of standdown.

3. REDE LOYMENT OPERATION CENTER:

a. Bde S4:

- (1) Set Logistical Policies

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- (2) Surface Transportation.
- (3) Keystone Operations.
- (4) CONUS Preservation, Packaging & Packing (PR&P) and Documentation.

b. Processing Time: To reduce processing time due to improperly prepared paperwork or equip, all turn-in documents and equip to be processed through Keystone will be checked by a rep of the Keystone Operations Section. Likewise, before items that are to be shipped to CONUS are packaged or moved to the port of embarkation, coordination will be made with a rep of the CONUS PR&P Documentation section at the ROC. The ROC contact will be located in a van parked adjacent to the Shop Operations building.

4. EQUIP CATEGORIES: All equip will be turned in through the Cha Rang Facility (86th Maint Bn). However, units must understand the various categories of their equip.

a. Inacty units: All equip will be TI'd and turned in to the Cha Rang Retrograde Facility.

b. Redpl Units: Equip must be categorized as follows:

(1) USARV critical items (See Bde Msg (C) 200510Z Jun 71). This equip is a loss to the unit and is deleted from the property book.

(2) All SCRAM III & IV equip will be turned in and deleted from property books.

(3) Equip excess to "H" series TO&E authorization will be turned in and deleted from property books.

(4) Temporary loan equip will be turned in and deleted from property books (See Appendix 3).

(5) CONUS designated equip which is to be redeployed with the unit is that which is authorized by "H" series TO&E less equip categories (1), (2), (3) and (4) above.

5. FEMA ITEM PREPARATION:

a. Technical Inspections: All equipment regardless of category must receive a technical inspection prior to turn in. The Brigade CTAT Team will be placed under the operational control of CO, 173 Spt Bn to assist D Co (Maint) in performing inspections. The primary purpose of the inspections is to provide the units with a comprehensive listing of required parts and maintenance required for each applicable piece of equip. All required maintenance will be performed to the extent practicable. Remaining parts to be applied will be

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recorded on DA Form 2408-14. The listing of shortcomings and deficiencies (DA Form 2404) must accompany each piece of equip to be turned in. Technical Inspectors will not fill out blocks 10-15 on the USARV Form 562. Items of equip that are to be shipped to CONUS (See Bde (C) Msg 200510Z Jun 71) and are obviously in a SCRAM 1 or 2 condition, do not require USARV Form 562. Only where a reasonable doubt exists will CONUS designated equip be inspected by Keystone personnel. Final determination of SCRAM Codes will be made by the Keystone Processing Activity.

b. Washing Equip: Equip should be prewashed in the unit rear area. This will speed the turn in procedure when the vehicle receives its final wash at the retrograde facility.

c. Fuel: Fuel tanks will not be more than one quarter full when vehicles are presented for turn-in.

d. Vehicle Interiors: Must be thoroughly cleaned and all trash, ammunitions, etc, removed from the cab and bed.

e. BII: BII for vehicles will be boxed and will accompany the vehicle. Wheel vehicles will have radios, mounts, wiring, antenna, and antenna mounts removed from vehicles. These items will be processed at the appropriate CONUS processing points. Radio, radio mount, and machine guns will be removed from tracked vehicles. They will, however, accompany the vehicle as part of the BII. Machine gun shields will be removed from tracked vehicles and banded to a pallet. Turn in point for these items will be designated by the retrograde facility. BII for tracked vehicles must be reconstituted to the maximum extent possible. Non-expendable and expendable BII must be listed on the back of the USARV Form 563. A statement to the effect that the mission items are being accounted for in accordance with AR 733-11 must be typed on the rear. The PBO will verify the statement by signing at the bottom of the page A separate DD Form 200 for each vehicle missing BII is not required. (It is recommended that a short DD Form 200 be used to account for all missing BII after completion of turn-in).

f. MWO's: All unauthorized MWO's must be removed from all vehicles.

g. Weapons and Commo Equipment: Weapons and commo will be inspected at separate stations. Equipment must be clean and 2404's must be present for each piece. Equip will be preserved and packaged IAW guidance provided by the USARV Retrograde Assistance Team in Cha Rang.

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h. Found on Post Equip: Equip of a "found on post" category for which no turn in credit is desired will be turned in IAW para 5c(4) of Appendix 2.

6. PCS PROPERTY: Disposition of PC&S property is unknown at this time. For planning purposes, all PC&S property will be turned in at the Cha Rang Retrograde Facility. Items will be separated by SCRAM codes. Loaded vehicles will check in with the ROC where the cargo condition codes and supporting turn-in documents will be verified. After verification units will turn in PC&S items to the PDO activity.

7. ENSURE PROPERTY: ENSURE items will be plainly marked "ENSURE" in paint or other indelible marking. If the item is too small to be marked, attach a tag with "ENSURE", nomenclature, FSN (if available) and ENSURE number. Plainly indicate on documentation that the paperwork applies to ENSURE items. A turn-in point will be established in the vicinity of the Bde School to accept turn-in of TA 50-901. All TA 50-901 will be turned in.

8. CONUS EQUIP PROCEDURES:

a. Vehicles and Other Equip: Must be thoroughly cleaned and must pass a quarantine inspection prior to being released for shipment (See USARV Reg 420-76).

b. Sets, Kits and Outfits: Sets, kits, and outfits consisting of expendables must be 85% complete in order to receive credit for the tool set with the remainder listed on USARV Form 563. This is a change to old policies which stated 75% must be on hand. The change also encompasses the non-expendable items of sets, kits and outfits which must be 85% complete.

c. Shipping Documentation: Documentation specialists are available at the retrograde facility to assist in preparing overseas shipping documents. These specialists are also available to assist units to properly preserve and package items for overseas shipment. All units are reminded to notify the CONUS PPP and Documentation NCO so that coordination can be made with the Provost Marshal prior to sealing Conex's. As soon as vehicles/conex's are properly ready for movement to the port of embarkation the Surface Transportation Section NCO will be notified. It is the unit's responsibility to insure TCMD's are signed by the truck drivers before departing the area. The appropriate copy will be maintained in the unit supply files.

9. LATERAL TRANSFER: Lateral transfers will be approved within the Bde only when the losing unit has an excess (or is inactv)

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and the gaining unit has an authorized requirement for the item. Gaining units will prepare a Letter of Justification and five copies of DA Form 3161 and submit through the Bde S4. For details see page F-4-1 of Amex F to USARV OPLAN 183-70. Units outside the Bde that request lateral transfers must initiate DA Form 3161 and have the document approved by DCSLOG USARV. All paperwork will be hand carried to the Bde unit concerned. Bde will not ship items to units; receiving units will be expected to accept delivery of the item at LZ English. Preparation of TCMD for unit shipment by air (if applicable) will be a receiving unit responsibility.

10. DISPOSITION OF ASL/PLL: All items remaining on ASL/PLL will be returned to CONUS with the following exceptions:

- (1) Closed LOOP Items.
- (2) Parts that support end items deleted by the H series TO&E.
- (3) Items directed by USARV to remain in RVN other than (1 & 2).

11. AMMUNITION TURN-IN PROCEDURES:

a. After standdown notification, units required to expend ammunition will fire unpacked ammunition first.

b. Units will maintain minimum quantities of ammunition on hand commensurate with the tactical situation. Unit ammunition officer will be prepared to request emergency resupply from ASP.

c. Units will retain packing materials for use during turn-in phase.

d. Units will conduct a detailed search to locate unserviceable, captured enemy, and excess ammunition.

e. Excess ammunition will be turned in immediately to the ASP LZ English or Qui Nhon.

f. Unit S4 or Supply Sergeant must locate, screen, and inspect their ammunition stocks to insure that no items are thrown away or abandoned. This screening is designed to classify ammunition into the following group:

- (1) Packed and ready for turn-in.

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(2) Serviceable but ready for turn-in (i.e., unpacked or damaged boxes).

(3) EOD assistance is available through Bde S4.

(4) Unserviceable non-repairable and hazardous ammunition will be destroyed by EOD.

g. Turn in Phase:

(1) Units standing down will prepare items for turn-in in accordance with existing directives, regulations and SOP's (i.e., DA Form 581 in five copies, with a certificate that surveillance personnel have inspected the items and that ammunition is safe for turn-in).

(2) Units will provide their own packing and packaging material to the maximum extent possible. Retrograde boxes may be available through arrangement with LZ English ASP and Qui Nhon ASP.

(3) Surveillance personnel will be available to assist in classifying ammunition; contact Bde S4 for assistance.

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APPENDIX 2 (EXTERNAL SOP FOR KEYSTONE ORIOLE PROCESSING) to ANNEX  
G (LOGISTICS) to OPOD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV msg, 121430Z Jun 71

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this SOP is to provide detailed instructions to unit personnel processing equipment through Keystone Operations prior to redeployment.

2. EQUIPMENT PROCESSED AT KEYSTONE OPERATIONS: The following types of equipment will be processed at this Keystone operation:

- a. PEMA and Secondary TOE/TDA property.
- b. Post, camp and station property.
- c. Special Services property.

3. UNIT PREPARATION:

a. All units must conduct a 100% physical inventory prior to their arrival at Keystone Operations. The inventory will include all equipment on hand (including excess equipment). This inventory will include the following information: FSN, LIN (SB 700-20), nomenclature and quantity on hand. This inventory will be mailed or hand-carried to Cha Rang Retrograde Facility, APO San Francisco 96492.

b. Documentation:

(1) The following documentation must be initiated as outlined below prior to the unit's arrival at the Keystone Operations:

(a) Unit level:

- 1. DA Form 2765-1, completed.
- 2. USARV Form 562, blocks 1-9.
- 3. USARV Form 563, blocks 1-6.
- 4. DA Form 2408-7, blocks 1-12, 14-16.
- 5. DA Form 2404, blocks 1-4.

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(b) DSU Level:

1. USARV Form 562, blocks 10-14.
2. USARV Form 563, block 7.
3. DA Form 2404, blocks 5-10 and list missing parts.
4. DA Form 2405-10, verification.
5. DA Form 2408-14, verification.

(c) Keystone Level:

1. Keystone processing will verify accuracy of all above documents.

2. All remaining entries will be made by Keystone personnel.

(2) Listed below are the quantities of various types of equipment authorized on a single turn-in document:

(a) Pistols and rifles - 40 of same FSN and SCRAM.

(b) Grenade launchers (M79) - 20 of same FSN and SCRAM.

(c) Other - one per document.

(d) FEMA major end items and tool sets - one per document.

(e) Secondary, PCS and Special Services items - 499 of same FSN and SCRAM:

(3) Completeness of equipment:

(a) Tool sets/tool sets.

1. All non-expendable (NX) tools must be either physically present or formally accounted for by a copy of a Report of Survey, Statement of Charges, Quarterly Droppage, or vouchered turn-in document.

2. All expendable (X) tools must be either physically present or listed in USARV Form 563 and DA Form 2404 (if applicable).

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3. Tool sets consisting entirely of expendable must be 85% physically complete with the remaining 15% of the tools listed as missing on the USARV 563 and DA 2404 (if applicable). If more than 25% of the tools are missing, turn-in credit will be given only for the tool box.

4. The 85% rule will also apply for non-expendable components of large shop sets which are composed entirely of expendable items. For example, the tapered shank drill set in a machine shop set is non-expendable, if 3/4 of the drills are present, the the non-expendable item will be considered present.

(b) End items (other than Tool Sets/Kits): Missing components assemblies, parts must be listed on the USARV 563 and DA 2404 (if applicable).

(c) Non-expendable (NX) BII items which are missing will be separately listed on the back of USARV 563. The PBO of the processing unit will certify that the listed (NX) items due are being accounted for in accordance with AR 735-35, AR 735-11, AR 711-15 and AR 725-11.

(4) Forms:

(a) Required Forms:

DA 2765-1	USARV 562	USARV 563	Log Book	DA 2408-7	DA 2404	
1 copy	6 copies	6 copies	1 copy	1 copy	2 copies	PEMA
1 "	6 "	6 "	0	0	0	Secondary
1 "	6 "	6 "	0	0	0	FCS
1 "	6 "	6 "	0	0	0	Spec Svc

(b) Form Instructions:

1. DA 2765-1:	See Ar 735-35
Block A	Keystone Oriole, Cha Rang Marshalling Area AT81WN
Block B	Turn-in unit
Block C1	Turn-in unit document number
Block C2	Leave blank
Blocks 4,5,6	Correct FSN
Block 7	Unit of Issue
Block 8	Quantity turned-in
Block 15	UIC
Block M	Full nomenclature and model number
Block N	Quantity turned-in
Blocks 65-80	Line number as listed in SB 700-20

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2. USARV 562:      See USARV Reg 750-33  
Block 13            Must always explain cause for the particular  
                         level of repair designated in block 12
3. USARV 563:      See USARV Reg 750-33  
                         Statement 5 must list all missing expendable  
                         parts, components, assemblies OVM, BILLI, etc.  
                         Use reverse side if necessary. If statement  
                         6 is applicable, always attach 1 copy of the  
                         initiated Report of Survey, blocks 1-16 and  
                         18 completed.
4. Log Book:        See TM 38-750  
                         Complete DA 2408-1. Close out daily and  
                         post DA 2408-1 monthly ii. Be sure  
                         listed serial numbers match actual compon-  
                         ents.
5. DA 2408-7:      See TM 38-750  
                         Complete all blocks except 13, 18-21.
6. DA 2404:        See TM 38-750 and applicable TM's  
                         DSU's will list all deficiencies, short  
                         comings and missing parts, BILLI, OVM, etc.

4. TURN-IN PROCEDURES:

a. Prior Coordination:

(1) Units will coordinate with AC&S, Security, Plans and Operations, Qui Nhon Sub-Area Command and Keystone Operations, 86th Maintenance Battalion immediately upon notification of redeployment.

(2) Units will notify Keystone Operations three days prior to scheduled turn-in, in order to confirm arrival. Unscheduled turn-ins must be arranged on an exception basis.

b. Unit Arrival:

(1) Units will enter the 86th Maintenance Battalion compound through the west gate (see Tab A). Units will proceed to the Keystone Operations building for assignment of a work area.

(2) All equipment will be parked in the work area. All ammunition and personal possessions will be removed from vehicles immediately. During this time, key personnel will receive a briefing by Keystone personnel covering the following topics:

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- (a) Work flow.
- (b) Transportation.
- (c) Tools/Cleaning supplies.
- (d) Maintenance and cleanliness standards.
- (e) Turn-in procedures.
- (f) Local regulations.

(3) Billeting and messing will be coordinated directly with S4, 86th Maintenance Battalion.

c. Processing Procedures:

(1) Documentation inspection: All turn-in documentation to include log books will be taken to Keystone Operations Headquarters for editing. This will be done prior to any equipment processing.

(2) Vehicle processing:

(a) All organizational and direct support maintenance should be performed within the limitation of time and availability of repair parts. Absolute minimum requirements for turn-in will be cleanliness and complete absence of rust on each end item, components, OVM, BILI, etc. Vehicles will have at least one inflated tire per axle shaft. The vehicle will have as a maximum and minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  tank of fuel. All ammunition and human remains must be moved and such removal physically verified in writing by a unit officer.

(b) Unit personnel, after insuring all excess material (OVE, BILI, Ammo, trash, etc) is off-loaded will take their vehicles to the I&I section. A retrograde inspector will verify that the vehicle is properly prepared for the wash rack and give the unit representative a written wash rack clearance with a scheduled wash time. This scheduled time may be approximate considering wash rack backlog.

(c) These vehicles scheduled on the wash rack will be driven in convoy leaving in sufficient time to arrive at the wash rack at the scheduled time. Vehicles will proceed through the west gate across QL19 and park in an orderly fashion from west to east at the west most portion of the wash rack.

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(d) Vehicles will proceed onto the wash rack when directed by the wash rack supervisor.

(e) The high pressure wash rack will be operated by trained Keystone personnel. However, the unit personnel will be responsible for prerinsing vehicles and cleaning off excess mud and pennaprima prior to allowing the vehicle on the high pressure rack. Further, unit personnel will remain with their vehicles and drive them through the wash rack facility. After the vehicle has been cleared from the wash rack it will proceed directly back to the unit's work area.

(f) All OVM and BILLI after having been cleaned and preserved will be placed on the vehicles. Canvas will be neatly folded, with pioneer tools and OVE inside and placed in the bed of the vehicle. Side rails and bows will also be neatly stacked in the bed of the vehicle.

(g) Once the above has been accomplished, the vehicle with log book and turn-in paperwork will be taken back to the I&I section, where upon completion of a cleanliness and OVM/BILLI inspection, final turn-in credit will be given.

(3) Other than vehicles, generators, compressors, etc:

(a) All non-vehicular material must be cleaned by unit personnel in the unit marshalling area.

(b) Criteria for acceptance of weapons for processing is that they be free of dirt, rust, ammo and carbon.

(c) Generators and compressors will be steamed cleaned at the wash rack facility.

(d) Trailer mounted generators and compressors will have the trailers water blasted and the mounted generator or compressor steam cleaned after obtaining wash rack clearance.

(e) Upon completion of cleaning operations, unit personnel will take both the item and documentation to the commodity inspection, i.e., Commel, Small Arms, Secondary, etc. The commodity retrograde inspector will inspect for cleanliness, missing parts accountability and verify SCRAM reading. Upon acceptance the commodity inspector

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will sign and date in block T&W on 2765-1. The commodity inspector will proceed with the unit to the documentation section to obtain a document number and complete the transaction.

(4) General:

(a) All excess and found on-post items belonging to Keystone units will be accepted on a "no questions asked" basis. Basic criteria for cleanliness and SCRAM paperwork will be the same as for normal turn-ins. Found on post items will be taken "as is" as far as presence of components are concerned. The unit will not be required to account for missing items other than inclusion of subject items on the USARV Form 563, USARV Form 562, which will all be annotated FOUND ON POST.

(b) Items that are on job orders to DS/GS maintenance at time of unit standdown will be closed out and turned in to Keystone "as is" maintenance-wise if repair cannot be completed prior to unit standdown. End items will be reassembled prior to turn-in. All major and minor components will be in place, not in the bed of the vehicles.

(c) Secondary/PCS items which have USARV pre-disposition to PDO will be transported to Phu Tai by the owning unit, after Keystone has classified and issued DD Form 1348-1 will be turned in to Keystone NLT 24 hours after issue to receive documented turn-in credit.

(d) A responsible individual will remain in charge of all unit personnel while they are in the 86th Maint Bn, and the Keystone Marshalling Area.

(e) Normal Duty Hours:

1. Receiving: Mon thru Sat - 0715 to 1700 hours.  
Documentation: Mon thru Sat - 0715 to 1730 hours.  
Small Arms: 0715 to 1630 hours.  
Wash Rack: 0800 thru 1730 hours.  
Sunday: 0800 to 1730 hours.  
All Sections: Suspended activities from 1130 to 1300 hours for noon meal and company formation.

2. Normal work load only requires the use of a day-time shift of Keystone personnel. If units processing through the facility desire to use work areas on a 24 hour basis to prepare for following day turn-ins, direct coordination should be made through Keystone

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(f) The following items are not processed at the Keystone Operations:

1. Crypto.
2. Medical.
3. Aviation.
4. Missile.
5. PLL's.
6. Unit Fund.
7. Ammunition.

(g) Ammunition must be turned in prior to the unit's arrival at the Keystone Operation. The only exception to this is small arms ammunition required for convoy protection to the Keystone site.

5. UNIT REQUIREMENTS:

a. The Keystone Operation is here to assist the unit in redeployment. It is the responsibility of the unit to prepare all equipment for retrograde.

b. Experience shows that 50 men per company or 150 men per battalion are required to perform pre-turn-in maintenance and cleaning. A maximum effort must be made by unit commanders to control personnel during the processing phase. It is recommended that unit/section integrity be maintained at all times.

c. In order to expedite processing, units will be required to supply personnel to work for the Keystone Operation. These personnel will be utilized to operate the wash rack, pack equipment, preserve equipment, etc. Units may expect to supply ten to fifteen personnel per company per day. Details will be discussed at the unit's initial briefing.

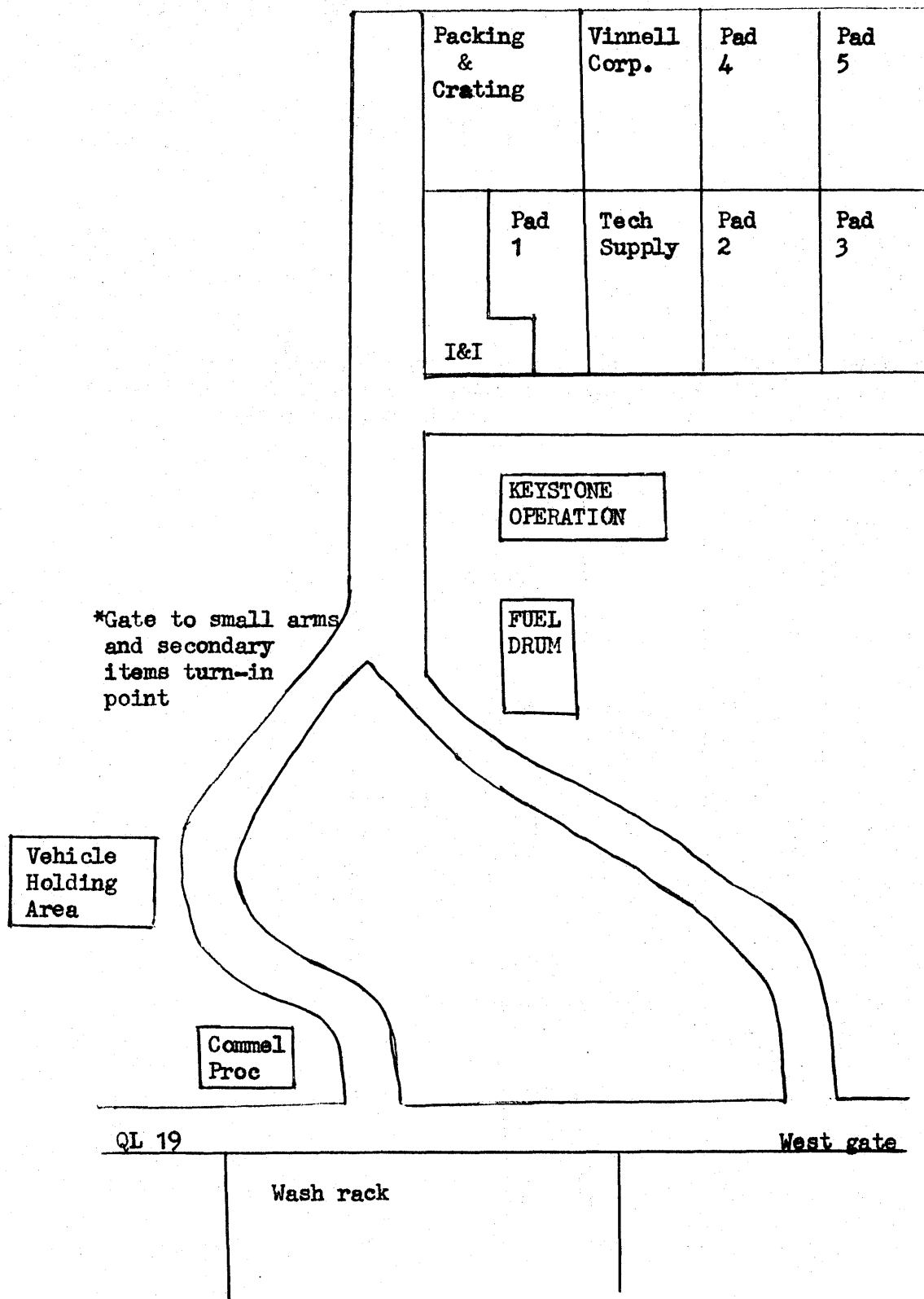
d. All units processing through the Keystone Operation must maintain a high state of police in their work area. The large number of VIP's touring the area makes it difficult to give advance notification of VIP visits at any time.

e. Unit commanders must receive clearance from Keystone Operation prior to departure of personnel.

Tab A - 86th Maintenance Battalion Compound.

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TAB A (86TH MAINTANCE BATTALION COMPOUND) to APPENDIX 2 (EXTERNAL SOP FOR KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO) to ANNEX G (LOGISTICS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)



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APPENDIX 3 (TURN IN PROCEDURE FOR EQUIPMENT ON TEMPORARY LOAN)  
to ANNEX G (LOGISTICS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. Have supporting maintenance facility perform a Technical Inspection.
2. Obtain a turn-in document number from the supporting DSU.
3. Take the item to be turned in to your supporting DSU.
4. Paperwork needed for turn-in of equip:
  - a. DA Form 5-23 (Engineer Equip), DA Form 461-5 (Vehicle). Condition Code required.
  - b. DD Form 2765-1 with turn-in document number.
  - c. Equipment log book records and equipment maintenance record DA Form 2409, if applicable.
  - d. Report of Survey is required when equipment is damaged other than normal fair wear and tear according to AR 735-11.
  - e. DA Form 2407 if the item was turned in for repair at the DSU and the DSU was unable to complete the repair.
5. Mail be registered mail one certified true copy of DA Form 2765-1 to US Army ICCV, ATTN: AVCI-MR-MI.

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ANNEX H (PERSONNEL) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV msg, DTG: 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: HOTEL.

1. GENERAL:

a. Personnel Objectives: The personnel objectives during redpl are:

(1) Maintain unit strengths at levels adequate to effect redeployment of unit.

(2) Attain reconstituted status and be fully operational under H series TOE NLT 31 Dec 71.

(3) Provide continuous personnel service before, during and upon completion of redpl.

b. DEROS Criteria: Appendix 1.

c. Definitions:

(1) D-day: Date Bde begins standdown.

(2) X-day: Date of inactivation/redeployment.

(3) Standdown: Date unit ceases mission type operations and begins processing for redeployment/inactivation.

2. MAINTENANCE OF UNIT STRENGTH:

a. Reassignments: Requests for reassignment for pers who are not volunteers to RVN, who are not on extensions, or who are not in possession of DA orders will not be accepted.

b. Extensions: Pers who extend must agree in writing to complete their extension in some unit in Vietnam other than the 173d.

c. Casualty Reporting: Casualties will continue to be reported IAW USARV Reg 600-1 until X-Day.

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d. Line of Duty Determinations: The appropriate medical facility will continue to initiate DA Form 2173 (Statement of Medical Examination and Duty Status) on each case required by AR 600-10. Bn will attempt to complete all LOD's prior to X-Day. Actions incomplete as of X-5 will be forwarded to this HQ, ATTN: AVBE-AG.

e. Personnel Pending Investigation, Courts Martial or Elimination Action: Pers pending investigation or court martial on X-day will be reassigned by this HQ IAW instructions received from USARV. Bn's will make every effort to complete administrative processing prior to the 1st day of standdown in which that unit redpl.

f. Reports: Appendix 2.

g. Morning Reports: Appendix 3.

h. Hospitalized Personnel: Appendix 4.

i. Outprocessing: Appendix 5.

j. Civilian Personnel: Appendix 6.

### 3. DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MORALE:

a. Leave and Passes: CONUS leaves will not be approved from a date twenty-one days prior to begin standdown date of increment in which the indiv is scheduled to standdown.

b. Rest and Recuperation (R&R): In country and out of country R&R's will not be granted from a date ten days prior to begin standdown date of increment in which indiv is scheduled to begin standdown.

c. Exchange Service: Priority for exchange services will be to units in the standdown area. Barber, tailor, shoe shine, snack truck, steam bath, and regular store facilities will be available.

d. Awards and Decorations: Appendix 7.

e. Postal Service: Full postal services will be available in the standdown area. Appendix 8 provides guidance for units to close out unit postal facilities.

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f. Red Cross: AER personnel will continue to provide emergency welfare services until the Bde redeploys.

g. Special Services: Indoor and outdoor games and athletic equipment will be provided and movies will be shown in standdown areas. Appendix 9 provides detailed instruction for unit turn-in of special services equipment.

h. Unit Funds: Appendix 10 provides guidance for administration of unit funds.

i. Religious Services: All chaplain's services will be provided throughout redpl activities.

4. MAINTENANCE OF DISCIPLINE LAW AND ORDER:

a. Discipline Law and Order: Annex L.

b. Military Justice and Claims: Annex K.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Records Management: Appendix 11.

b. Orders: Appendix 12.

c. Officer Efficiency Reports: Appendix 13.

d. Enlisted Efficiency Reports: Appendix 13.

e. Medical: Annex I.

APPENDIX 1 - PERSONNEL CRITERIA

2 - REPORTS

3 - MORNING REPORTS

4 - HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL

5 - OUTPROCESSING

6 - CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

7 - AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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APPENDIX 1 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPOD 10-71)(KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance in determining eligibility criteria of personnel in redeploying units for the following:

- a. Credit for Foreign Service Tour (FST) completion.
- b. ETS.
- c. Redeployment.
- d. Extension of FST.
- e. Curtailment of Foreign Service Tour.

2. CREDIT FOR FST COMPLETION: Each redpl indiv who has completed at least eight months of service during his current foreign service tour in RVN will be granted full completion credit. Partial credit will be granted those personnel ineligible for full tour credit.

3. ETS CRITERIA: Each redpl indiv eligible for full FST completion credit and having 150 or less days remaining before his ETS upon arrival in CONUS will be discharged as rapidly as possible after arrival. Pers not granted full credit for completion of their current foreign service tours but having 90 days or less remaining before their ETS upon arrival in CONUS will also be discharged as rapidly as possible after arrival.

4. REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA: All pers assigned to inact/redpl units with DEROS on or subsequent to the last day of unit standdown for their respective increment will be redeployed to CONUS with the following exceptions:

- a. Non-airborne pers considered critical to continuing USARV requirements will be reassigned by that headquarters to other units in Vietnam effective upon individual availability dates established by their current units provided they have more than 60 days remaining until normal DEROS as of their availability dates.

- b. Pers serving voluntary tours in RVN as indicated in their pers records who will have more than 60 days remaining before DEROS on the last day of their unit's standdown will be granted the option of either redpl or being reassigned in-country to complete normal FST's.

- c. Pers already in receipt of DA reassignment instructions (PCS orders) may elect:

- (1) To request revocation of their orders and redpl with their units, or

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(2) To keep their new assignment. Should DEROS fall subsequent to last day of unit standdown pers electing this option will be reassigned in-country pending normal DEROS, or their FST's curtailed based on individual determinations which will be made by HQ, USARV.

d. Pers who have extended their current FST by six months who will have more than 60 days remaining before DEROS on the last day of their unit's standdown may elect:

(1) To redpl to CONUS whether or not they have taken Special Leave in connection with the extensions or

(2) To be reassigned in-country to complete the FST extension.

e. Pers who have extended their current FST for any period in order to qualify for the 150 day early release program may elect:

(1) To redeploy to CONUS and separate on normal ETS unless eligible for early release upon arrival in CONUS, under the provision of para 3, above, or

(2) To be reassigned in-country to complete the extension and retain eligibility for the early release program.

5. EXTENSION OF FST: a. Pers who are ineligible to redpl by virtue of having DEROS's prior to the last day of standdown of their respective units may extend their FST's through the appropriate date to qualify for redpl with their units.

b. Effective 19 Jun 71, this HQ lost the authority to approve all FST extensions except as noted in para 5a above. Applications for FST extension and in-country reassignment will be accepted until dates to be determined but must be referred to HQ, USARV, for final determination. Requests for FST extension to qualify for early release from active duty can no longer be accepted by this HQ.

6. CRITERIA FOR CURTAILMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE TOUR: Unless otherwise indicated above, all pers are eligible for curtailment of up to 60 days of their foreign service tour.

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APPENDIX 2 (REPORTS) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION)  
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1. PURPOSE: To prescribe procedures for reporting personnel and administrative actions.

2. GENERAL: To provide a complete listing of pers reports required by HQ, USARV, to insure a smooth and timely schedule of events during redpl of a unit.

3. REPORTS:

a. Identification of Special Category Personnel: Certain enlisted skills, which are critical to USARV requirements, will be identified as required by HQ, USARV. This Bde will identify, in roster format, all non-airborne pers who hold these skills. This report will include Name, Grade, SSAN, PMOS, DEROS and availability date for reassignment within USARV. This report is required as soon as possible but in no case later than the day prior to first day of standdown.

b. Flagged Personnel:

(1) Pro must be initiated to ensure control of individuals flagged under the provisions of AR 600-31. The following information will be included when these individuals are reported to HQ, USARV, ATTN: AVHAG-PM, for reassignment instructions:

- (a) Date flagging actions were initiated.
- (b) Brief synopsis of reason for flagging action.
- (c) Disciplinary action taken, if any.
- (d) Approved sentence and effective date, if appropriate.

(2) The MPRJ (to include DA Form 268) will be sent to the gaining organization by registered mail or escort not later than the individual's reporting date. Flagged pers will not be permitted to carry their own records to the new unit of assignment.

c. Absentees and Deserters: On the final day of unit stand-down, a roster of pers dropped from the rolls as deserters during the one year period preceding redpl will be forwarded to HQ USARV. In this regard, the company or battery as applicable, will forward a report to Chief, Personnel Records Branch (AVBE-AGR), ten days prior to redpl. Upon receipt of rosters which will include the indiv's name, grade, SSAN, uni' AWOL date, DFR date and disposition of records, Chief, PRB, will reconcile this information with that on file in PRB. Any discrepancies will be resolved within 48 hours. A telephonic feeder report indicating any changes to the

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previously submitted written report will be rendered by the appropriate redpl unit two days prior to day of redpl (X-day). Chief, PRB will be responsible for rendering the final report to HQ, USARV, ATTN: AVHAG-PM, on X-day to include disposition of pers records to Ft Benjamin Harrison, Ind, as required by AR 640-10 and AR 630-10.

d. Additional Roster Reports:

(1) A listing will be prepared on all personnel who volunteered for duty in RVN and who have elected to remain in RVN until completion of normal foreign service tour. This roster will be submitted as soon as possible but no later than the day prior to start of standdown.

(2) A roster of personnel who have extensions of foreign service tour which fall into the following categories:

(a) Personnel who are presently serving a FST extension or who have an approved extension which will cause their DEROS to fall outside the redpl curtailment criteria. This listing will include an availability date furnished by the indiv's CO for reassignment with RVN.

(b) A roster of pers to include an aval date for reassignment will be prepared on all pers who have extended their FST in order to qualify for 150 day early separation from the service. These pers will be reported regardless of the number of days remaining after standdown operations are completed. This roster is required to be submitted as soon as possible after notification of redpl but in no case later than the day prior to first day of standdown.

(3) A listing will be prepared, to include aval dates, on all pers who are in receipt of DA assignment instructions who have more than 60 days until normal DEROS and have elected to remain in RVN until completion of their overseas service tours in order to comply with their assignment instructions.

(4) A roster of pers who have DA assignment instructions and who have elected to redeploy with their unit. This listing will be used by HQ, USARV, to cancel existing DA assignment instructions.

e. Final Awards Report: Final awards report must be submitted to HQ, USARV, ATTN: AVHAG-PD in accordance with Appendix XII, USARV Supplement 1, to AR 672-5-1 not later than 2 days prior to X-day. It will cover the period extending from the end of the previous monthly report to the date of the final unit redpl. This report will be annotated in accordance with Section 2-26 para e, USARV Manual 600-1.

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APPENDIX 3 (MORNING REPORTS) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPOD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance concerning the preparation and disposition of morning reports during the preparation for, and execution of inactv/redpl.
2. GENERAL: Morning reports will continue to be prepared as prescribed by current DA and USARV directives throughout all phases of inactv/redpl. The proper preparation and submission of morning reports during inactv is vital to proper pers mgt and acct. Before a unit can be inactv all pers must be reassigned to bring the unit to zero strength both on the morning report and the Personnel Master File (PMF) maintained at HQ USARV. Before a unit can be redpl to another command and thus clear USARV strength files, the morning report must reflect the exact status of the unit.
3. PROCEDURES: All pers carried as accountable in the strength of a unit to be inactv must be reassigned to another unit or dropped from accountability effective on or before the date of inactv. The morning report must reflect zero strength on X-Day.

a. The unit strength of each reporting unit will undergo a continuous verification through reconciliation of records, rosters, and muster of pers. Because unit strength verification has been a frequent problem with other commands affected by inactv all three of the procedures described below will be used by each morning report unit affected:

(1) Muster formation: Unit (company and battery) muster formations will be conducted by the unit CO, using 100% roll call. Upon determination that differences exist between the unit morning report strength and the actual "accounted for" strength, corrective action must be taken immediately. Up-to-date unit rosters will be forwarded to the Chief, Personnel Records Branch (AVBE-AGR) with a specific morning report to be announced.

(2) Rosters to be prepared by the custodian of pers records: Chief, PRB, will prepare a roster of personnel for each company-size unit with one or more items of data omitted (i.e., rank, DOR, DEROS, status, etc). Those rosters will be furnished to the unit commander for verification with personnel records. Differences will be resolved immediately with the unit concerned.

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(3) Reassignment Data Card: CO's of each company-size unit will initiate a Reassignment Data Card (USARV Form 614) which will be supplied beforehand by the Chief, PRB. Only the name, grade, SSAN, and status will be reflected for each individual. Cards will be forwarded to AVBE -AGR with a specifically requested morning report. The data on the cards will be verified by the Chief, PRB/ORB and any strength differences resolved with the unit concerned.

b. Implementing instructions relative to morning report remarks and disposition of records will be announced by this headquarters in separate communication after coordination with the USARV Data Service Center.

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APPENDIX 4 (HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORT 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide instructions concerning the disposition of hospitalized pers assigned to units scheduled to redpl/inactv.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Pers hospitalized on the 12th day prior to redpl/inactv date will be reassigned by HQ, USARV to a unit located near the hospital. Pers hospitalized subsequent to X-12 will be reassigned upon hospitalization.

b. Pers hospitalized in an organic medical treatment facility will be reassigned to a unit which is not redpl/inactv, NLT 12 days prior to units redpl/inactv date.

c. Pers hospitalized in a USARV medical treatment facility (assigned to the Patient Casualty Company) will be reassigned NLT 12 days prior to units redpl/inactv date.

d. MR accountability procedures:

(1) Redpl/inactv unit will gain the individual(s) from USARV Patient casualty Company (RSG Gains).

(2) Redpl/inactv unit will lose the individual(s) to the gaining unit as designated by HQ USARV w/an EDCSA OF X-12.

(3) Upon release from medical treatment facility, individual will proceed to unit to which reassignment was effected and this unit will make a MR entry reflecting a gain from the USARV Patient Casualty Company.

(4) Pers returning to duty upon release from the medical treatment facility will report to Personnel Management Branch, Phu Tai, for assignment/reassignment within the 173d Abn Bde. Personnel in this category will not, under any circumstances, proceed to any unit within the Bde prior to reporting to Personnel Management Branch, Phu Tai.

(5) Each casualty should receive five copies of reassignment orders while in hospital status.

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APPENDIX 5 (OUTPROCESSING) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION)  
to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide implementing guidelines for thorough and smoothly executed AG outprocessing of pers involved in reassignment to CONUS, in-country transfer, and redpl.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Pers not effected by redpl/inactv by virtue of DEROS or in-country reassignment prior to the last day of standdown of their unit will outprocess at AG and Finance in Phu Tai in the normal manner.

b. Pers who will be reassigned in-country as a result of redpl/inactv will be outprocessed at Phu Tai. Pers are required to bring the following documents/records to Phu Tai for outprocessing in addition to Identification Card and Tags:

(1) Officers:

(a) DA Form 137, Installation Clearance Record.

(b) DD Form 722, Health Record.

(c) DD Form 722-1, Dental Health Record.

(d) PHS Form 731, International Certificate of Vaccination.

(2) Enlisted Pers: All items listed in para 2b(1), above, plus:

(a) DA Form 1315, Reenlistment Data Card.

(b) DA Form 3527, Individ/Organizational Clothing and Equipment Record (Male).

c. Pers who will redeploy with their units will receive abbreviated outprocessing in the standdown area, to include:

(1) Finance Outprocessing: (TAB A)

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- (a) Resolution of pay needs and inquiries.
- (b) Election of JUMPS pay options.
- (2) Postal briefing on contraband and completion of postal locator cards.
- (3) Preparation of Identification Card and Tags for those pers requiring them.
- (4) Medical, to include administration of required immunizations.
- (5) Disposition of:
  - (a) MACV Form 5, Currency Control Plate.
  - (b) MACV Form 333, Ration Card.
- (6) Orientation of necessity for remaking DA Forms 41, Record of Emergency Data, after redpl.

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TAB A (FINANCE) to APPENDIX 5 (OUTPROCESSING) to INDEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide uninterrupted finance services to pers redpl/trf under the OPORD.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Assumption: CONUS station (TBA) Finance and Accounting Office will assist pers of this office redpl with each increment in accomplishing the above mission until this office is reestablished and in full operation at its new CONUS location.

b. Pers redpl to CONUS will be proc at Cha Rang Valley. Finance records for these pers will be carried to CONUS by finance pers redpl with each increment.

c. Pers departing on normal DEROS or in-country transfer will outprocess at the Finance Office, Phu Tai, in the normal manner.

d. Actions to be accomplished during outprocessing:

(1) Redpl pers:

(a) Election of pay option for conversion to JUMPS-Army.

(b) Records check to include stops, starts, and changes to allotments.

(c) Completion of necessary forms to effect final settlement of Savings Deposits for pers desiring accelerated repayment.

(d) Election of type of pay desired prior to movement with the following options available:

1. Election or refusal of \$20.00 partial pay, to be made available to all pers.

2. Payment of amounts accrued in members' accounts.

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3. Advance pay.

(e) Conversion of MPC and piasters to U.S. currency, details TBA.

(f) Due to the anticipated large amount of funds to be disbursed as a result of the payments described in paragraphs 2d(1)(d)2 & 3, above, these payments will be made by U.S. Treasury Check payable to the member concerned and given to him on his arrival in CONUS to alleviate possible losses of personal funds due to negligence, theft, gambling, etc. Exceptions will be allowed if funds are required for a specific purpose prior to departure or if a check is to be mailed to another authorized party in advance of member's return to CONUS.

(2) DEROS personnel:

(a) Actions described in 2d(1)(b), (c), and (d) (2 and 3) above.

(b) Routine partial pay also available.

(3) In-country transfer personnel: Actions described in 2(d)(1)(b) and (d)1, above.

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APPENDIX 6 (CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe procedures for the administration of civilian employees during redpl of this Bde.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. DAC Employees: The Bde Safety Officer will coordinate with USARV Safety Office for reassignment.

b. Local National Employees:

(1) Commanders and NAF's employing personnel thru Qui Nhon area civilian personnel office will:

(a) Submit a request for Pers Action (Standard Form 52) for each local national employee to the area civilian pers officer requesting separation.

(b) Coordinate with the area civilian personnel officer the release of employees to prevent required payment of compensation in lieu of advance notice. Employees will be released only upon receipt of a SF 50 (Report of Personnel Action) authenticated by civilian personnel officer, Qui Nhon.

(c) Coordinate with the Bde PM to withdraw passes of terminated employees.

(2) Imprest funds employing local national ATK personnel will be closed IAW USARV Reg 37-1.

(3) DOHIF's employing personal hire pers will be closed out IAW USARV Reg 230-2. The final financial statement will be forwarded to Bde S-1 NLT five days prior to standdown of the unit.

(4) Bde S-5 will coordinate with DCSOPS, HQ, USARV to effect disposition of members of the "Luc Luong 66" (Force 66) program (formerly Kit Carson Scouts).

(5) All employees of US-Invited contractors will be the responsibility of the indiv contractor.

(6) Disposition of civilian employees of the Vietnam Regional Exchange will be the responsibility of VRE.

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APPENDIX 7 (AWARDS AND DECORATIONS) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe awards guidance and procedures and thereby facilitate recognition and awards for all deserving pers with minimum administration.
2. GENERAL: The awards program is founded on two basic concepts:
  - a. All deserving pers should be recognized.
  - b. Paperwork requirements must be minimal.
3. PREPARATION: The following steps will be accomplished prior to redpl/inactv.
  - a. The Bde master card file on awards will be broken down by Bn/Sep Co's. The cards of the unit to be redpl/inactv will be identified and separated.
  - b. A team will be designated to review all records in the redpl unit to assure agreement with the master card file. Any discrepancies will be corrected during the screening.
4. AWARDS SYSTEM: It is extremely probable that a large number of awards will have to be processed and distributed in a short period of time. Because of this, CO's must insure pers nominated for awards are eligible. Awards will continue to be submitted in accordance with criteria outlined in Bde Reg 672-1. The following ground rules will apply:
  - a. Normally Specialist Fives and below will not receive a Bronze Star Medal for Service under the overprint system because of the level of responsibility at which they normally perform their duties.
  - b. No more than one service award will be awarded to any indiv under the overprint system.
  - c. No one having less than six months in RVN at the time of redpl/inactv will be given a service award. For pers being reassigned in RVN, recommendations for service awards should accompany the indiv's records to the gaining organization. CO's should identify these indiv's ASAP and prepare recommendations on USARV Form 157-R's to be forwarded to the gaining unit in the indiv's MPRJ.
  - d. Recommendations for awards will be reviewed by Bn CO's and forwarded over their signature.
5. FOREIGN AWARDS: Upon official notification of redpl/inactv this headquarters will no longer accept recommendations for Vietnamese Awards.

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APPENDIX 8 (POSTAL) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to  
OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance for termination of postal service to units, disposition of Post Office Dept equip and inactv of postal section.

2. BN/SEP COMMANDER:

a. Unit fund custodians must cancel or furnish change of address for all suppliers of unit fund items, equip, periodicals, publications and pocket books. This must be done at earliest date that unit's next address is known in order to allow for change of address to become effective on date of move. Units inactv must cancel all subscriptions and orders from suppliers.

b. Custodians of clubs and messes must notify vendors/suppliers of order cancellations and change of address where applicable.

c. All Post Office mailbags or equipment used by unit mail clerks must be returned to the servicing postal facility daily. All mailbags prior to return must be thoroughly checked by unit mail clerk to prevent mail from being left inside mail bags. Slide labels must be removed from drawstring lock of canvas equip and from neck of nylon equip.

d. Increased emphasis and command interest must be given to publicize restrictions against mailing of contraband. Routine shakedown of pers is suggested as deterrent to contraband mailing. Use of DA label 10 must be tightly controlled by commanders to prevent sending of contraband in official mail.

e. Controls must be established and strictly enforced to prevent last minute attempts at converting illegally acquired funds into money orders. Commanders must not authorize personnel to purchase money orders in monthly totals greater than indiv's pay statement for that month.

f. Accountable mail records (DA Forms 434 and POD Form 3883 plus POD Form 3849) will be redpl with the unit. Accountable mail records for inactv units will be forwarded through Records Management Officer to the USARYIS (Okinawa) Records Center.

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g. Publicize the importance of having all personnel notify all correspondents and publishers of change of address at earliest date. Emphasize need for complete return address and need for ZIP Code/APO number on all outgoing mail.

h. Insure that prior to redpl/inactv that one (1) DA Form 3531, AMDS Locator Card, and three (3) DD Forms 1175, Locator Cards, are properly completed by all pers prior to movement or inactv date. Disposition of Locator Cards will be as follows:

(1) Forward DA Form 3531 to Bde Postal Officer.

(2) Forward two copies of DD Form 1175 to Bde Postal Officer.

(3) Retain one locator card in Bn/Sep Co locator files. Inactv units serviced through another unit must forward this card to servicing unit mail rooms. Inactv units serviced directly from Bde Post Office need not make third copy of DD 1175.

i. All DD 1175 Locator Cards must have individual non-military forwarding address.

3. BDE AG:

a. Provide Postal Officer with list of pers redpl, separating from service and reassigned within RVN by unit. List must be given to Postal Officer at least one day prior to movement for match against Locator cards.

b. Provide Postal Officer with minimum of two copies of each redpl/inactv order for use in changing Pacific Mail Distribution.

c. Assist Postal Officer in coord with servicing Finance office to expedite receipt of final US Treasury Check for all cash received from sale of stamps and stamp paper.

4. BDE POSTAL OFFICER:

a. Coordinate with following pers prior to shutdown of postal finance operation:

(1) Bde Finance Officer to expedite receipt of final Treasury Checks during the last four days of financial transactions.

(2) HQ MACV to discontinue issue of MACV form 385.

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(3) USARV Director of Postal Operations to laterally transfer remaining money orders after final close of business. USARV Director of Postal Operations will advise Postal Officer where remaining stamp stock facility code cards post marking devices and purpose date stamps, will be transferred.

(4) Postmaster San Francisco, for exchange of stamp stock and resolution of fixed credit accountability. Arrange for return of accountable Post Office Department equipment which cannot be transferred.

(5) CO, 38th BPO, Long Binh, for transfer of mine detector.

(6) CO, 39th BPO, Cam Ranh Bay, for disposition of non-accountable equip and empty mail bags.

b. Forward on D-day a letter to each AG Publication Center to insure pinpoint distribution publications accounts are trf or cancelled, another letter will be sent on D-day to Postmaster, San Francisco requesting discontinuance of all Postal Publications to APO 96250.

c. Submit scheme changes to CO, US Army Military Mail Terminal San Francisco, when standdown dates are known. Changes to Pacific Mail Distribution Scheme for redpl/inactv units will be as follows:

(1) Surface mail will be cut off (trapped) at USAMMT, San Francisco, starting 45 days prior to redpl/inactv.

(2) Sam, PAL and time value publications will be cut off 15 days prior to redpl/inactv in order to redirect mail to new unit location.

(3) Air Mail, First Class letter mail and Official mail will be cut off five days prior to redpl/inactv.

(4) Inactv units will have locator service given by USAMMT San Francisco using date taken from individuals newly completed DA Form 3531.

d. Complete processing of claims and investigations prior to closing of APO USARV Director of Postal Operations will be notified by Postal Officer of any claims pending completion prior to shut down of Post Office.

e. Audit all accountable items (equip, funds, stamp stocks) with another officer appointed on orders. Audit will be not later than the close of business on last day of Postal finance operations.

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f. Dispose of records as prescribed in AR 340-18-11. Accountable mail records will be forwarded to Postmaster, San Francisco.

g. Submit the following required reports:

(1) Report of Postal Operations (MACV Form 430) will be submitted as a final close of business to USARV Director of Postal Operations.

(2) Postal Operations Report (DA Form 1179) will be submitted as a final report on date following close of postal operations to USARV and DA.

(3) Furnish USARV Postal Operations a list of all past and present postal pers along with forwarding address.

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APPENDIX 9 (SPECIAL SERVICES) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPOD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance for Special Services activities during redpl.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Disposal of equipment and facilities: Special Services office will dispose of its assets and facilities on a schedule to be provided by Director, USARV Special Services Agency.

b. Disposition of Film Accounts:

(1) Brigade Special Services Office will provide USARV, ATTN: AVHAG-BR, with a schedule for discontinuing film accounts.

(2) Projection equipment will be turned in through normal supply channels, and films will be returned to the film distribution point.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde Special Services Officer:

(1) Coordinate with Bde S-4 to use TA 28-1 items within the Bde at the standdown area.

(2) Continue to schedule USO shows with priority to the stand-down area.

b. Unit Commanders: Turn in all Special Services equip through normal supply channels during standdown period.

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APPENDIX 10 (DISPOSITION of NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS) to ANNEX H  
(PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE  
BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance in the administration of unit funds for units inactivating in RVN and units redpl to CONUS.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Inactivating Units:

(1) Funds of units to be inactiv, whether in RVN or upon return to CONUS, will be dissolved in RVN.

(2) Immediately upon notification of the unit's inactiv all outstanding obligations of the fund must be liquidated and charge accounts, if any, closed. Unit will cease submission of dividend reports to CPF.

(3) Cash on hand, whether petty cash or dividend checks from the Central Post Fund, will be deposited in the fund's bank account.

(4) Prior to date of unit standdown the following actions will be accomplished:

(a) A terminal audit of the dissolved fund will be performed by an officer from the next higher headquarters. Prior to unit standdown, documentary evidence of unresolved claims against will be identified and disclosed in the terminal audit. Total cash accountability of the fund will be determined by the audit.

(b) The funds bank account will be closed-out with documentary evidence obtained verifying this action.

(c) A letter will be written by the custodian to the servicing banking facility requesting the account be closed-out.

(d) A check reducing the checking account to zero, a copy of the letter to the bank requesting the checking account be closed, documentary evidence of any unresolved claims, and all property will be transferred to the servicing Central Post Fund.

(e) Dissolved unit fund accountable records will be disposed IAW AR 340-18-3. They will not be forwarded to the servicing Central Post Fund.

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b. Redeploying Units:

(1) Funds of units redpl from RVN for retention in an active status, regardless of new duty station, will retain possession of all unit fund cash assets, fund-owned property, and records.

(2) All cash on hand, whether petty cash or dividend checks from the Central Post Fund, will be deposited in the fund's bank account prior to redpl.

(3) Fund custodians will notify the servicing banking facility prior to redpl of the change of duty stations. Within ninety days after arrival at the CONUS duty station the checking account used in RVN will be closed out with a new one being opened at the nearest banking facility.

(4) Fund-owned property excess to the needs of the unit, unserviceable fund-owned property and property on loan from other non-appropriated funds will be disposed of before departure from RVN IAW USARV Supplement 1 to AR 230-1 and USARV Regulation 230-21. Any items for sale may be coordinated through the Central Purchasing Agency. All such transactions must be completed prior to beginning of unit standdown.

(5) Serviceable fund-owned property will accompany the unit or be shipped as soon as possible to the unit at its new duty station.

(6) An audit of such fund is not required prior to redpl.

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APPENDIX 11 (RECORDS MANAGEMENT) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide guidance on the administration, transfer and disposition of records during inactv/redpl.
2. OBJECTIVE: To insure all records of the units of this Bde are properly disposed of retained or transferred.
3. PROCEDURES:

a. Notification of USARV Records Administrator: The Bde AG will notify the USARV Records Administrator of the Bde redpl and request specific instructions on the disposition of records.

b. Redeployment to CONUS:

(1) Files eligible for destruction will be destroyed before departure by Bns and separate Co's.

(2) Current files not eligible for destruction will be taken to CONUS.

(3) All files created prior to 1 Jan 69 will be transferred to Bde AG then to USARYIS Records Center.

(4) Semi-active and inactive files not eligible for destruction will be shipped to Bde AG, then to USARV Consolidated Records Collecting Point (App II USARV Reg 340-1).

c. Units Inactivating in Vietnam:

(1) Files eligible for destruction will be destroyed by units inactivating.

(2) Remaining files will be transferred to Bde AG for further retirement (App II, USARV Reg 340-1).

d. Officer/NCO/EM Clubs:

(1) Following records will be transferred to the Vietnam Open Mess Agency:

(a) Check books and registers.

(b) Board of Governor minutes.

(c) Accounts Payable Ledger.

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- (d) Correspondence with vendors.
- (e) Purchase Orders and Invoices.
- (f) Delivery Accounts and Disbursement Vouchers.
- (g) Time Sheets.
- (2) Remaining records will be transferred to Bde AG.

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APPENDIX 12 (ORDERS) to ANNEX H (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to  
OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To provide instructions concerning the publication and distribution of orders connected with inactv/redpl.
2. GENERAL: Orders will be issued by this Headquarters for timely and expeditious movement of pers for units that are inactv/redpl.
3. PROCEDURES:
  - a. Assignment Instructions: Upon receipt of assignment instructions from HQ, USARV, individual orders issued directing the reassignment of personnel will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of AR 310-10.
  - b. Awards: General orders for awards will continue to be processed in the standard manner under the provisions of AR 310-10.
  - c. Distribution: Indiv orders will be forwarded by mail to all gaining commanders concerned as soon as possible to insure that EDCSA's assigned by USARV will be met.
  - d. Redeployment: Pers to be redpl will comply with Unit Movement Orders which will be published in operational channels and will have, as an inclosure a roster of personnel prepared by the Bde AG Section.

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APPENDIX 13 (OFFICER AND ENLISTED EFFICIENCY REPORTS) to ANNEX H  
(PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to OPOD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE  
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1. PURPOSE: To provide supplemental administrative instructions for the preparation of officer and enlisted efficiency reports on personnel affected by redpl/inactv of units.

2. OFFICERS:

a. Inactivating Units: Officers assigned to units designated for inactv will be rated using the submission criteria outlined in para 2-2, AR 623-105. Submission of optional reports using 30 duty days under conditions of rapid turnover of pers in a combat zone should be considered by raters.

b. Redeploying Units: When a rated officer's principal duty assignment and rater remains the same upon arrival at the next duty station in units redpl from RVN an OER need not be prepared.

c. Administrative Instructions: The Officer Records Branch will initiate OER packets to rating officials in sufficient time to permit the completion of the report prior to the rater officer's departure from the Bde. Finalized data in Parts I, II, V and IX will be completed by ORB prior to dispatch to the rater. Unit controls to monitor the accountability and suspense of reports will minimize the possibility of reports becoming lost and will assist ORB in complying with DA suspense dates.

3. ENLISTED: The Bde AG Section will screen records and forward to appropriate CO's those EER's which must be completed. Pers serving in RVN are required to be evaluated by use of the EER during the 5th and 11th months of their foreign service tours. A special EER may be prepared when the rated EM's performance has been, in the rater's opinion, so outstanding or so deficient as to warrant submission of an evaluation prior to a regularly scheduled one.

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ANNEX I, (MEDICAL PLAN) TO OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL.

1. GENERAL MEDICAL CARE:

a. Battalion: Each unit will be responsible for their own routine medical care from assigned AMEDS personnel until all equipment is turned in for shipment. After equipment turn in AMEDS personnel will continue unit medical care and clearance procedures using Co. B (Med) and the out processing facilities.

b. Co. B. (Med), 173d Support Battalion: Will remain operational for medical care and emergencies until the last increment. Final major operational equipment turn in will be accomplished during the period when general support medical care will be available.

2. OUT PROCESSING AND MEDICAL CLEARANCE:

a. Battalion: Surgeons will be responsible for:

(1) Accountability of medical and dental records for all personnel prior to out processing.

(2) Shot record checks and administration of necessary immunizations prior to out processing.

(3) Providing AMEDS personnel to Co. B. (Med), Support Battalion, as necessary to assist in routine and emergency patient care.

(4) Providing physician and AMEDS personnel to the out processing center medical team as necessary.

b. Out Processing Medical Team: Will consist of an element of the HHC aid station personnel and equipment augmented with battalion personnel to provide emergency care, medicines and biologicals at the out processing center at Cha Rang.

(1) Functions of out processing medical team will be:

(a) Final review of immunization and health records.

(b) Administration of necessary immunizations.

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(c) Malaria debriefing and issuance of MACV Form 270-R along with necessary anti-malaria medications (30 dapsone; 8 C-P tabs).

(d) Provide necessary sick call facilities at out processing area.

(e) Liaison with heroin testing team.

(2) Personnel in out processing center will consist of:

(a) Basic personnel: NCOIC and medics from HHC Brigade. Number will be tailored to need.

(b) Surgeon and necessary adjunct medical personnel will be furnished from the major unit being out processed during that increment.

3. HEROIN SCREENING TEST: A urine specimen for the heroin screening test will be obtained from all, repeat all, individuals out processing to leave RVN with a unit. (Routine DEROS personnel will be screened at the usual DEROS out processing centers).

a. BN:

(1) Designate officers from each deploying company who will be responsible for observing each man, individually, urinate into a specimen bottle and assure the specimen bottle is properly marked for the specific individual.

(2) Collect all specimens assuring no loss or tampering has occurred.

(3) Transport the specimens to the location specified by the Bde.

(4) Obtain results of urine screening test from contact officer at the laboratory processing the urine and relay results to the Commanding Officer.

(5) Commander's action for personnel who "flunk" the test will be published separately as it becomes available.

b. Bde will:

(1) Supply an MSC officer on 20 Jul 71 to be the contact officer at the urine testing laboratory. The contact officer

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will:

(a) Take possession of all urine specimens, by document, to be tested.

(b) Assure results are properly recorded and expeditiously reported to the individual's unit telephonically and in writing.

(c) Coordinate with the laboratory personnel to insure the Bde's tests will be accomplished promptly upon their arrival.

(2) Provide transportation of the urine specimens to the laboratory facility.

(3) Take action for disposition of those individuals who "flunk" the urine test as specified by Bde Surg (to be published separately).

4. MEDICAL SUPPLY: Will be coordinated with S4 and Support Battalion.

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ANNEX J (INFORMATION) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.  
B. USARV Msg Dtg 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout OPORD: Hotel.

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe procedures and policies for the Command Information and Public Information programs for redpl and inactv of units of the 173d Abn Bde.

2. GENERAL: The information effort is directed to two audiences:

a. Internal audience: The officers and men of the Bde. The internal effort of the Information Office will be to inform the indiv of redpl and inactv information quickly and completely, as the information becomes unclassified. The primary internal information media are command letters, command information fact sheets, and the Bde Newspaper, Firebase 173.

b. External audience: The general public and the news media. The external effort will have two objectives:

(1) Maximum production of hometown news releases. Every soldier of the Bde involved in the redpl or inactv deserves at least one hometown news release. Soldiers receiving awards deserve additional news releases.

(2) Maximum coverage by the news media. The information office will produce news releases, feature stories and photographs for dist to the news media. Visits by news media rep will be encouraged.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Command Information Program:

(1) A command letter explaining each increment of stand-down will be distr to the troops as soon as public announcement is made.

(2) Command information fact sheets will be prepared as needed. Redpl policies and procedures will be explained in appropriate detail. Information about the CONUS station will be obtained and distr. A sp fact sheet will be prepared on the heroin screening test administered to Bde personnel. Current Command information subjects, such as anti-drug abuse information and community relations, will continue to receive emphasis.

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(3) Special coverage of each major unit redpl or inactv will receive special coverage in the Firebase 173. Frequency of publication of Firebase 173 will be increased as appropriate. Sp issues of the Firebase 173 will be published as appropriate. The final issue of the Firebase 173 will be distributed on or about 14 Aug 71. Newspapers will be shipped to units in CONUS when necessary.

(4) Stars and Stripes distr will be reduced in accordance with Bde str reductions.

b. Public Information Program:

(1) Every effort will be made by CO's to insure that a hometown news release is produced for each member of their units. Additional news releases will be prepared for indiv receiving awards, especially Bronze Star Medal with "V" device or higher.

(2) News releases will be prepared by the Bde information office and delivered to the MACV Office of Information no later than 48 hours before announcement of each unit's standdown. Announcement will be made by MACV-OI.

(3) Major news media and AFVN radio and television will be contacted for full coverage during redpl and standdown activities. The Bde information office will respond to or refer to proper authority all news media queries. Visits by news media rep will be coordinated by the Bde information office.

(4) Each major unit will receive full coverage by information office pers from standdown through arrival at CONUS station.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Unit Commanders:

(1) Prepare hometown news releases as discussed paragraph 3b(1).

(2) Explain fully and completely, within security requirements, policies and procedures for redpl.

(3) Refer all press queries to the Bde information office.

(4) Provide escorts as needed for news media rep in their unit areas.

b. AG Section: Provide Bde information office with copies of all special orders for award of Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and higher.

c. Bde S3 Section: Provide timely information on unit redpl activities.

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ANNEX K (LEGAL) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG, DTG 121430Z, Jun 71

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe pro for the administration of military justice, claims, and legal assistance during standdown/inactv/redpl.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Nonjudicial Punishment UP Article 15, UCMJ: Commanders exercising Article 15 jurisdiction in cases arising in units scheduled for inactv/redpl will make every effort to insure that all actions are completed prior to inactv/redpl. In any case where appellate action cannot be completed prior to inactv of an indiv's unit, the record of pro and record of appellate action will be forwarded to the commander of the unit to which the individual is transferred.

b. Summary and Special Courts-Martial: The Bde JA will review the files of all indiv's pending trial by inferior courts-martial and will establish priorities for the trial of these cases. The order of priority will be the order of redpl of the accused and/or witnesses. In the event the investigation of an offense or the trial of an accused cannot be completed prior to redpl of his unit of assignment, coord will be effected with the Bde JA for redpl of the accused with a later increment.

c. Bad Conduct Discharge - Special Courts-Martial and General Courts-Martial. Indiv who are under investigation for an offense which ordinarily would be tried by a BCD special courts-martial or by general courts-martial, and indiv pending trial by these levels of court-martial, will be trf to another unit within the Bde, if it appears that the investigation or trial will not be completed prior to redpl of his unit of assignment. Reassignment instructions of accused personnel will be coordinated with HQ, US Army Forces MR2, in those cases where the trial cannot be completed prior to the redpl of the last increment.

d. Offenses arising during and subsequent to redeployment. Offenses arising during redpl and offenses comitted in CONUS prior to complete redpl of the Bde will be disposed of at the CONUS Instl site. The Bde JA will coord to have the CONUS Instl CO assume all court-martial jurisdiction until such time as ultimate jurisdiction at the CONUS instl site is determined. Such coord will include reappointment of Article 32 Investigating Officers.

e. Individuals in Post-Trial Confinement. Military prisoners assigned to units scheduled for inactv/redpl who are eligible for, but who have not been assigned to the Correctional Holding Detachment,

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USARV Installation Installation Stockade, will be expeditiously transferred to the CHD IAW appropriate directives.

f. Claims.

(1) Claims for loss, damage, or destruction of personal property. These claims will be processed by the Office of the Bde JA. Every effort will be made to obtain cash payment for meritorious claims prior to the departure of claimants assigned to units scheduled for redpl. Where this cannot be accomplished, claimants will be advised to file their claims at the CONUS instl site.

(2) Foreign Claims. Pending investigations that have been directed by this Headquarters will be completed prior to redpl. All known incidents which may give rise to a foreign claim will be investigated by unit claims officers prior to redpl, whether investigations have been directed or not. Completed reports of claims investigations will be forwarded to this HQ, ATTN: AVBE-JA.

g. Legal Assistance. Legal assistance will be provided to units scheduled for redpl either at the office of the BDE JA or in unit areas upon request.

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ANNEX L (PROVOST MARSHAL) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71  
C. MACV Dir 608-6, 22 Oct 70.

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL.

1. PURPOSE: To establish guidance for the conduct of Military Police Activities during the redpl of the 173d Airborne Brigade.

2. CONCEPT:

a. Military Police Support: Military Police will provide continuous support during all phases of redpl.

b. Conduct of Troops: CO's will take aggressive action to maintain military discipline during the conduct of redpl operations to preclude incidents between Military Personnel and the Vietnamese Military/Civilian population.

3. TASKS:

a. Provost Marshal:

(1) Provide Military Police Support during all phases of redpl through 092400 Aug 71.

(2) Coord with PM, USARV to insure continuity of Military Police and Criminal Investigation support as follows:

(a) Assumption of Military Police responsibility by 18th MP Bde NLT 100001 Aug 71.

(3) Coord with PM, MR2 (North) on the following:

(a) Traffic control on QL-1.

(b) Military Police Support in Phu Tai and Cha Rang.

(4) Coord with CO, 8th MP Gp (CI), to determine final disposition of each case and transfer CI evidence prior to redeployment.

(5) Provide necessary training of unit customs inspectors prior to the start of unit customs inspections.

(6) Provide guidance to CO's for orienting per on:

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- (a) Registration of privately owned weapons and war trophies.
- (b) Non-mailable items.
- (c) Physical security of personal property.
- (7) Coord with CO's on prevention of illegal activities with particular attention to:
  - (a) Physical Security at assembly, staging, and equipment storage areas.
  - (b) Smuggling and black market activities.
  - (c) Illegal currency transactions.
  - (d) Illegal or improper use of drugs, narcotics and marihuana.
- (8) Forward all PW Detainee Files to HQ USARV, ATTN: AVHPM-PW prior to redeployment.

b. Commanders:

- (1) CO's will take necessary action to prevent illegal activities with particular attention to items listed in par 3a(7).
- (2) Preambarkation Orientation: Orientations of redpl pers will include the following topics:
  - (a) Current US customs requirements, regulations, and procedures.
  - (b) Restricted or prohibited items which cannot be transported or introduced into the US.
  - (c) Requirements for importation of war trophies.
  - (d) Prohibition on possession and/or use of dangerous drugs, narcotics and marihuana.
  - (e) Indiv responsibility for safe-guarding personal property.
  - (f) Items prohibited on board aircraft.
- (3) During standdown all AWOL's will be dropped from the rolls as deserters. DA Form 3545 will be initiated by the AWOL's unit and sent to the PMO.

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(4) Unauthorized Items:

(a) A "no questions asked turn-in period" will be announced during standdown enabling personnel to turn-in unauthorized weapons, ammunition and contraband in their possession. Upon expiration of a reasonable "no questions asked turn-in period", an unannounced, thorough shakedown inspection of personnel and the unit area will be conducted.

(b) All unauthorized weapons, ammunition, and contraband will be turned over to the Bde Provost Marshal's Office.

c. Customs Clearance Procedures:

(1) Customs inspection teams, composed of officers and senior non-commissioned officers, will be formed by each unit; Military Police will augment the team. Unit customs inspectors will be appointed on orders. Custom inspection activities will be centralized at Bn level and be accomplished uniformly, and impartially.

(2) Unit customs inspectors will inspect organizational vehicles, equipment and supplies immediately prior to packing and palletization of the equipment for shipment to CONUS.

(3) Provost Marshal inspection teams will inspect accompanied and handcarried baggage prior to redpl of the unit to CONUS.

(a) All personnel, accompanied and hand-carried baggage will be inspected. Accompanied baggage will then be maintained under guard until delivered to the aircraft. Once inspected, indiv will not be permitted access to accompanied baggage until arrival in CONUS.

(b) Once inspected, pers will be kept under close supervision to prevent the introduction of prohibited/restricted items following final clearance. Movement to the aircraft must be continuous and carefully coordinated. If pers have access to previously inspected accompanied baggage, depart the immediate area, remain in any area or compound overnight, or are exposed to visitors, local nationals or other uninspected personnel, their customs bond will be considered broken and an additional, complete pre-boarding inspection of all pers, accompanied and handcarried baggage will be conducted.

(c) Customs inspections must be so complete and thorough that troop CO's are able to certify, in writing, that personnel under their command are not in possession of prohibited/restricted items. (See Appendix 2).

APPENDIXES: 1 - Prohibited and Restricted Articles  
2 - Commanders Certificate

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APPENDIX 1 (PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ARTICLES) to ANNEX I  
(PROVOST MARSHAL) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PROHIBITED ARTICLES: The following articles are prohibited from being exported by an individual from RVN to US or transported via military aircraft or ship departing RVN.
  - a. Absinthe (liqueur).
  - b. Alcoholic confectionary or liquor candy.
  - c. Ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and flammables (brasso, lighter fluid) (See paragraph 2c(4)(i), below).
  - d. Atomic energy material.
  - e. Bird feathers (except chickens, ducks, geese, ostriches, pigeons and turkeys).
  - f. Convict or forced labor products.
  - g. Counterfeit coins, currency, stamps, securities, tokens, or devices in the likeness of US coin.
  - h. Eggs (gamebird and migratory bird).
  - i. Fruits and vegetables.
  - j. Hair and leather brushes with animal hair or bristles.
  - k. Hay and straw.
  - l. Injurious insects, larvae, pupae or eggs.
  - m. Insecticides, fungicides, or rodenticides.
  - n. Lottery tickets.
  - o. Narcotics, dangerous drugs, or marihuana.
  - p. Obscene or immoral articles.
  - q. Plants, bulbs, cuttings, roots, trees, or seeds.
  - r. Reptiles.
  - s. Pictures of war dead, friendly or enemy.
  - t. Psittacine birds.
  - u. Seditious matter, advocating treason or insurrection against the US.

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- v. Switchblade knives.
- w. Viruses, scrums, or toxins.
- x. Wild game animals, birds, fish, or mammals.

2. RESTRICTED ARTICLES:

a. Alcoholic beverages:

(1) Pers returning to the US may import one wine gallon of duty free alcoholic spirits if:

(a) It accompanies the individual.

(b) Three quarts of the one gallon are distilled or otherwise manufactured and bottled in the US, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam.

(2) Alcoholic beverages must be part of the indiv's hand carried baggage and remain sealed in the original container at all times aboard the aircraft.

b. Drugs and medical preparations: Small quantities for personal use are admissable if:

(1) The prescription is not over 90 days old (refills excepted).

(2) The prescription label is prepared in legible form with a physician's/dentist's name and date of issue.

(3) Those individuals whose prescriptions do not meet the above criteria will be closely questioned and a sample of the drug will be taken. If any doubt persists, the medication will be confiscated and the indiv will be referred to the nearest medical facility, with his medical records. If the indiv requires the medication for current extended illness he is to be referred to the senior customs officer.

c. Privately Owned Weapons: Procedures for shipping privately owned weapons are as follows:

(1) Firearms exported from and being returned to the US by the same indiv may be shipped with a properly executed DD Form 1252 signed by the indiv's CO or an authorized military customs designee.

(a) The certificate must be as follows:

"I certify that I have examined all items in this shipment

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and required proof for importation and to the best of my knowledge and belief this shipment consists only of privately owned weapons taken out of the United States or possessions or caused to be shipped from the United States or possessions by (rank, name, SSAN)."

(b) The DD Form 1252 must contain a description of the rifle or firearm being imported.

(2) Firearms exported from and being returned to the US by the same person may be shipped with a properly sworn statement in lieu of obtaining a CO's certificate.

(a) The statement must be sworn before a commissioned officer authorized to administer oaths, and must indicate that the individual took the same firearm out of the US which he seeks to import.

(b) The affidavit is to be placed on the customs Declaration, DD Form 1252.

(3) Firearms acquired outside of the US or its possessions and shipped to the US must be accompanied by an IRS Form 6, License for Importation of Firearms. Exception: An aggregate of not more than three sporting rifles, or shotguns (excluding any firearm prohibited by the National Firearms Act, or any firearm of military surplus origin) may be shipped if the following steps are completed:

(a) The indiv completes Section II of IRS Form 6.

(b) The indiv completes Section I of IRS 6-A (Release and Receipt for Imported Weapon).

(c) The completed forms are to accompany the weapon during shipment.

(d) The weapon may be handcarried as accompanied baggage and IRS Form 6 and 6-A may be acquired from the US customs inspector at CONUS point of entry.

(e) The indiv has been on active duty for at least a 60 day period outside the US.

(f) The weapons are for the indiv personal use.

(4) The following categories of weapons are not authorized to be retained.

(a) A shotgun having a barrel, or barrels, of less than 18 inches in length.

(b) A weapon made from a rifle, if it has an overall length of less than 26 inches, or a barrel, or barrels, of less than 16 inches in length.

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(C) Any other weapon or device, other than a pistol or revolver, having rifle bore or bores, from which a shot is discharged by the energy of an explosive, and which is capable of being concealed on the person of a pistol or revolver having a barrel with a smooth bore designed to fire fixed shotgun ammunition; or a weapon with combination shotgun and rifle barrels 12 inches or more, but less than 18 inches in length from which a single discharge can be made from either barrel without manual reloading.

(D) A machine gun.

(E) A muffler or silencer.

(F) A destructive device such as any incendiary, poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket or missile, mine; any type of weapon which will, or which may, be readily converted to expel a projectile by explosive action or any other propellant, the barrel or barrels, of which have a bore more than one-half inch in diameter except a shotgun or shotgun shell.

(5) Items made from expended US ammunition or cartridge cases may be shipped by personnel rotating on PCS orders.

d. Pets. Importation of pets requires special import licences. Pets will not be shipped via military Aircraft Command (MAC) aircraft.

e. Tobacco products:

(1) A total of 100 cigars may be hand carried and/or shipped in accompanied baggage.

(2) 12 cartons of cigarettes may be hand carried and/or shipped in accompanied baggage.

(3) Tobacco products will not be shipped in unaccompanied baggage or household goods.

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APPENDIX 2 (COMMANDERS CERTIFICATE) to ANNEX L (PROVOST MARSHAL)  
to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

TROOP COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO  
EXAMINATION OF TROOP BAGGAGE

With the exceptions listed below, all troops under my command  
arriving from abroad on aircraft No. \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
have been inspected for purposes of United States Customs and  
United States Department of Agriculture.

I certify that:

1. With the exceptions listed below, none of these troops have  
in their possession any articles prohibited or restricted by  
the laws and regulations administered by United States Customs  
and United States Department of Agriculture.
2. None of these troops have in their possession any fresh  
fruits, vegetables, plants, animals, meat or animal products  
that are prohibited or restricted by laws and regulations  
administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any  
dogs, cats, monkeys, parrot-family birds, or shipment of  
disease organisms or their transmitting agents.
3. At en route stations, I have briefed passengers that no  
food or animals of any kind were to be carried aboard the air-  
craft and that under no circumstances will any baggage be re-  
moved from the aircraft until final destination is reached.

TROOP COMMANDER \_\_\_\_\_

(Name, Rank, and Serial Number)

No. of Precleared Passengers \_\_\_\_\_

Airport of Departure (RVN) \_\_\_\_\_

EXCEPTIONS

THIS FORM WILL BE DELIVERED TO US CUSTOMS AT  
THE FIRST PORT OF ARRIVAL AT CONUS

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ANNEX M (SECURITY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: Hotel.

1. PURPOSE: Outline procedures and responsibilities pertaining to security and related functions in preparation for, during and after execution of OPORD 10-71.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde S2 has staff responsibility to insure actions required in this Annex are executed.

b. Persons indicated are responsible for execution of cited tasks.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Security Guidelines of Redeployment Information: See Appendix 1.

b. Visual Reconnaissance (VR):

(1) 219th Recon Acft Co (-) relocates from LZ English NLT 1 Aug 71. (CO, 219th RAC).

(2) VR support remains available until 25 Aug 71. (CO, 219th RAC).

(3) USARMYF MR2 is notified of termination date of VR support requirement (Bde S2).

c. Radio Research:

(1) Field location terminates operations one day prior to close out of instl (CO, 404th RRD).

(2) Mission tasking is transferred/terminated as directed by 313th Radio Research Bn (CO, 404th RRD).

(3) Back channel message service and receipt of SI material terminates 10 Aug 71. (CO, 404th RRD).

(4) 404th RRD relocates from LZ English NLT 20 Aug 71. (CO, 404th RRD) (See Annex D for facility clearance requirements).

(5) Pers occupying Special Intelligence (SI) billets are debriefed (Bde S2).

d. Maps:

(1) As units standdown, turn maps into the Bde S2 (CO, all units).

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(2) Maps of Binh Dinh (P) are laterally transferred to ARVN/GVN units desiring same (Bde S2).

(3) Disposition instructions on remaining maps are requested from CO, 66 Engineer Map Depot, Long Binh (Bde S2).

(4) Close out of Bde map depot NLT 20 Aug 71. (Bde S2)  
(See Annex D for facility clearance requirements).

e. Imagery Interpretation: Disposition instructions are requested for photos on file (Bde S2).

f. Weather: Forecasts available until 25 Aug 71 (Bde S2).

g. TOC Operations/Spot Reports

(1) Spot reports continue to be reported IAW Bde TAC SOP until redpl (CO, all units).

(2) Bde INISUM continues to be published until time TBA (Bde S2).

h. Dufflebag:

(1) Cam Ranh Bay Dufflebag Support Facility is notified NLT 1 Jul 71 of current sensor inventory and disposition instructions are requested (Bde S2).

(2) Defensive sensor field West of LZ English will be monitored until 25 Aug 71 (Bde S2).

(3) BPS sensors at LZ Uplift are removed on approval of Instl Coordinator, LZ Uplift (Bde S2).

(4) USARMYF MR 2/USARV is notified of termination of need for sensors (Bde S2).

i. Order of Battle (OB):

(1) Disposition of files to be determined (Bde S2).

(2) OB support retained until D+47 (CO, 172d MID).

j. Interrogation Prisoner of War (IPW):

(1) IPW support to be retained until D+47 (CO, 172d MID).

(2) Disposition of files to be determined (Bde S2).

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(3) Temporary augmentation, if required, to be requested from USARMYF MR2 (Bde S2).

(4) Method of handling captured documents or material: No change from Bde TAC SOP (CO, all units).

k. Document/Personnel Security (CI):

(1) Investigations in progress to be completed NLT 1 Jul 71. USARV Control Office to be requested to cease forwarding new lead sheets. (Bde S2)

(2) Announced and unannounced CI inspections cancelled immediately (Bde S2).

(3) Combinations to all safes and locks to be affixed thereto after container has been emptied (CO, all units).

(4) Proc for disposition of classified material - See Appendix 2.

(5) Debriefing of personnel.

(a) All pers possessing a security clearance/Crypto access will be debriefed prior to departure (CO, all units).

(b) Debriefing certificates to be placed in individuals 201 file and copy of debriefing maintained by office conducting debriefing (CO, all units).

(6) Record of Clearance, Bde Form 208, to return to CONUS with unit of assignment (CO, all units).

(7) Reading Certificates (USARV Form 150-R) to return to CONUS with unit of assignment (CO, all units).

(8) Classified personal diaries, journals or other unofficial accounts of tactical action will not be taken to CONUS. All personnel will be made aware of this requirement (CO, all units).

(9) Suspension of security clearances criteria will not change. Letters of suspension will be forwarded to Bde S2, regardless of phase of standdown/redpl (CO, all units).

(10). Review all classified files for purpose of downgrading/destruction. Refer indiv cases for authority to downgrade/declassify to Bde Staff section having primary responsibility for the document. Attempt to reduce classified material to be returned to CONUS to the minimum (CO, all units).

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(11) Retain all records of CI inspections (CO, all units).

1. Volunteer Informat Program:

(1) Custodians turn funds into Bde ICF Custodian NLT 1 Jul 71 (CO, all units).

(2) ICF account to be closed out NLT 15 Jul 71 (Bde ICF Custodian).

4. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION: 173d Abn Bde TAC SOP.

APPENDIXES: 1 - Security Classification Guidelines  
2 - Disposition of Classified Documents/Material

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APPENDIX 1 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES) to ANNEX M  
(SECURITY) to OPOD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: USARV MSG DTG 170732 Jun 71, AVHDO-P 1009 71.

1. PURPOSE: To outline security guidelines pertinent to execution of OPOD 10-71.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde S2 establishes security guidelines and monitors classification of actions associated with execution of OPOD 10-71.

b. Unit commanders and staff officers will insure any action taken in response to basic OPOD is consistent with the security guidelines established below.

3. SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR REDEPLOYMENT:

a. Reference is quoted for information/action.

(1) The association of the nickname KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO with a unit larger than battalion size will be classified SECRET. If the unit is of separate company or battalion size and not mentioned in conjunction with a larger parent unit, the association of the nickname with the unit will be classified CONFIDENTIAL.

(2) The USARV and MACV operation plan for redeployment is classified SECRET/NOFORN. The security classification of this plan is changed to SECRET NOFORN except for RVNAF, AFV, NZVF, ROKFV and RTFV. During increment redeployments, only that portion of the plan pertinent to the relief-in-place of designated units, and the turn-over of responsibilities for missions, TAORS and facilities, can be released to appropriate Allied forces on a strict need-to-know basis.

(3) Consolidated troop lists i.e., lists containing two or more units of any size, will be initially classified SECRET.

(4) The fact that a separate company of a Bn will standdown for subsequent inactivation or redeployment as well as the specific dates involved will be classified CONFIDENTIAL. If the unit is larger than Bn size the information will be classified SECRET.

(5) When a separate company or Bn enters standdown, the fact that the unit will redpl or inactv will be automatically downgraded to unclassified - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. However,

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the specific dates involved will remain classified CONFIDENTIAL.

(6) Normally, official public announcement of unit redepl, or inactv will be made on standdown of the indiv unit and then only by HQ, MACV. When an official announcement is made for a unit, the security classification will be automatically downgraded to unclassified for only that information released to the press. Associated redpl or inactv information not released will remain appropriately classified. (Note: since all redpl announcements appearing in the news media are not official, this HQ will contact USARV to verify the announcement was official prior to automatically declassifying any information related to that unit).

(7) As a minimum any unclassified KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO electrically transmitted messages will be encrypted for transmission only (EFTO).

b. Bde S2 will be contacted when interpretations of appropriate classifications are required.

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APPENDIX 2 (DISPOSITION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS/MATERIAL) to  
ANNEX M (SECURITY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To outline procedures for disposition of  
classified documents and material in execution of OPORD 10-71.

2. RESPONSIBILITY:

a. Bde S2 establishes pro for disposition of classified  
documents/material.

b. Units execute pro outlined below. Where possible, the  
functions should be consolidated and performed at Bn level.

3. DISPOSITION OF DOCUMENTS:

a. General:

(1) Bn/Bde staff will review all classified material  
and destroy/downgrade where possible.

(2) Reduce the volume of classified material to the  
absolute minimum. Duplicate copies of classified documents  
required to be retained should be reduced to a single copy.

(3) Record copies of classified documents will not be  
destroyed, but transferred/retired IAW appropriate regulations.

(4) The Battalion Security Control Officer should be  
designated as responsible officer for execution of this appendix.  
Bde S2 will supervise these functions at the Bde Staff level.

(5) For those units deploying in more than one increment,  
follow the procedures as outlined below. Mailing of classified  
material in increments is discouraged but authorized when  
necessary.

(6) After classified containers are emptied, affix the  
combination to the lock/safe in such a fashion that it may not  
be accidentally removed or separated.

(7) Hand carrying of classified material during redpl is  
discouraged and should be done only when absolutely necessary.

(8) Implementation of pro outlined below should begin as  
soon as practicable after receipt of OPORD 10-71.

(9) Recall all documents on temporary loan on DA Form  
1203 immediately.

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(10) Destroy all Vietnamese classified material except those documents essential to unit history.

(11) For accountable material (SECRET and TOP SECRET) insure that the custodian performing the closeout function will redpl and will be able to receive the material at the new location. If the present custodian will not redpl with the unit, transfer accountability to a new custodian during the 100% inventory prior to shipment. Insure disinterested witness is present.

(12) Send CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET material in separate envelope(s)/container(s).

(13) Refer questions to Bde S2.

(14) Report all security violations/loss of classified material to Bde S2 immediately.

b. Confidential Material:

(1) Reduce volume to absolute minimum.

(2) Consolidate all material at one location.

(3) Prepare documents for mailing IAW Tab A to this appendix.

(4) Deliver envelope(s)/box(s) to APO and mail by REGISTERED MAIL. (Address to be provided by Bde S2 at a later date).

(5) Hand carry registered mail receipts with deploying unit.

(6) Upon closing at new location, contact post office and sign for registered package. Insure that adequate storage facilities are available for storage prior to receiving classified material.

c. Secret Material:

(1) Procedures outlined for Confidential material in subparagraph b. above will be followed.

(2) Following additional requirements are applicable:

(a) Receipts for Secret documents need not be prepared.

(b) Secret document custodian will conduct a 100% inventory with a disinterested officer of all Secret documents prior to

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packaging and execute a certificate of 100% inventory IAW para 34, USARV Reg 380-5. One copy of inventory will be sent with the documents, a second copy will be hand carried during deployment.

(c) Send by registered mail all inactive/retired destruction certificates, receipts, and document registers.

(d) Custodian will hand carry active document registers, receipts, and destruction certificates to new location.

(e) Units are discouraged from sending SECRET material in increments. In the event this becomes necessary, the documents will be hand receipted on DA Form 1203 to the individual who will comply with the provisions of this appendix as pertains to transmission.

d. Top Secret Material:

(1) Top Secret Custodian (TSC) will initiate action with staff office having primary interest in each document on file for purpose of downgrading, destruction, or transfer of all TOP SECRET documents.

(2) TSC will close the active TOP SECRET document register prior to redeployment.

(3) TSC will mail document registers, receipts, destruction certificates, and access rosters by registered mail to new location (address to be provided by Bde S2).

e. Classified Cryptographic Documents/Material: See annex F.

f. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Forward to new location with unclassified files. No special security requirements are required other than insuring FOUO material remains in official US government channels.

TABS: A - Packaging Requirements.

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TAB A (PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS) TO APPENDIX 2 (DISPOSITION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS/MATERIAL) TO ANNEX M (SECURITY) TO OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To outline packaging requirements for classified material.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde S2 establishes packaging requirements.

b. Affected units prepare documents for shipment IAW the provisions below:

3. PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS:

a. General: Insure material is wrapped, packaged, and bound securely to prevent accidental disclosure of classified material while in transit.

b. Envelopes:

(1) Place documents in opaque envelope.

(2) Seal envelope with "water type" gummed tape or stronger tape and place address (to be provided by Bde S2) and return address on envelope.

(3) Mark envelope front and back with highest classification of material contained therein.

(4) Place envelope in another opaque envelope, seal with "water type" tape and place address and return address on outer envelope. Do not place any other markings on outer envelope such as "BY SAFE HANDS" unless document will be hand carried in lieu of dispatch by registered mail.

c. Bulk:

(1) Place material in box and securely seal with "water type" or stronger tape and cord.

(2) Wrap with heavy brown paper and mark/address the package as in subparagraphs B.(2) and b.(3) above.

(3) Re-wrap box with heavy brown paper, marking it as in subparagraph b.(4) above.

(4) Secure the box with heavy cord.

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ANNEX N (MILITARY HISTORY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL

1. PURPOSE: This annex describes the historical requirements of the subordinate units in preparation for and execution of the 173 Abn Bde standdown.

2. GENERAL: In order to properly complete historical requirements, direct coordination with the 24th MHD is encouraged.

3. REQUIREMENTS:

a. Historical Properties:

(1) These are significant items of sufficient importance to warrant permanent retention for historical purposes. These items include, but are not limited to, weapons, military equipment, articles of uniform or personal equipment, works of art and unit and individual decorations. An item may have historical significance because it is associated with important persons, events or places because of traditional association with a military organization or because it is a rep example of obsolete equipment.

(2) Each unit (through its Bn Headquarters) will submit on a DF 2496 a list of historical properties which it desires to ship to CONUS. The Bde Historian will request approval from USARV on each item. Negative reports required. These reports will be submitted NLT 2 Jul 71 to this HQ, ATTN: AVBE-SC-MHD.

b. Historical Records: Any file or historical record dated prior to 1 Jan 69 must be retired as permanent regardless of content. For information concerning retirement of records, see ANNEX H (Personnel), APPENDIX 11 to this OPORD. Extreme care must be taken to insure that all historically significant files are preserved, either by retirement or taking them with the unit to CONUS.

c. Questions concerning historical properties and retention of historical records will be directed to CO, 24th MHD, telephone English 3.

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ANNEX O (ADVANCE PARTY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.

B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout Order: HOTEL.

1. PURPOSE: To establish objectives, organization, and missions of the Advance Party.

2. OBJECTIVES:

a. Prepare CONUS destination area for arrival of 173d Abn Bde.

b. Coordinate and establish requisite logistical and administrative system to sustain 173d Abn Bde operations in CONUS.

c. Ascertain mission of 173d Abn Bde in CONUS and prepare directives sufficient to achieve full combat readiness by 31 Dec 71.

3. TASK ORGANIZATION:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
CO	O6	Command the Advance Party.
S1	O3	Establish publication accounts; locate family quarters; prepare to receive personnel and finance records with appropriate processing; publication accounts; ascertain personnel services available to Bde personnel; arrange PIO coverage and appropriate ceremonies for initial body of troops.
PSNCO	E7	Assist S1
S2	E8	Ascertain security clearance procedures and secure classified documents.
S3	O4	Ascertain Bde mission(s); acquire contingency plans in draft form; prepare training directives (in draft) to include jump refresher training; prepare SOP (in draft).
Asst S3	O3	Assist S3
Opn NCO	E7	Assist S3

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Asst Opn NCO E5      Assist S3.

S4                      02      Establish the maintenance system; establish the logistical system for all elements; allocate facilities by unit (to include offices, billets, motor pools, etc.) Request telephone service; arrange for PCS property for all units.

Supply SGT E5              Assist S4

Bn Rep (12) 1 Off      Facilitate arrival of parent unit; take  
1 NCO                      charge of Bn areas assigned; assist CO  
per Bn                      of Advance Party as directed.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Pers of the Adv Pty will take every precaution and be extremely discreet in their dealings at the CONUS station not to reveal or in any way imply their association with or involvement in the 173d Abn Bde or the KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO mission.

b. Patches, badges or insignia of or associated with the 173d Abn Bde or any of its sub-units will not be worn by pers of the Adv Pty on any uniform or civilian attire at anytime during travel between IZ English and the CONUS station or after arrival at the CONUS station until permission is explicitly given by the Adv Pty CO.

c. Pers of the Adv Pty will not carry on their person, have in their possession, include in any of their belongings or display in any way, items which bear the insignia of the 173d Abn Bde or any of its sub-units or items which can be identified in any way with the 173d Abn Bde, its sub-units or the KEYSTONE ORIOLE mission until explicit permission is given by the Adv Pty CO, to have such items.

d. No attempts will be made by any pers of the Adv Pty to phone, write, communicate or associate with any relatives, friends or persons that are not part of or officially and directly associated with the 173d Abn Bde or the KEYSTONE ORIOLE mission until expressed permission is given by the Adv Pty CO.

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ANNEX P (STANDDOWN SCHEDULE) to 173D ABN BDE OPORD 10-71  
(KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: USARV OPLAN 183-70, dtd 30 Apr 70.  
USARV MSG, DTG: 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: HOTEL.

1. STANDDOWN SCHEDULES: Appendices 1, 2 and 3 are standdown schedules for units redeploying and inactivating. Appendix 1 covers the first increment, appendix 2 the second increment, and appendix 3 the third increment.

2. NOTES: The following is a list of numbered notes to be used in conjunction with the numbers found adjacent to each unit in appendices 1, 2 and 3:

<u>NOTE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
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|---|---|
| 1 | Unit returns from field duty and is transported to Cha Rang to begin standdown. |
| 2 | Unit processes personnel.   |
| 3 | Unit conducts cleaning, packing and turn-in of equipment.                       |
| 4 | Unit moves to Phu Cat for transport of personnel to CONUS station.              |
| 5 | Unit begins standdown at Phu Tai.   |
| 6 | Unit begins standdown at Cha Rang.  |
| 7 | Unit completes inactivation.  |

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## APPENDIX 1 (REVISED 5 JUL 71) to ANNEX P to 173D ABN BDE OPORD 10-71

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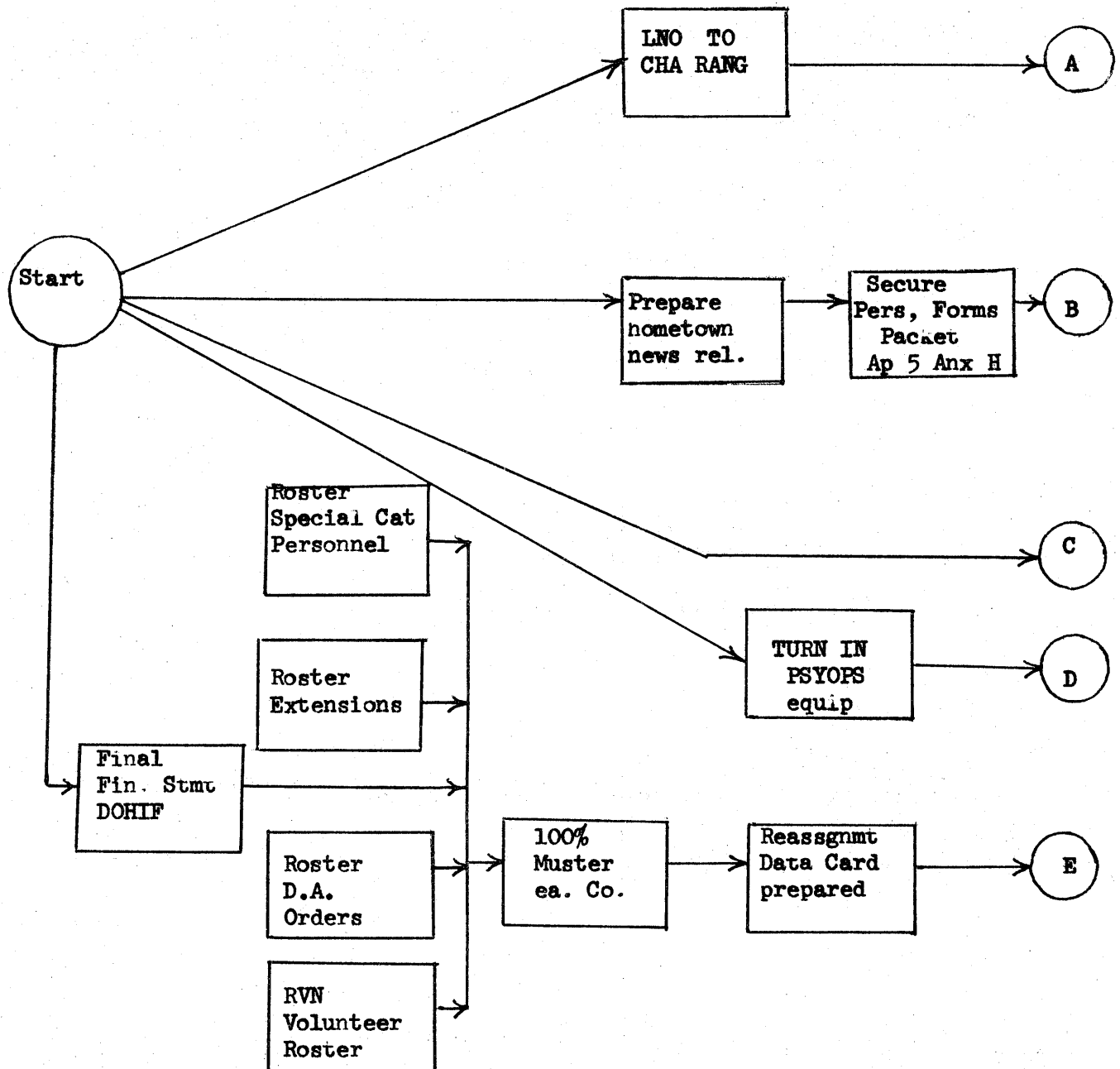
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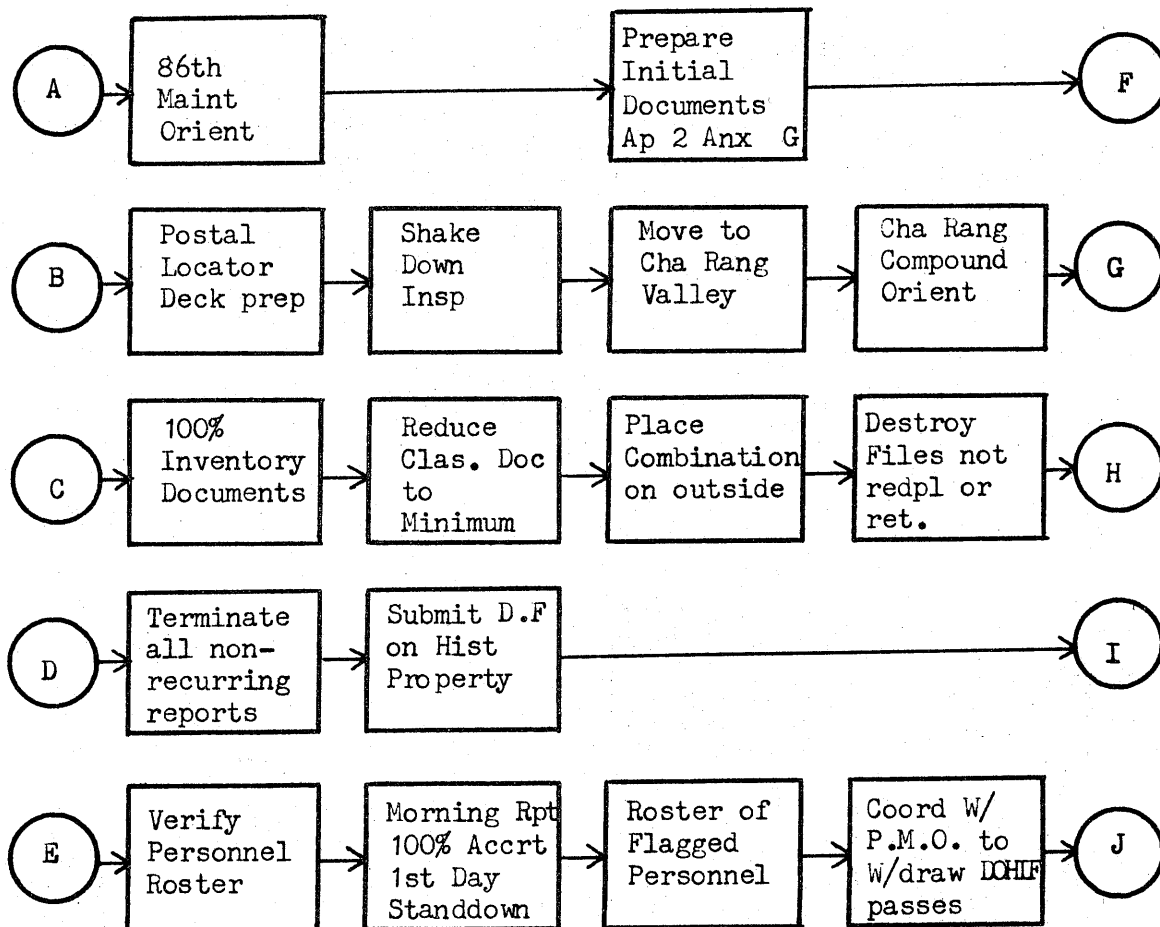
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ANNEX R (20 DAY STANDDOWN FLOW CHART) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE  
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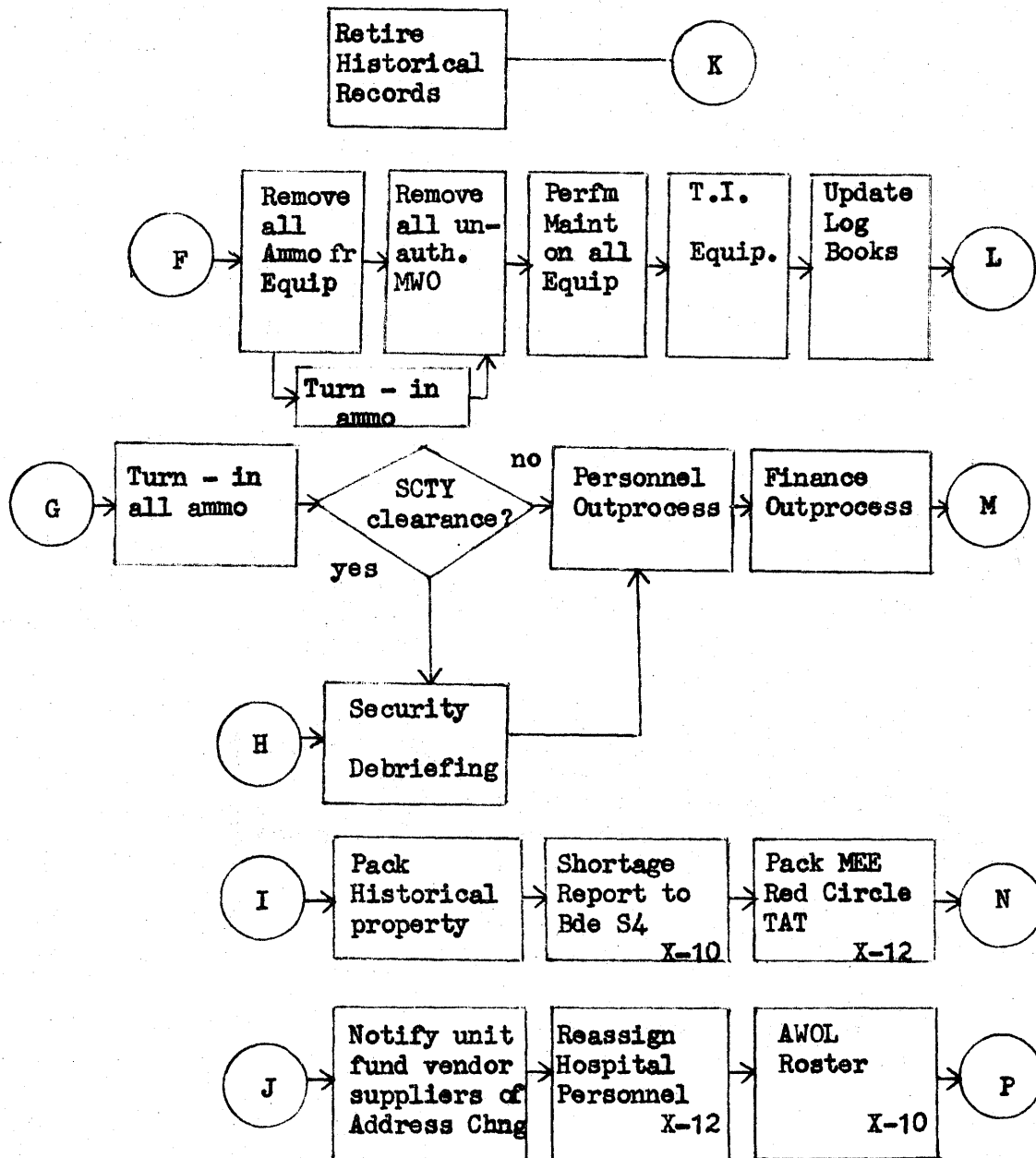
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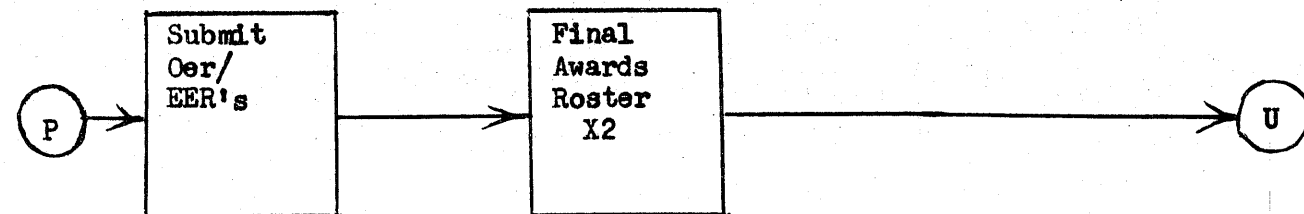
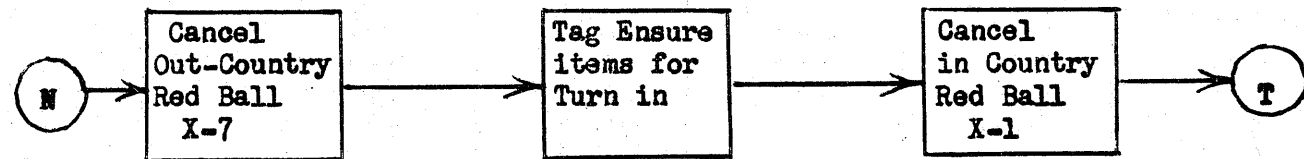
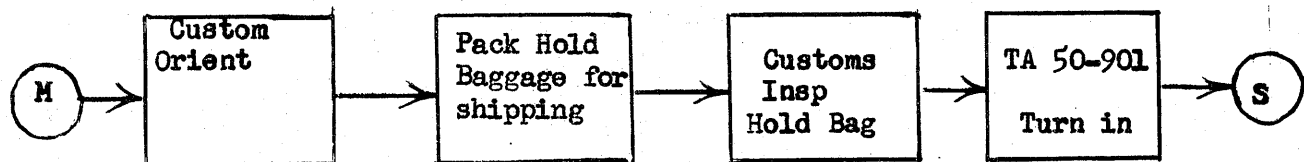
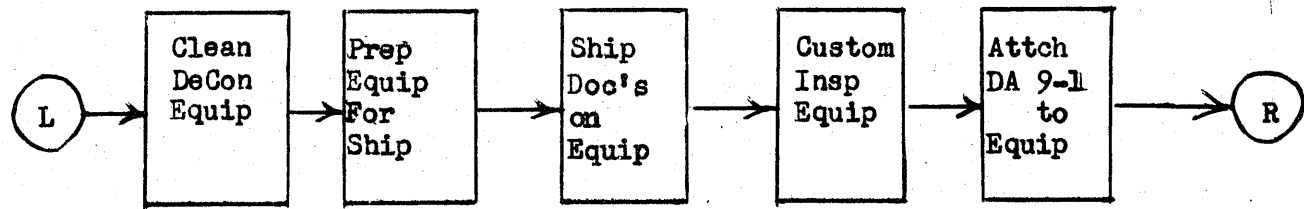
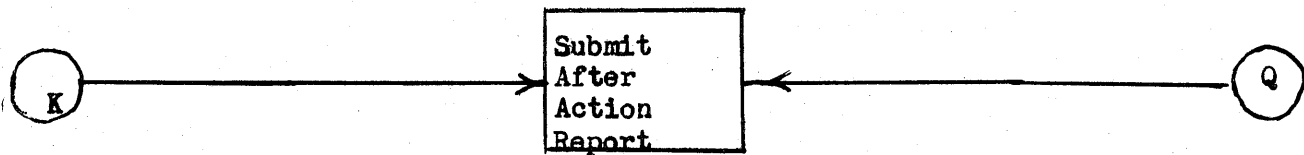
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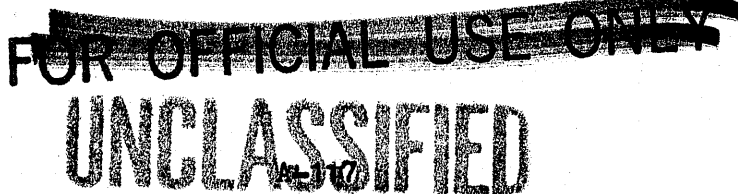
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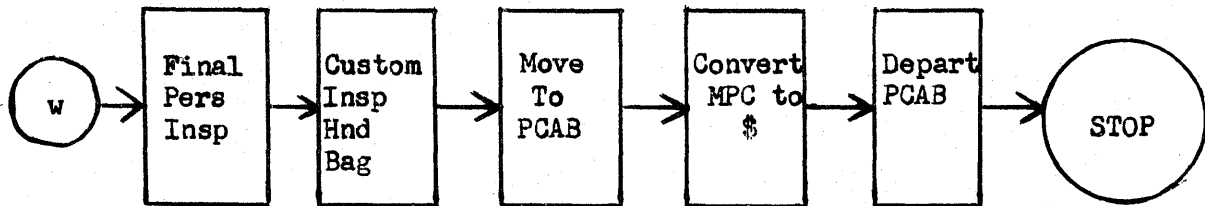
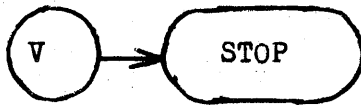
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ANNEX S (REPORTS) to OPORD 10-71, (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL

1. PURPOSE: To lists reports required to be submitted by 173d Abn Bde during redeployment.
2. GENERAL: These reports are in addition to those required by current regulations. Normal recurring reports will continue to be submitted as directed until notification to stop is given. These reports will be prepared by appropriate Bde staff officers. Bn's will submit data as required. The list below is not all inclusive and may be added to as required.
3. REPORTS:

a. Bde S-1 Section: IAW ANNEX L of Reference A.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
Redeployment Strength	Initial Report ASAP Changes 1200 hrs ea Sat	USARV 926-5853/5043
Assignment Roster	ASAP	USARV AVHAG-E/AVHAG-O
Excess Personnel	D-10	USARV AVHAG-O/AVHAG-E
Final Awards	D-2	USARV AVHAG-PD
Mess Audit	Term of Opns	USARV AVHOM

b. Bde S-3 Section: IAW ANNEX W of Reference A.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
Departure Report	After Each A/C or Ship	USARV AVHDO-P 926-5043/5044

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
Combat Unit Relief Report (Inf Bn Only)	D-12 and Upon Completion	USARV AVHDO-P
AR 220-10 Report	Upon Notification	AVHDO-P Gaining Cmd USARPAC GROUP-FD
After Action Report	30 Days After Last Departure	USARV AVHGC-OF

c. Logistical Reports: See ANNEX G.

d. Bde S-5 Section: IAW ANNEX Q of Reference A.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
Impact CA/PSYOP	24 Jun 71	USARV AVHGE
Status CA Project	24 Jun 71	USARV AVHGE
Status KCS	29 Jun 71	USARV AVHGE
Status PSYOP Equip	29 Jun 71	USARV AVHGE

e. Bde Surgeon: IAW AR 40-226

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
AMDA (RCS Med 41 (B4))	D-10	USARV AVHSV-OP

f. Bde Sig Off: IAW ANNEX G of Reference A.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUSPENSE</u>	<u>TO</u>
Nestor (Initial)	ASAP	USARV AVHGG-MM CLSCV
Nestor (Turn-in)	5 days After Turn- in	USARV AVHGG-MM CLSCV

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g. Bde Engineer: IAW Reference B.

TYPE

Excess Facilities

SUSPENSE

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ANNEX T (AFTER ACTION REPORT) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL.

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe the KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO After Action Report program.
2. RESPONSIBILITIES: The following units/detachments will submit KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO After Action Reports to this headquarters. ATTN: AVBE-SC-MHD on the dates shown:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SUSPENSE DATE</u>
2 Bn (Abn), 503 INF	20 Jul 71
173 Engr Co	21 Jul 71
172 MI Det	21 Jul 71
534 Sig Co	20 Jul 71
51 Chem Det	20 Jul 71
39 INF Plt (SD)	20 Jul 71
75 Cbt Trkr Det	10 Jul 71
3 Bn (ABN) 503 INF	9 Aug 71
4 Bn (ABN) 503 INF	20 Aug 71
3 Bn (ABN) 319 ARTY	20 Aug 71
24 MHD	20 Aug 71
46 PIO	18 Aug 71
E/17 Cav	20 Aug 71
N/75 INF (RGR)	20 Aug 71
173 Sot Bn	20 Aug 71
173 MP Plt	20 Aug 71
173 Cmmnd Avn Plt	20 Aug 71
HHC, 173 ABN Bde	20 Aug 71
SJA	20 Aug 71

3. FORMAT: Reports will be typewritten and in the format below:

I. Concept of Redpl/Inactv

II. Unit Preparation Phase

A. Pers Redpl/Inactv

B. Adv Equip Turn-In

C. Changes and FRAGO's

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III. Redpl/Inactv

- A. Pers
- B. Intel/Scty
- C. Opns
- D. Log
- E. Psyops and CA
- F. Trf of Bases (LZ's, FSB's, etc.)
- G. Info Actv

IV. Lessons Learned

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ANNEX U (BRIEFINGS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

Reference: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: Hotel.

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe the daily briefing which will be presented by the Bde redeployment center to keep the CG informed of overall progress during redeployment and for visitor briefings.

2. GENERAL: The data for progress charts will be as of 1800 hours of the preceeding day. The briefing charts will reflect four aspects of the total redeployment/inactivation as follows:

a. Numerical Representation:

(1) Personnel: The total number of personnel from each unit will be reflected by their status.

(2) Equipment: The total number of TOE Items of each unit will be reflected by their status.

b. Percentage Representation: Both equipment and personnel will be reflected by percentage of completion against projected goals.

c. Schedule of Events: A master chart will reflect the schedule of events and start and end dates for each increment and major event.

d. Flow Chart: Flow charts will depict all actions a unit must accomplish prior to inactivation/redeployment.

3. EXECUTION: The briefing will outline the progress to date, the problems encountered, the deviation, if any, from the schedule and future tasks. Significant events will be covered in detail to include the impact on total redeployment/inactivation.

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ANNEX V (AVIATION) to OPORD 10-71, (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence) to OPORD 10-71.

b. Friendly Forces: OPORD 10-71.

(1) 7/17 Cav Sqdn provides GS Avn assets as required.

(2) 79th Trans Co provides GS Avn maintenance support.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. MISSION:

173d Abn Bde continues present mission between 1 Jul and 31 Aug 71, will conduct a phased redeployment to CONUS, and achieve full operational readiness in CONUS NLT 31 Dec 71.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Avn spt for operations will be provided by organic assets until D-Day. Commencing D-Day select organic aircraft will be prep for shpmt. General Support Aviation will provide assets as required. Assets excess to TO&E will be turned in.

b. Schedule: Comd D-Day the Command Avn Sec will:

(1) (D-Day to D+10) Prepare two UH-1H acft for sea mov to CONUS.

(2) (D+12) Make three OH-58A's aval for lateral transfer to USARV.

(3) (D+12) Initiate turn-in of items to be redistributed in-country. Continue as equip becomes aval until completion.

(4) (D+20 to D+30) Prepare four UH-1H acft for sea mov to CONUS.

(5) (D+28) Make three OH-58A's aval for lateral transfer to USARV.

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(6) (D+31 to D+61) All avn spt will be provided by GS acft until redpl is completed.

(7) (D+31 to D+40) Prep two UH-1H acft for sea mov to CONUS.

(8) (D+41) All avn pers not returning to CONUS will be released to USARV for reassignment.

(9) (D+42 to D+46) Acft and avn associated equip will be moved to embarkation point.

(10) (D+59) Unit will be prepared to move on order for embarkation.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT: Annex G.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command: Cmd Avn Sec HQ at IZ English until D+48.

b. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

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ANNEX W (CIVIL MILITARY ACTIONS) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70.  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71.

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1. MISSION:

173d Abn Bde continues PSYOPS targeted against the 2d NVA Regiment and urges District and ARVN to conduct PSYOPS to reduce psychological impact of withdrawal on the civilian population.

2. GENERAL:

a. PSYOPS: Bde S5 requests leaflets and aerial speaker missions in Base Area 226 until 15 Aug 71.

b. Commodity Assistance Program:

(1) All commodity assistance items will be distributed through Bn S5's to MACV District Advisory Teams.

(2) Excess personal items will be distributed to Bn S5's or Bde S5.

(3) Scrap Materials. Bde Engr will approve what scrap materials may be used for commodity assistance distribution.

c. Local National Hire:

(1) Unit CA office will coordinate re-employment of CPO controlled employees with Qui Nhon CPO.

(2) Personal Hire. Bn's will coordinate with District Advisory Teams on terminating personal hire to lessen local impact.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Bde S5 will:

(1) Conduct Commodity assistance distribution for 3-319 FA and Spl Trps Battalion.

(2) Conduct trf of all Kit Carson Scouts.

b. Bn's S5's will:

(1) Continue management of KCS program.

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(2) Complete recommendations for awards for KCS prior to standdown.

(3) Standdown of KCS will be conducted by Bde S5.

(4) Bde S5 will notify units when KCS can be notified of standdown. KCS will be informed that they are entitled to back pay, 1 month's additional pay and a partial TET bonus. Further that the 173d Abn Bde and the US Army will assist them in finding new employment. All questions will be answered by the Bde Chief Scout at a future meeting.

(5) Bde S5 will notify units when KCS can receive stand-down orientation by Bde Chief Scout.

(6) Following the Bn orientation KCS will revert to control of Brigade S5. Up to date pay records and evaluation records will be transferred to Brigade S5.

(7) Unit will designate those KCS whose further presence are necessary for the presentation of awards, ceremonies or other reasons.

c. B Co (Med) 173d Spt Bn will transfer full responsibility for the US-ARVN Combined Dispensary to the 40th ARVN Regt.

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ANNEX X (ARRIVAL CEREMONY) to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. PURPOSE: To establish procedures for the arrival of the Brigade Colors at Fort Campbell, Ky., on a date TBA.

2. CONCEPT:

a. Annex Q is rescinded.

b. 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf, 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf, and 3 Bn 319 (Abn) FA will participate in a brigade arrival (welcome) ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky.

c. There will be no departure ceremonies for any 173d Abn Bde unit in RVN.

3. PARTICIPANTS:

a. CG USATC (INF) and Fort Campbell (Brigadier General William Birdsong).

b. Brigade Commander (Brigadier General MacFarlane).

c. Organization Commanders (2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf, 3 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf, and 3 Bn (Abn) 319 FA).

d. Color Guard, Brigade.

e. One 40-man platoon from each unit in para 3c, above.

f. Fort Campbell Band.

4. LOCATION AND FORMATION: Appendix 1.

5. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: Appendix 2.

6. UNIFORM:

a. All personnel less Color Guard: LBE (stripped), steel helmet with camouflage cover (green side out), Airborne chin strap, jungle fatigues, no weapons.

b. Color Guard: Same as above except Color Bearers will have color sling and color guards will be armed w/M-16 rifles.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf:

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- (1) Provide Bn Commander.
- (2) Provide Bn Color Guard (less National Colors).
- (3) Provide 40-man platoon w/plt leader and plt sergeant.
- (4) Provide two General Officer Flag Bearers (or as desired by BG Birdsong).

b. 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf: Para 7a(1), (2), and (3).

c. 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Abn FA: Para 7a(1), (2), and (3).

d. Bde Advance Party:

- (1) Provide layout and coordination for ceremony.
- (2) Provide reviewing stand.
- (3) Insure communications with backup is operational.
- (4) Coordinate for traffic control.
- (5) Coordinate for band.
- (6) Provide ushers as appropriate.
- (7) Provide Ass't COT (probably LTC Passmore).

e. Brigade Headquarters:

- (1) Provide Commanding General.
- (2) Provide Color Guard.

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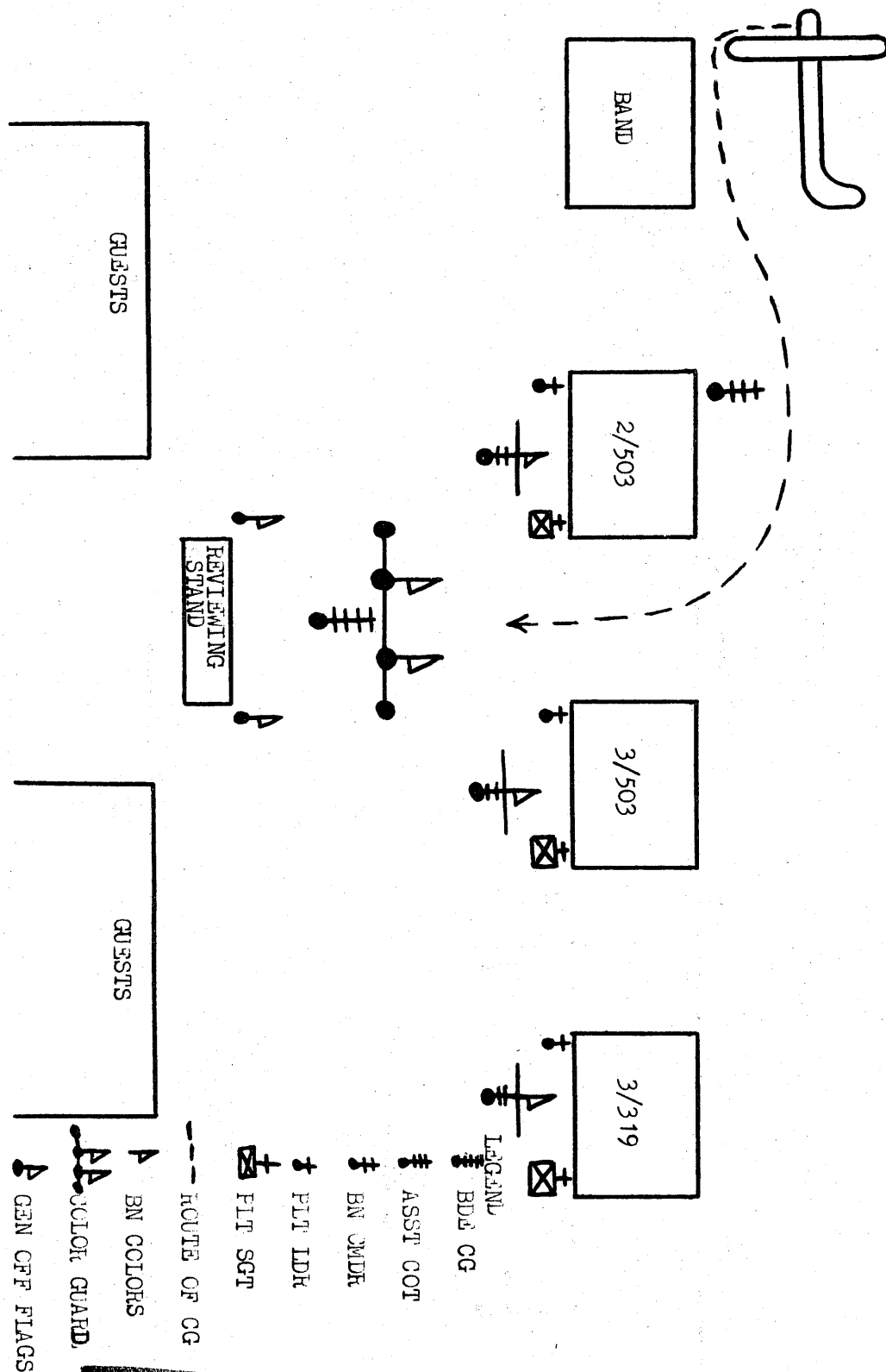
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APPENDIX 1 (FORMATION) to ANNEX X (ARRIVAL CEREMONY) to OPORD 10-71  
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APPENDIX 2 (SEQUENCE OF EVENTS) to ANNEX X (CEREMONY) to  
OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

1. Units formed per Appendix 1.
2. Brigade Commander w/colors deplanes and moves to position in accordance with Appendix 1.
3. Band plays appropriate "AIRBORNE" music.
4. Formation is at ATTENTION.
5. Post Commander mounts reviewing stand.
6. Brigade CG reports "SIR, THE 173D ABN BDE REPORTS FOR DUTY AT FORT CAMPBELL."
7. Brigade CG orders PRESENT ARMS and band plays National Anthem.
8. Brigade CG orders ORDER ARMS, PARADE REST, and moves to reviewing stand. Asst COT moves forward and assumes command of formation.
9. Remarks by CG, USATC (INF) and Fort Campbell and CG, 173d Abn Bde.
10. Asst COT orders ATTENTION.
11. Asst COT reports "SIR THIS CONCLUDES THE CEREMONY."
12. CG, USATC (INF) and Fort Campbell and CG, 173d Abn Bde depart reviewing stand.
13. Band plays appropriate "AIRBORNE" music.
14. Asst COT dismisses formation.

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ANNEX AA (PERSONNEL PROCESSING PROCEDURES UPON ARRIVAL AT FORT CAMPBELL) to OPORD 10-71, (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO)

References: A. USARV OPLAN 183-70, 30 Apr 70  
B. USARV MSG DTG 121430Z Jun 71

Time Zone Used Throughout The Order: HOTEL

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe personnel processing procedures upon arrival at Fort Campbell.

2. CUSTOMS:

a. Upon arrival all personnel will go through a thorough and complete customs inspection (This will be a time consuming process; eight separate check points will be set up to complete this requirement as rapidly as possible). Personnel will then enter the processing center. (A hangar at Campbell Army Airfield).

b. During processing, all baggage and equipment, other than that carried by the individual on leave, will be turned in to a baggage storage area where it will be safeguarded until needed by the individual.

3. PROCESSING CENTER: (Located in a Campbell AAF Hangar)

a. STEP 1 ORIENTATION: After the initial orientation, personnel will file by a VOLAR Representative for an initial update.

b. STEP 2 AG:

(1) Records Check.

(2) Leave request prepared and processed and personnel picked up on morning report by Fort Campbell.

(3) Provost Marshal Briefing.

(4) Postal Services - Money Orders, etc.

(5) A Mobile Postal Order Unit will be available at the end of the processing line.

c. STEP 3 FINANCE:

(1) Records Check.

(2) Treasury Checks Cashed.

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(3) Special Pay, i.e., Travel Pay, Advance Pay, etc., will be processed. Fort Campbell will only handle special type pay requirements.

d. STEP 4 MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY RELIEF:

(1) Shot Records will be checked.

(2) Malaria Tablets issue verified (Malaria Tablets and briefing should be given to all personnel prior to their departure from Vietnam).

(3) AER.

(4) Red Cross.

e. STEP 5 DIRECTOR OF SECURITY (DSIC):

(1) Security briefing will be given to all personnel.

(2) Security clearances for all E-6's and above will be validated for Fort Campbell. Units will submit security clearance validations on others as required.

f. STEP 6 DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS (DIO):

(1) Transportation - i.e., movement of household goods, transportation to airport and bus terminal for leave.

(2) Household Goods.

(3) Joint Air Military Transportation Office.

(4) Supply - Clothing, Equipment, etc.

(5) Family Housing - eligible personnel will be assigned family and bachelor housing.

4. MISCELLANEOUS, UPON COMPLETION OF PROCESSING:

a. Personnel will have the opportunity to make commercial phone calls from a facility located near the exit of the in-processing center.

b. A Mobile PX, a Postal Order Unit, and commercial transportation will be standing by.

c. Those personnel going on leave and having the proper uniform will be allowed to depart immediately, however, those

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personnel in need of military clothing will be transported to the Central Issue Facility where appropriate uniform will be issued prior to departing on leave.

d. A tailor shop concession will be available at the processing area to sell patches and ribbons, sew on patches and also provide a limited pressing facility.

5. BILLETING AND MESS: All personnel not taking leave and those with delayed transportation needs will be transported to a holding area. Billeting and mess facilities will be available within the holding area. Once the capacity of 50 people has been reached at the holding area, personnel will be transported to the 2 Bn (Abn) 503 Inf area. Billeting and mess will be provided by the 561st Supply and Service Bn, until units are able to support themselves.

6. TELEPHONE SERVICE: Currently, telephone operators are on strike curtailing severely long distance telephone service throughout CONUS. The only way long distance service can be expected is for the caller to be able to dial the complete number to include the area code.

7. BRIEFING:

a. All personnel will be briefed on personnel processing procedures at Fort Campbell prior to loading the departure aircraft at Phu Cat AB.

b. The senior officer aboard each aircraft (or his designated representative) will repeat the briefing just prior to arrival at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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ANNEX Z (DISTRIBUTION to OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO))

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ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: To provide an outline of actions accomplished and problems encountered as a part of personnel redeployment processing, and general administrative redeployment processing.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission:

(1) To maintain unit strength at the highest level possible consistent with redeployment criteria.

(2) To initiate replacement flow and bring brigade strength to authorized levels as soon as possible but NLT 31 Dec 71.

(3) To provide all personnel with finance services, Open Mess facilities, post exchange, special services, postal activities, and other morale and welfare services to maintain a high state of morale and esprit during all phases of redeployment.

(4) To provide military police services throughout redeployment.

(5) To provide chaplain coverage throughout redeployment.

b. Organization: None of the sections under the S-1 staff supervision were extensively reorganized to accomplish the mission. The Provost Marshal Office was augmented (Appendix 6), the Adjutant General provided one LT LNO to the ROC and the surgeon provided LNO to 6th C&C, CRB, to facilitate urinalysis tests (Annex 1).

c. Responsibilities:

- (1) Finance outprocessing: (Appendix 1)
- (2) Personnel outprocessing: (Appendix 2)
- (3) Personnel criteria: (Appendix 3)
- (4) Strength accounting: (Appendix 4)
- (5) Personnel Actions: (Appendix 5)
- (6) Provost Marshal: (Appendix 6)
- (7) Open Messes: (Appendix 7)
- (8) Post Exchange: (Appendix 8)

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- (9) Special Services: (Appendix 9)
- (10) Funds: (Appendix 10)
- (11) Disposition of Records: (Appendix 11)
- (12) Postal Activities: (Appendix 12)
- (13) Civilian Personnel: (Appendix 13)
- (14) Chaplain: (Appendix 14)

### 3. CONCEPT AND EXECUTION:

a. Concept: Redeployment actions were carried out concurrent with continuing personnel actions right up to standdown. Personnel who opted to stay in RVN and those who chose to DEROS IAW DA orders (Appendix 3) were processed through the Brigade Replacement Detachment, transferred in country, or returned to CONUS using the normal processing procedures at Phu Tai. Redeployment processing was accomplished at Cha Rang.

#### b. Execution:

(1) Finance, personnel processing, medical processing, customs inspection, and money conversion activities were accomplished at Cha Rang. (Appendix 1, 2, 6, and Annex I)

(2) The morning following a unit's move to Cha Rang a company-size muster formation was held and the status of all personnel determined. Personnel were divided into three groups: DEROS, in-country reassignment, and redeployable personnel.

(3) DEROS personnel and in-country transfers were informed they would be moved out of the brigade. They were returned to their parent unit for further processing.

(4) Redeploying personnel then underwent outprocessing. (See Appendix 1, 2, 6, and Annex I for detailed description)

(a) The group was moved into a classroom where the following activities were conducted:

1 Postal: The postal representative provided a postal briefing to fill in locator cards.

2 Personnel Services: ID cards and ID tags were made out for those requiring them.

3 Information Office: Hometown news release forms were completed.

4 Finance: A briefing on pay actions and the new JUMPS pay system was conducted.

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Each individual's JUMPS option was completed and he was given the opportunity to draw any money desired. (He completed a pay request form and pay requested was delivered to him in cash or by check the following day).

5 Medical Processing: Personnel were moved from the classroom under parent unit control (company) to the brigade aid station. Under the supervision of unit officers each individual provided a urine sample for the herion test. Personnel were given a malaria debriefing and each individual was provided malaria pills with instructions for use. Shot records were checked and required immunizations given.

(b) Customs Inspection:

1 Accompanied Baggage: The day prior to scheduled departure individual accompanied baggage was customs inspected, loaded into CONEX containers, sealed, and trucked to Phu Cat Air Base.

2 Personnel and Carry-On Baggage: The individual and his carry on baggage were isolated the day of departure approximately three hours before departure and a body search and customs check of baggage was made.

4. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

17 Jun 71	URAT Team Visit
20 Jun 71	RVN leave policy announced
21 Jun 71	Redeployment option form sent to units
23 Jun 71	Adjutant Call
25 Jun 71	Published LOI on Records Disposition
	Published request for Housing Questionnaire
	VRE representatives arrived for coordination
	CID support arrived
	Customs support arrived
	Postal support arrived
26 Jun 71	CG disapproved use of rosters for achievement awards.
	Msg sent to USARV requesting assistance in starting CONUS replacement flow.

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USARV approved request to keep certain non-airborne personnel.

27 Jun 71 2d Bn submitted personnel option forms

28 Jun 71 All units except HHC submitted option forms

USARV announced in-country reassignment priority as: 1st Abn Bde, 101 Abn, 23d Div, 1st Cav.

29 Jun 71 CONUS station announced - classified SECRET

30 Jun 71 CO Spt Bn assumed command of all activities at Cha Rang (PX, Special Services, Clubs, etc)

1 Jul 71 Number of personnel to be shipped to CONUS determined.

Message sent to CONARC requesting clarification CONUS leave policy.

Requirement for Roll-Up Force established

Message received from USARV reference movement of ETS personnel.

Message received from USARV reference credit for tour.

4 Jul 71 DA Team visited LZ English

Representative from Fort Campbell visited

Date for departure of advance party established (9 Jul 71)

Accounting classification for movement received

Request sent to USARV to keep all airborne personnel regardless of status in brigade. Request disapproved.

6 Jul 71 USARV approved turn over of Phu Tai and Cha Rang Open Mess to Qui Nhon Sub Area Command.

7 Jul 71 CONARC announced CONUS leave policy.

Message sent to USARV requesting authority to wear Jungle fatigues during movement.

8 Jul 71 CONUS station unclassified.

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9 Jul 71 Urine test procedures firmed up.

USARV directed assignment Roll-Up Force personnel to USARMYF 2 morning report.

10 Jul 71 LOI published on customs procedures, money procedures, money conversion.

Message sent to PACOM requesting shipment of 1 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf colors to Ft Campbell, Ky.

12 Jul 71 Roll-Up Force commenced movement to LZ English.

Policy to cut off application for early out extensions upon unit arrival in standdown area announced.

Personnel to DEROS thru 31 Jul 71 identified.

14 Jul 71 Brigade conference on departure procedures with USAF Phu Cat Air Base representatives.

15 Jul 71 Customs personnel inspected customs procedures and approved.

16 Jul 71 Processing for 1st aircraft commenced.

17 Jul 71 Personnel to DEROS through 31 Aug 71 identified.

26 Jul 71 Officers Open Mess facility closed.

30 Jul 71 NCO/EM Open Mess facility closed.

2 Aug 71 NCO/EM, Officer Open Mess assets transferred to Qui Nhon Cmd.

6 Aug 71 Special Services Support ended.

10 Aug 71 MP operations at LZ English assumed by 93d MP Bn.

12 Aug 71 LZ English postal operations stopped.

19 Aug 71 Currency conversion operations assumed by 13 Finance Det.

20 Aug 71 Processing of outgoing free mail stopped.

24 Aug 71 Customs inspection turned over to 8 MP Group.

25 Aug 71 Last brigade personnel departed by air from Phu Cat Air Base.

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6. LESSONS LEARNED: Lessons learned are discussed in the appendix applicable to the problems. The following problems were not applicable to any appendix:

a. Housing in CONUS:

(1) Observation: Because of the classification of the move timely steps could not be taken to evaluate housing requirements and inform Ft Campbell of Brigade requirements.

(2) Evaluation: Because of the impact of housing on morale a questionnaire designed to provide critical data was produced ahead of time (Appendix 15) and immediately upon declassification of the destination on 9 Jul 71 distribution was made to units. Information gained was forwarded to Ft Campbell on the first departing aircraft on 16 Jul 71. The Ft Campbell policy on housing was determined and announced to units soon after announcement of CONUS station.

(3) Recommendation: That consideration be given to the impact on troop morale when redeployment is pending and the impact be carefully considered against security requirements to insure earliest possible announcement of full facts.

b. Movement of Household Goods:

(1) Observation: The classification of the redeployment operation precluded timely notification of wives for movement of household goods.

(2) Evaluation: Personnel were confronted with problems of terminating leases, buying and selling property, securing new quarters, packing and shipping of household goods, and other activities associated with a PCS without knowledge of where they were going. With the option to return with the unit or stay in RVN until tour completion available to them, numerous personnel were lost to the Bde because of the absence of facts made available to them.

(3) Recommendation: See para 6a (3), above.

APPENDICES: 1 - Finance  
2 - Outprocessing  
3 - Personnel Criteria  
4 - Strength Accounting  
5 - Awards and Decorations  
6 - Provost Marshall  
7 - Open Mess  
8 - Post Exchange  
9 - Special Services

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- 10 - Non-appropriated Funds
- 11 - Disposition of Records
- 12 - Postal Activities
- 13 - Civilian Personnel
- 14 - Chaplain Activities
- 15 - Brigade Housing Policy

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APPENDIX 1 (FINANCE) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to  
173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To provide a summary of finance service provided during the Brigade redeployment operations.

2. GENERAL:

a. Objective: To provide uninterrupted finance services to all Brigade personnel during redeployment operations.

b. Operations: The finance section conducted outprocessing operations in the Brigade Schools Classroom, Cha Rang Valley. Services included conversion to JUMPS pay system, payments to personnel as requested, and operation of a currency conversion facility for personnel redeploying. In-country transfer and DEROS personnel were processed in the usual manner through the main Finance Office at Phu Tai.

3. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

a. 17 Jun 71: URAT team visit.

b. 23 Jun 71: Adjutants' call.

c. 27 Jun 71: USARV surfaced possibility that disbursing account would be inactivated. Finance Officer reassigned to 101st Airborne Division (AM) with availability date at conclusion of standdown.

d. 9 Jul 71: Outprocessing operations begun at Cha Rang Valley.

e. 23 Jul 71: USARV advised that complete Finance Office, to include disbursing account, would redeploy.

f. 19 Aug 71: Currency conversion operations assumed by 13th Finance Section.

4. DISCUSSION:

a. General:

(1) On receipt of redeployment notification, detailed plans and changes to existing procedures were made to implement the redeployment plan.

(2) Instructions on finance procedures during redeployment were announced in the Personnel and Administration Annex to Brigade OFORD 10-71. Additional information was provided during adjutants' calls and a form letter to be completed by redeploying personnel during outprocessing was produced. (TAB A)

(3) Coordination with the Brigade Adjutant General provided for early identification of personnel for DEROS, redeployment, and in-

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county transfer.

b. Actions: Pay option form letters and JUMPS-Army options (TAB A) were completed by all redeploying personnel during outprocessing at Cha Rang Valley. Partial payments were made on request within 24 hours following selection of pay options. (Treasury Checks were available and were issued on the day of departure.)

5. PROBLEMS AND LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Transfer of Finance Records:

(1) Observation: Personnel arriving in CONUS were not allowed to depart on leave because their finance records and leave accrued statements were not available.

(2) Evaluation: Finance Records for the first units processed were held pending the departure of the first increment of finance personnel. This procedure caused a problem at Fort Campbell when personnel who desired additional pay arrived without finance records. This was corrected by placing finance records on the same aircraft with personnel under the control of a designated officer aboard.

(3) Recommendation: That finance records accompany redeploying personnel on the same aircraft and emphasis be placed on minimal pay advances in-country to reduce loss by theft.

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TAB A (PAY OPTIONS FORMS) to APPENDIX 1 (FINANCE) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BRIGADE FINANCE OFFICE  
173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96250

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SUBJECT: Pay Options

Finance Officer  
173d Airborne Brigade  
APO San Francisco 96250

1. I (do) (do not) desire a \$20.00 partial pay.
2. I desire payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the amount unpaid carried forward by (cash) (check). Check address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. I desire advance pay of \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 3 months, personnel W/O dependents must submit full justification on DA Form 2142 and must have unit commander's approval, final approval/disapproval will be made by Finance Officer, per Section III, Chapter 1, AR 37-125.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(payroll signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print Last, First MI)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SSAN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Unit)

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APPENDIX 2 (OUTPROCESSING) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: To describe procedures and actions taken to outprocess redeploying personnel, in-country reassignment, and normal DEROS personnel.

2. GENERAL: Personnel were outprocessed at two locations. Personnel redeploying were processed at Cha Rang Valley while normal DEROS and in-country reassignments outprocessed at Phu Tai.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. In-country Reassignments and Normal DEROS personnel: Personnel in these categories cleared their units and were processed through the AG Replacement Detachment at Phu Tai in accordance with normal outprocessing procedures. There were no required changes to established procedures.

b. Redeploying Personnel:

(1) Status Verification: On the first day of standdown at Cha Rang Valley a representative of the Personnel Management Branch conducted a company-size muster formation and verified the deployment status of each individual.

(2) Movement Orders: After physical personnel status was verified, personnel rosters for attachment to unit movement orders were published using the master roster maintained by Personnel Management Branch.

(3) I.D.Cards & I.D.Tags: A representative from the Personnel Actions Branch attended all muster formations in the standdown area and prepared ID cards and ID tags for all personnel requiring them.

(4) 201 Files: A representative from Personnel Records Branch was furnished a copy of each flight manifest by the RCC. 201 Files were prepared for shipment aboard each departing aircraft using the flight manifest as a source document.

4. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Control of Records:

(1) Observation: Last minute changes to flight manifests prior to boarding resulted in a few persons arriving in CONUS without personnel records. Some records shipped belonged to persons removed from the manifests.

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(2) Evaluation: The reasons for last-minute manifest changes were late notification of positive urine samples and being apprehended with unauthorized items (principally drugs and unauthorized currency) at the customs point.

(3) Recommendations: That medical equipment for the heroin test be located at the standdown area.

b. Publication of Movement Orders:

(1) Observation: Late publications of unit movement orders created various problems.

(2) Evaluation: The most significant impact on morale was the delay and problems involved in moving dependents and household goods.

(3) Recommendations: No satisfactory solution was found to resolve late publication of unit movement orders. Personnel rosters and movement strength could not be determined in advance due to numerous options available to many individuals, some who were hospitalized and on leave. In addition, upon arrival at Cha Rang, personnel were permitted to change their status by applying for extensions to qualify for the 150-day early release program. Only by fixing personnel status at the beginning of redeployment could rosters and movement strength be resolved.

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APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this appendix is to describe the categories of personnel status, the options available in each category and to provide an information outline describing the actions and methods used to redeploy the personnel of the 173d Abn Bde.

2. GENERAL: On 17 Jun 71, the URAT team briefed the Adjutant General on the various options available to personnel in the categories described below. The options are revealed in detail in TAB A to this appendix. The personnel criteria were designed as a compromise to reconstitute the brigade in CONUS at the earliest practicable date and to preclude depletion of critical USARV personnel assets.

3. REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA:

a. Replacement flow: All personnel replacements were cut off by HQ, USARV effective 17 Jun 71 except for a limited number of positions identified as critical to conducting redeployment operations.

b. Deployable Personnel: Personnel assigned to the Brigade with a DEROS on or subsequent to the last date of standdown of their particular unit were eligible to redeploy with their unit to CONUS except as indicated below. A chart reflecting the total option selection by category is at Tab B.

c. Exceptions:

(1) Non-airborne and a limited number of critical MOS: These personnel were identified and reported to USARV for in-country reassignment to fill critical USARV shortages. See TAB C for identification and quantity by MOS.

(2) Volunteers: Personnel serving in RVN based on volunteer applications were afforded the option of deploying with their unit or remaining in RVN until normal DEROS.

(3) Tour Extension: Personnel serving on a tour extension, to include those who had taken special leave, were offered the choice of redeploying to CONUS or being reassigned in-country to complete the tour extension. Personnel who had not yet departed on special leave were offered the opportunity to redeploy or agree in writing to serve their tour extension in a unit remaining in RVN.

(4) Early Release Program: Throughout the redeployment operations personnel were offered the opportunity to extend their foreign service tour for the purpose of early separation under 150-day and 179-day early release programs.

(5) Department of the Army Assignment Instructions: Enlisted personnel in the receipt of DA assignment instructions were offered the opportunity to comply with those instructions or redeploy with their unit to CONUS. Officers were offered the same opportunity pro-

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vided DA concurrence was obtained. Officer options were processed on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Options: Personnel options as a result of the above mentioned categories were obtained by forwarding the option form at Tab A for completion and return. Personnel on leave were handled on an individual basis as they returned.

d. Identification and Control:

(1) A master roster for each company-size unit was prepared by Personnel Management Branch using Morning Reports and field 201 files as source documents. Copies of these rosters were forwarded to each unit for verification utilizing personnel information cards and muster formation.

(2) When individual options were received the master files were annotated and in-country reassignment instructions requested from USARV as required.

4. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Options Available:

(1) Observation: Due to the large number of options available as indicated at Tab B and the lead time required to have all personnel make their selection, significant problems resulted in the following areas:

(a) Determining accurate redeployment personnel strength figures.

(b) Submission of timely requests to higher headquarters for in-country reassignment instructions.

(c) Preparation of accurate MOS inventory for submission of personnel requisitions.

(d) Delay in preparation of redeployment rosters for attachment to unit movement orders.

(e) Inaccurate basis for requisitioning replacements.

(2) Recommendation: That to facilitate efficient operations and timely strength accountability, options offered to various categories of personnel be held to an absolute minimum.

b. Loss of Key Personnel:

(1) Observation: The options for RVN volunteers to stay in-country and for those in receipt of DA orders to accept and follow instructions in DA orders caused considerable personnel turbulence in the brigade (TAB D).

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(2) Evaluation: Those personnel who were RVN volunteers were identified on a timely basis and though many critical positions were not filled, planning to accomplish the mission without them was begun. Although DA was to stop issuing orders to other personnel, orders (both expected and unexpected) were received throughout the redeployment operation causing constant turmoil in the Brigade and precluding timely requisitioning of replacements.

(3) Recommendation: That personnel in a redeploying unit be frozen into that unit except for the most exceptional cases. Assignments to ROTC, National Guard Advisor, Combat Developments Command, etc should not take priority.

c. Mandatory Officer Pulls by USARV:

(1) Observation: During redeployment HQ USARV took from the Brigade 36 specially qualified officers for USARV assets (TAB E).

(2) Evaluation: The officers pulled from the Brigade by USARV proved in most cases to be extremely valuable and key figures in the redeployment operation. In addition these officers were taken from the Brigade at the most inopportune time and with no prospect of replacement. For example both the Bde Engineer and the CO of the 173d Engr Co, the Bde's only engineer officers were taken. In the case of the 173d Engr Co, the CO was pulled just 5 days prior to the units redeployment, there were no Engr officers to deploy the Co, and a replacement engineer officer was sent only after personal intervention by the CG, 173d Abn Bde.

(3) Recommendation: That the redeploying unit be given complete control over its personnel until such time as the unit has completed redeployment and is well established at the new station (also see recommendation in para 46, above).

Tab A - Redeployment Options Form

B - Options

C - Critical MOS's

D - Key Personnel Losses

E - USARV Officer Pulls

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TAB A (REDEPLOYMENT OPTIONS FORM) to APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA)  
to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOY-  
MENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Redeployment Options

TO: CG, 173d Abn Bde  
ATTN: AVBE-AGM  
APO 96250

FROM:

DATE

1. In the event at some future date the 173d Airborne Brigade should be ordered to redeploy to CONUS, certain individuals would be offered a particular option. These personnel would fall into the following categories:

- a. Personnel who are Vietnam volunteers
- b. Personnel who are in receipt of Department of the Army assignment instructions.
- c. Personnel serving on foreign service tour extensions.

2. In the event this Brigade should in fact be redeployed, I would fall into category \_\_\_\_\_ above.

3. Option a. Personnel who fall within this category must show that they were in fact Vietnam volunteers. A statement to this effect will be found on orders assigning the individual to Vietnam and is considered appropriate documentation.

- a. Remain in Vietnam until completion of normal FST \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Redeploy with the Brigade to CONUS \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Option b. Personnel who have Department of the Army assignment instructions will elect one of the following options:

- a. If my DEROS is prior to a designated redeployment date, I elect to proceed on my DEROS and comply with Department of the Army assignment instructions \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. If my DEROS is prior to a designated redeployment date, I elect to request cancellation of my Department of the Army assignment and redeploy with the Brigade \_\_\_\_\_. (Attached is a written agreement to extend my FST for an indefinite period).

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c. If my DEROS is after a designated redeployment date, I elect to be reassigned within country and proceed on my normal DEROS in accordance with Department of the Army assignment instructions\_\_\_\_\_.

d. If my DEROS is after a designated redeployment date, I elect to request cancellation of my Department of the Army assignment and redeploy with the Brigade\_\_\_\_\_.

5. OPTION C. Personnel who are serving on a foreign service tour extension or who have an approved FST extension will elect one of the following options:

a. Personnel who are serving on a FST extension who have taken special leave:

(1) Elect to remain in Vietnam\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Cancel the extension and redeploy with the Brigade\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Personnel who elect this option will neither be charged for any transportation costs nor any portion of their special leave changed to ordinary leave.)

b. Personnel who have an approved extension who have not taken special leave:

(1) Remain assigned in Vietnam and proceed on special leave\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Cancel the extension and redeploy with the Brigade\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Personnel who have extended their FST for the purpose of early separation from the service:

(1) Elect to remain in Vietnam to Qualify for an early out\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Cancel the extension and redeploy with the Brigade\_\_\_\_\_.

6. In the event I elect to remain in Vietnam to qualify for special leave, I understand that I will be required to complete the entire remaining portion of my foreign service tour in any unit remaining in the Republic of Vietnam as determined by higher authority and within the needs of the service.

7. I understand that the above options made by me are final and that I may not change this option at a later date.

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8. Personnel who elect, due to the options above, to remain in Vietnam may substitute three preferences for assignment. list in order of preference.

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(Signature)

Name, printed:

Grade:

SSAN:

Unit:

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TAB B (OPTIONS) to APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

OPTIONS OFFERED AND ELECTED

OPTION A  
VIETNAM VOLUNTEERS

- |                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Remain in RVN     | 258 |
| 2. Redeploy to CONUS | 402 |

OPTION B  
PERSONNEL IN RECEIPT OF DA  
ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Proceed on normal DEROS                          | 195 |
| 2. Extend, cancel assignment, and redeploy to CONUS | 34  |
| 3. Remain in RVN until normal DEROS                 | 72  |
| 4. Cancel assignment and redeploy to CONUS          | 30  |

OPTION C  
SERVING FST EXTENTION/COMPLETED SPECIAL LEAVE

- |                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Remain in RVN                 | 99  |
| 2. Cancel extention and redeploy | 101 |

SERVING FST EXTENTION/NOT TAKEN SPECIAL LEAVE

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| 1. Remain in RVN and take Special Leave | 73 |
| 2. Cancel extention and redeploy        | 35 |

SERVING FST EXTENTION FOR EARLY SEPARATION

- |                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Remain in RVN for early Separation | 131 |
| 2. Cancel extention and redeploy      | 12  |

TOTAL OPTIONS 1542

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TAB C (CRITICAL MOS'S) to APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to ANNEX  
B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AF-  
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NON-ABN AND CRITICAL MOS REASSIGNMENTS  
DIRECTED BY HQ, USARV

MOS	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
17A					1		1
17K				1	1		2
31G	3		1				4
31M					1		1
35G				1	2		3
36K			1	2			3
45K				1			1
54E	1		2				3
55A					2		2
55B				1			1
63B		2	2	6			10
67A					1		1
67N			3	7	1		11
67V				1	1	2	4
67W		2					2
68B				1			1
68E					1		1
68G	1		1	2			4
71B			1	6	1	1	9
71F	1	1	1	1	1		5
71H	2		1	2	2		7
71L	1						1
73C		1	2	2	1	1	7
76C					1		1
76P			3	1			4
76Y				4			4
94B	2	4	1	6	6	1	20
95D			3				3
11B			2		4		6
TOTAL							122

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TAB D (KEY PERSONNEL LOSSES) to APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES/SHORTAGES DURING REDEPLOYMENT

1. Due to options available to the individual, officers occupying the following key positions changed during planning for and execution of redeployment.

- a. Deputy Brigade Commander
- b. Bde S2
- c. Bde S3
- d. Bde S4
- e. Asst S3, Opns
- f. Asst S3, Plans
- g. Bde Aviation Officer
- h. Bn CO, Special Troops Bn
- i. Bn CO, 3d Bn
- j. Bn CO, 4th Bn
- k. Bn CO, 3d Bn 319 FA
- l. Bn CO, Spt Bn
- m. Brigade Maint Off
- n. Bn S1 - 2 Line Bn
- o. Bn S4 - 1 Line Bn
- p. Bn Exec Off 319th FA
- q. Bn S1 - 319 FA

2. Officers occupying the following key positions were not available during the redeployment or lost to the unit by the time unit closed at CONUS station.

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- a. Brigade S1
- b. Inspector General
- c. Brigade Signal Officer
- d. Brigade Engineer
- e. Brigade Surgeon
- f. Brigade Chaplain
- g. Bn Exec Officer - 3 line Bns
- h. Bn S3 - 3 line Bns
- i. Bn Exec Off - Spt Bn
- j. Brigade Supply Officer
- k. Bn S3 - FA Bn
- l. Bde SJA
- m. Bde Fin Off

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TAB E (USARV OFFICER PULLS) to APPENDIX 3 (PERSONNEL CRITERIA) to  
ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT  
AFTER ACTION REPORT

BRANCH	LTC	MANDATORY OFFICER PULLS BY USARV				TOTAL
		MAJ	CPT	LT	WO	
JAG		1	1			2
MC			2			2
MSC			1	2		3
DC			1			1
ARTY	1*					1
INF	2**					2
SIG			5			5
QM				1		1
ENGR		1	1			2
MP				2		2
AVAITORS		1*	6		7	14
MI		1*				1
TOTAL	3	4	17	5	7	36

\*Replaced by USARV

\*\*One Inf LTC Repl by USARV

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USARV OFFICER PULLS

1. JAG:
  - a. MAJ Simon
  - b. CPT Klimisch
2. MC:
  - a. CPT Miller
  - b. CPT Reid
3. MSC:
  - a. CPT Nyguard
  - b. LT Martinez
  - c. LT Thorp
4. DC:
  - a. CPT Little
5. ARTY:
  - a. LTC Sugg
6. INF:
  - a. LTC Hodges
  - b. LTC Loffert
7. SIG:
  - a. CPT Rader
  - b. CPT Biekel
  - c. CPT Moen
  - d. CPT Cristian
  - e. CPT Amatulli
8. QM:
  - a. LT Cates
9. ENGR:
  - a. MAJ Hiller
  - b. CPT Miller
10. MP:
  - a. LT Gorham
  - b. LT Longworth
11. AVIATORS:
  - a. MAJ Kanbrod
  - b. CPT McEntire
  - c. CPT Thomas
  - d. CPT Roy
  - e. CPT Batts
  - f. CPT Marvin
  - g. CPT Clark
  - h. CW2 Atkins
  - i. WO1 Turley
  - j. WO1 Martinez
  - k. WO1 Maloney
  - l. WO1 Splichal
  - m. WO1 McBayer
  - n. WO1 Keith
12. MI:
  - a. MAJ Seaton

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APPENDIX 4 (STRENGTH ACCOUNTING) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To describe the methods and procedures used by the Personnel Records Branch to account for personnel on unit morning reports.
2. GENERAL: All unit morning reports required 100% strength verification and submission of a final morning report to HQ, USARV on the sixth day prior to departure of each reporting unit.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Morning Report Strength Audit: Between 9 Jul 71 and 12 Jul 71 an analyst team from USARV Data Service Center visited Brigade units and verified morning report strengths against personnel master files prepared at the Data Service Center. Personnel information cards were used as the source documents for the verification.

b. Use of USARV Form 614: Upon notification of redeployment, USARV Forms 614 (Tab A) were forwarded to all morning report units for completion of lines 1 through 4 and return to the AG Morning Report Section. The Forms 614 were used as a source document to verify the strength and grade distributions of each unit morning report. All discrepancies required resolution by screening morning report files for the past year, 201 files, and special orders to obtain necessary documentation for preparing morning report corrections where required.

c. One-time Morning Report Strength Adjustment: After all efforts to resolve discrepancies in strength and grade distribution on each morning report had been exhausted, authority for a one-time strength correction to each M/R was requested from HQ, USARV (see Tab B for sample format letter).

d. Hospitalized Personnel: Personnel in a hospitalized status on the 12 day prior to the departure of the last brigade unit were picked up assigned, not joined from the USARV Patient Casualty Detachment on the last unit's morning report and immediately re-assigned on orders to a unit designated by HQ, USARV. Five copies of reassignment orders were forwarded to each hospitalized patient.

e. AWOL Personnel: Personnel AWOL from redeploying units were dropped from the rolls of the organization on the final morning report sent to USARV Data Service Center.

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f. Personnel in Confinement: Personnel serving in confinement were reassigned on or before submission of the redeploying unit's final morning report to USARV Service Center.

g. Final Morning Report: The morning report for the sixth day prior to departure of each unit was the last morning report submitted to the USARV Data Service Center. "The Record of Unit Action/Event" entry on the morning report stated: PCS from USARV to Third US Army, last MR for USARV Data Service Center. Attached to each final report were two copies of unit movement orders and a copy of a roster containing the names of all redeploying personnel.

h. Consolidated Orders: A set of consolidated Special Orders from 8 Jul 71 to 23 Aug 71 was prepared and sent to the USARV Data Service Center.

i. Forwarding of USARV Forms 614: Upon completion of the final R-6 morning report of the last redeploying unit, USARV Forms 614 for the entire brigade were consolidated in alphabetical order and forwarded to the USARV Data Service Center. Lines 1 through 4 of the Forms 614 were completed for redeployment personnel and all entries were completed for normal DEROS and in-country reassignments.

#### 4. LESSONS LEARNED:

##### a. Roll-Up Force:

(1) Observations: A Roll-up Force for security of LZ English was established as a provisionsal company utilizing the personnel assets available from in-country reassignments.

(2) Evaluation: These personnel were reassigned by USARV to the 5th Public Information Detachment HQ USARMYF MR 2 for morning report purposes. Assignment instructions previously issued for these personnel were cancelled by HQ, USARV and new assignments were not obtained until 1 Aug 71 which caused some morale problems. The many problems inherent in any provisional unit existed, i.e. Article 15 jurisdiction, pay problems, leave orders, and personnel control. The most significant morale problem was due to the loss of parachute pay by all individuals involved. The enlisted men felt that as they were still working for the 173d Airborne Brigade they were entitled to continue to receive their parachute pay. This was not correct because these personnel were assigned on orders to a nonairborne unit.

(3) Recommendation: That units redeploying in the future be provided roll-up security forces from outside assets to avoid the many problems that occur.

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b. Mobility of Personnel:

(1) **Observations:** The complexity of maintaining accountability of personnel with units inactivating, units redeploying, personnel changing options, fluctuation of personnel status from day to day made personnel accounting a formidable task.

(2) **Evaluation:** The problems posed with a personnel strength as fluid as those encountered during standdown were insurmountable. The constant shifting of shipment dates caused personnel to become available for different options each time a change occurred. Attempting to establish a 165 man roll-up force after assignment instructions had been requested and received from USARV caused problems. The transfer of personnel from one unit to another for various reasons taxed morning report clerks when the individual probably never reported to the orderly room. Use of carrier companies/battalions to effect transfer to CCNUS of hospital returnees, AWOL returnees, personnel returnees, personnel from leave, personnel SD to other locations throughout the Brigade and personnel from inactivating units also contributed to accounting difficulties.

(3) **Recommendation:** That personnel in units which redeploy gain a certain status on a given date and their status remain unchanged from that point forward in the redeployment.

Tab A - USARV Form 614

B - Sample Format For Request of Correction of Morning Report

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TAB A (USARV Form 614) to APPENDIX 4 (STRENGTH ACCOUNTING) to ANNEX  
A (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER  
ACTION REPORT

REASSIGNMENT DATA CARD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/PAY GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name, first name, MI)  
SSAN \_\_\_\_\_ DOR \_\_\_\_\_ PMOS \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT \_\_\_\_\_  
STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ FPD \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate pres for dy, AWOL, PATIENT, Sp Lv, TDY, etc)  
DEROS \_\_\_\_\_ DDUS \_\_\_\_\_ ETS \_\_\_\_\_  
RSG TO \_\_\_\_\_  
RSG AUTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate Para and SO Number and Issuing Hq)  
REPT DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EDCSA \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE INDIV RPT ON AOR/ORR \_\_\_\_\_ SCTY CLNC \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL LEAVE DURING CURRENT FST (INCLUSIVE DATES) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENDING DATE OF LATEST OER/EER \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

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TAB A (USARV Form 614) to APPENDIX 4 (STRENGTH ACCOUNTING) to ANNEX  
A (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER  
ACTION REPORT

REASSIGNMENT DATA CARD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/PAY GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name, first name, MI)  
SSAN \_\_\_\_\_ DOR \_\_\_\_\_ PMOS \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT \_\_\_\_\_  
STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ FPD \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate pres for dy, AWOL, PATIENT, Sp Lv, TDY, etc)  
DEROS \_\_\_\_\_ DDUS \_\_\_\_\_ ETS \_\_\_\_\_  
RSG TO \_\_\_\_\_  
RSG AUTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate Para and SO Number and Issuing Hq)  
REPT DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EDCSA \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE INDIV RPT ON AOR/ORR \_\_\_\_\_ SCTY CLNC \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL LEAVE DURING CURRENT FST (INCLUSIVE DATES) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENDING DATE OF LATEST OER/EER \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

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TAB B (SAMPLE FORMAT FOR REQUEST OF CORRECTION OF MORNING REPORT)  
to APPENDIX 4 (STRENGTH ACCOUNTING) to ANNEX A (PERSONNEL ADMIN-  
ISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Correction of Morning Report Strength

THRU: Commanding Officer

Commanding General  
173d Airborne Brigade  
APO San Francisco 96250

TO: Commanding General  
United States Army, Vietnam  
ATTN: FLD Asst  
APO San Francisco 96250

1. Request authorization to make a one-time adjustment in the assigned personnel strength for
2. This adjustment will be based on the strength shown on the morning report submitted for the day ending
3. A review of the morning reports for this unit revealed a difference of strength and grade distribution of personnel in what was being shown on the MR's and what was actually assigned to this unit. This headquarters has reviewed all morning reports from to in a futile attempt to locate the error in the strength figures of the morning report.
4. The chart below shows the difference in strength:
5. All avenues have been exhausted in attempting to correct this discrepancy. Request authorization be granted as soon as possible to make this strength adjustment.

GREGORY S. MILLER  
CPT, IN  
Commanding

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APPENDIX 5 (AWARDS AND DECORATIONS) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this appendix is to explain the procedures used to insure adequate recognition and timely processing of awards for all eligible and deserving personnel through a meaningful decorations and awards program.

2. GENERAL: No changes were made in the normal procedures for submission of awards recommendations such as roster system commonly used by other units in Keystone operations. All recommendations were submitted in compliance with pertinent Army, USARV, and Brigade regulations.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. All personnel data on recommendations were verified against 201 files and processed through the Brigade Awards Board for approval/disapproval.

b. Award Packets: Upon receipt of approved recommendations from the Brigade Awards Board, awards packets consisting of General Orders, Citations, and Certificates were prepared. Packets for individuals redeploying were placed in 201 files folders for presentation in CONUS. Packets for personnel departing on DEROS or in-country reassignments were available at the outprocessing point for each recipient.

4. LESSONS LEARNED: The procedures used for processing awards were adequate and did not create any significant problems. However, the limited time available to process awards precluded adequate records verification of personnel data contained on the recommendations. The requirement to amend some General Orders at a later date is anticipated.

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APPENDIX 6 (PROVOST MARSHALL) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To provide information on the activities of the Provost Marshall Office during redeployment of the Brigade.

2. GENERAL: On 1 Jul 71, the Military Police Platoon and the PMO of the 173d Airborne Brigade began a phase-out of MP operations in the Brigade AO of Binh Dinh Province.

3. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

a. On 19 Jun 71, USARV Provost Marshall representatives visited 173d PMO.

b. On 23 Jun 71, liaison visit to Qui Nhon to discuss CID and Customs support with CO, 8th MP Gp (CI),

c. 28 Jun 71:

(1) Liaison visit with Operation Officer Phu Cat Air Base Security Police to discuss prior to and during boarding of aircraft.

(2) Message from USARV outlining MP Support Policy.

d. 1 Jul 71, MP operations on Highway QL-1 turned over to the 93d MP Bn.

e. 2 Jul 71, customs instruction and supervisory teams arrived from 8th MP Gp (CI).

f. 7 Jul 71, customs personnel gave instruction to the 173d Abn Bde MP's who worked as Customs Inspectors during out processing.

g. 7 Jul 71, MP's arrive at LZ Uplift from 93d MP Bn to support duty, law, and order (DLO).

h. 8 Jul 71, two officers (173d and 8th MP Gp (CI)) and 15 EM sent to Cha Rang for DLO and customs activities.

i. 9 Jul 71, combined police patrols (QC and MP) started inside LZ English. Six MP's from 93d MP Bn sent to Cha Rang to escort heroin test positive personnel to 6th Convalescent Center.

j. 10 Jul 71, customs inspection of unit redeployment equipment was initiated.

k. 10 Jul 71, MP escorted the first group of suspected heroin users to 6th CC in CRB.

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- l. 12 Jul 71, customs inspections of hold baggage initiated.
- m. 13 Jul 71, customs inspection at the APO 96250 at LZ English initiated.
- n. 14 Jul 71, final coordination with Phu Cat AB Security Police was effected and three marijuana dogs with handlers arrived from 8th MP Gp for customs inspection of baggage.
- o. 15 Jul 71, first accompanied baggage passes through customs for the flight to CONUS.
- p. 18 Jul 71, four men from the 93d MP Bn arrived at LZ English for DLO support.
- q. 19 Jul 71, five more MP's were sent to Cha Rang for DLO and Customs Duties.
- r. 20 Jul 71, one man flew to CRB each day to escort returnees from 6th CC.

#### 4. DISCUSSION:

a. Customs: 8th MP Gp (CI), Customs supervisors and instructors were sent to the Brigade to train MP's and select members of redeploying units as customs inspectors.

- (1) Customs inspections were subdivided into four (4) categories:
  - (a) Unaccompanied hold baggage.
  - (b) Equipment to be returned to CONUS.
  - (c) Accompanied hold baggage.
  - (d) Personnel shake down and carry-on hand baggage.
- (2) War Trophy registration and clearance, was performed during the inspection of personnel and hand-carried baggage.

b. Transfer of Discipline, Law, and Order responsibility to the 93d MP Bn:

(1) Transfer of DLO activities to the 93d MP Bn was coordinated by the PM, 173d Abn Bde, and the CO, 93d MP Bn. Support was outlined as follows:

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(a) 1 Jul 71, 93d MP Bn assumed responsibility for QL-1 north of the ROK Bridge.

(b) MP's for escort of personnel that failed the urine test were provided by 66th MP Co, 93d MP Bn.

(c) 10 Jul 71, 93d MP Bn began augmenting 173d MP personnel at LZ Uplift.

(d) 18 Jul 71, 93d MP Bn began augmenting 173d MP personnel at LZ English.

(e) 10 Aug 71, all DLO activities at English were assumed by 93d MP Bn until the final turn over to the ARVN's.

c. Discipline Law and Order Activities at the Standdown Area:

(1) A joint MP substation was established with existing MP resources from the 560th MP Co, 93d MP Bn.

(2) Joint 173d and 560th MP patrols were established.

(3) A 24-hour MP operation was implemented.

(4) 173d PMO representative was on duty at the substation.

5. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Increased Larcenies on LZs during standdown:

(1) Observation: A substantial increase in larcenies on the LZ's during the standdown occurred.

(2) Evaluation: Even though increased Military Police Patrols and security measures were present larcenies still resulted due to failure of larceny victims to secure their valuables and to Vietnamese assuming that little was to be lost if apprehended while stealing since they were losing jobs anyway.

(3) Recommendation: Unit commanders must use Courtesy Patrols or barracks guards in their unit areas to insure that valuables are secure and prevent unauthorized personnel in unit areas.

b. Control of the Troops in the Standdown Area:

(1) Observation: Increased off limits violations.

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(2) Evaluation: Troops in the standdown area even for a short period of time become bored. Increased use of USO shows, movies, games, and recreation equipment in the standdown assisted in control of troops but did not eliminate the problem. Unit Commanders were taxed in the control of their troops in the standdown area.

(3) Recommendations:

(a) That use of courtesy patrols within the standdown area be intensified to assist in control.

(b) That USO shows or other live shows be shown each night or as frequently as possible.

(c) That movies be shown until 2400 hrs each night.

(d) That a rigorous athletic schedule be made available during the day.

(e) That troop time in the standdown area be held to the absolute minimum consistent with turn in of equipment and personnel processing.

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APPENDIX 7 (OPEN MESS) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to  
173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To summarize procedures followed in dissolving the Open Mess System.

2. GENERAL: Upon notification that redeployment was imminent plans were made to gradually phase out the Officer and EM/NCO Open Mess and Open Mess Annexes in such a manner that service could be provided to the end of standdown.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Vietnam Open Mess Association (VOMA) was requested to visit the Brigade and provide guidance in closing out the system. VOMA responded by sending an Audit Team which answered questions and explained dissolution procedures.

b. A schedule was produced which phased out the system as inventories were consumed and assets were relocated to one central location.

c. A list of fixed assets was sent to VOMA with a request for distribution instructions.

d. To insure service to the end of standdown, coordination was effected with Qui Nhon Sub Area Command and HQ, USARV to turn the Cha Rang and Phu Tai Open Messes over to Qui Nhon Sub Area Command. The concept was approved and fixed assets and inventories were transferred.

e. VOMA directed the assets not turned over to Qui Nhon Sub Area Command be transferred to 17 CAG. 17 CAG mess representatives visited the Brigade, estimated transportation requirements, and took control of fixed assets and inventories at LZ English on 30 Jul 71.

f. Because the officers open mess was closed out some 20 days before the end of standdown, the CG authorized limited free issue of consumable assets on an equitable basis to all annexes.

g. The terminal audit was performed and a check for residual assets was forwarded to HQ, USARV on 6 Aug 71.

4. LESSONS LEARNED: Timely coordination with HQ, USARV, publication of accurate asset lists, and early coordination of transportation produced an effortless transfer of open mess responsibility and enabled easy dissolution of the open mess system.

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APPENDIX S (POST EXCHANGE) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION)  
to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To describe the actions taken to terminate Vietnam Regional Exchange (VRE) activities during standdown at LZ English and LZ Uplift and to initiate VRE support in the Cha Rang standdown area.

2. GENERAL: Redeployment objectives were established as follows:

a. Close coordination between the Brigade S-1 and Qui Nhon Area Exchange Headquarters was made and a timely inactivation schedule established.

b. Arrangements were made with the Qui Nhon Sub Area Commander for increased support of the Brigade in the standdown area of Cha Rang Valley.

c. The principle of support was to provide support to the troops until final redeployment of the Brigade.

3. REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING:

a. Qui Nhon Area HQ Support: When plans for redeployment were disclosed to the Qui Nhon Area HQ, that Hq forwarded a Deactivation Procedures Handbook. Based on guidance in the handbook:

(1) Normal merchandise requests through the depot were cancelled to control stock levels.

(2) Transfer of merchandise from the depot to the exchange was on special request only.

(3) Retail sales and service decreased in proportion to the reduction of troop strength.

(4) High value items were shipped to the depot for use in the standdown area to reduce the inventory on the LZ's.

b. Schedule: The mobile PX and concession located at LZ Uplift were closed on 24 Jul 71. The mobile PX was moved to LZ English and used after the main store closed on 4 Aug 71. The mobile PX continued operations until six days before close-out of LZ English.

4. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

a. 20 Jun 71, all merchandise orders and requests to the depot were cancelled following the initial announcement of the redeployment.

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b. 25 Jun 71, VRE representatives coordinated with S-1 for PX facilities at Cha Rang Valley.

c. 1 Jul 71, notified concessionnaires of redeployment of Brigade and 9 Aug 71 as the date for closing all concessions.

d. 9 Jul 71, charge sales to NCO and Officers Club stopped.

e. 16 Jul 71, store closed for merchandise and fixed asset inventory.

f. 17 Jul 71, only essential and necessary items being requested and stocked.

g. 24 Jul 71, PX at LZ Uplift closed.

h. 4 Aug 71, main store at LZ English ceased operation.

i. 5 Aug 71, mobile PX commenced operation on LZ English.

j. 9 Aug 71, concessions at LZ English ceased operation.

k. 12 Aug 71, mobile PX ceased operation.

5. LESSONS LEARNED: The high degree of coordination between VRE Hq in Qui Nhon, the Brigade S-1, and the PX Officer, provided the necessary support of the 173d Abn Bde throughout redeployment and standdown activities. No major problems were encountered.

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APPENDIX 9 (SPECIAL SERVICES) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION)  
to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To describe the procedures followed to provide special services support to the Brigade during standdown and to turn in special services equipment.

2. PROCEDURES:

a. Services: Anticipating a morale problem in the standdown area, measures were taken to insure adequate special services support. Actions included:

(1) Athletics: Expendable equipment for softball, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, football and badminton were provided to the CO, Brigade Schools. A swimming pool collocated with the school was available for troop use.

(2) Movies: Projectors were obtained, film accounts were opened, and a minimum of three films were made available to the troop commander daily.

(3) Special Services Show: An attempt to increase the special services touring shows was unsuccessful.

(4) Library: Pocket book issues were obtained and distributed to each unit in the standdown area.

b. Relief from responsibility: The special services officer coordinated turn in of all equipment through normal supply channels or transferred accountability to other special services activities.

3. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Turn over of Library and Showmobile:

(1) Problem: Relief from responsibility for the mobile trailers which housed the library and the showmobile was a problem.

(2) Evaluation: Though USARMYF MR2 notified this unit to whom these facilities were to be turned over, timely transportation was not provided. To insure disposal of these assets, coordination with Qui Nhon Sub Area Command, USARMYF MR2, HQ USARV, and this unit was made. The Brigade provided transportation to move these assets to Qui Nhon Special Services Officer who took control of them pending further disposition.

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(3) Recommendation: That transportation requirements to dispose of sizeable assets be coordinated early to insure disposal of the assets on a timely basis.

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APPENDIX 10 (NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: To describe the actions taken to terminate or transfer unit funds and the Brigade Chaplain's Fund.

2. GENERAL: At the time of redeployment there were 15 unit funds and one Chaplain's fund. All unit funds except those belonging to N/75 Inf (Rgr) and 534 Sig Co were transferred to CONUS (Ree Tab A). The latter two units were inactivated in-country.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Unit Funds:

(1) Redeploying Units: Fund owned property excess to the unit's needs was turned in IAW current regulations. The remaining fund owned property, records, and cash assets were taken to CONUS. The Brigade Auditor was available to audit funds but such audit was not mandatory.

(2) Inactivating Units: Funds were dissolved IAW current regulations after the companies moved into the standdown area. A terminal audit was performed by the Brigade auditor.

b. Chaplain's Fund: The Chaplain's fund was processed in the same manner as unit funds in that property excess to the fund needs was turned in and cash assets were transferred to CONUS.

4. LESSONS LEARNED: The transfer of funds caused no particular problems. The guidance provided in OPORD 10-71 proved adequate.

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(PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION  
REPORT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96250

AVBE-SA

29 JUNE 1971

SUBJECT: Schedule of Funds Actions

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1. Inclosed is a schedule of target dates for the completion of actions necessary to insure proper disposition of all Brigade Funds.
2. Any questions or requests for extension should be directed to this HQ, ATTN: AVBE-SA.

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UNIT	Audit of Unit Fund By Bde Auditor	Inactivation of Unit Fund Complete	Disposal of Excess Unit Fund Property IAW OPORD 10-71	Dissolution of DOHIF & AIK Complete
534 Sig	1 Jul 71	10 Jul 71	N/A	4 Jul 71
172 MID	N/A	N/A	6 Jul 71	7 Jul 71
173 Eng	N/A	N/A	7 Jul 71	5 Jul 71
N/75	7 Aug 71	15 Aug 71	N/A	N/A
HHC Bde	N/A	N/A	8 Aug 71	17 Aug 71
E/17 Cav	"	"	14 Aug 71	14 Aug 71
HHC/2/503	"	"	8 Jul 71	6 Jul 71
HHC/3/503	"	"	20 Jul 71	29 Jul 71
HHC/4/503	"	"	17 Aug 71	12 Aug 71
HHD, Spt Bn	"	"	9 Aug 71	16 Aug 71
A Admin	"	"	1 Aug 71	N/A
B Med	"	"	2 Aug 71	11 Aug 71
C (S&S)	"	"	3 Aug 71	10 Aug 71
D Maint	"	"	4 Aug 71	15 Aug 71
HSB, 3/319	"	"	30 Jul 71	15 Aug 71

APPENDIX 11 (DISPOSITION OF RECORDS) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this appendix is to outline the procedures taken to dispose of records, accountable material and basic distribution.

2. GENERAL: The disposition of records was consolidated into three main categories; (1) Records, (2) Accountable Material, and (3) Basic Distribution.

a. Records: The disposition of records was subdivided into three areas; (1) Records of inactivating units, (2) Records of Vietnam related activities and functions for the redeploying units and (3) Annual 1970 records retirement to USARVIS Records Holding Center.

b. Accountable Material: Control and disposition of accountable material was divided into two segments; (1) Ration Cards (MACV Form 333) and the Currency Control Card (MACV Form 5) and (2) Classified documents.

c. Basic Distribution: Disposition of basic distribution was routed into one of three channels; (1) Primary or original unit location, (2) The Redeployment Coordination Center, and (3) Postal dispatch of material to CONUS based units.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Records: Disposition of records was accomplished IAW Rde OPOrd 10-71, Annex H, Appendix 11 and USARV Manuel 600-1. Immediately on notification of redeployment, the USARV Records Management Branch was contacted for preparatory guidance on records disposition. A Records Management NCO was dispatched as a contact element to all inactivation units. Each unit received guidance on the proper procedure for records retirement and the proper destruction of dispensable functional files. Later a similar contact was made with redeploying units with guidance given to insure accurate and efficient records disposition. After the first increments records had been shipped to the USARVIS Records Holding Center, an NCO was sent to USARV Records Management Branch to receive additional guidance in correcting discrepancies in the records disposition.

b. Accountable Material:

(1) Disposition of accountable material was made IAW Keystone Oriole Bravo OPOrd 10-71, Annex M, Appendix 2. Upon receipt of the OPOrd all available material that could be downgraded and destroyed was destroyed. All remaining material was reviewed for possible destruction. If destruction was determined proper, the documents were properly destroyed and a destruction certificate prepared. Material that remained was shipped IAW the OPOrd.

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(2) Accountable forms requiring control during standdown were the Ration Cards (MACV Form 333) and the Currency Control Card (MACV Form 5). These cards were collected by each unit and turned in to the AG Classified Section. Each card was logged on a destruction certificate using the Ration Card serial number and the MACV 5 Card SSAN. Blank Ration Cards were also recorded and disposition was made on all cards.

c. Basic Distribution: Disposition of basic distribution and records was constantly shifting from one of three channels during the entire standdown of any given unit. While the unit was in its primary or original location, all distribution was handled through the normal Distribution Section's channels. When a unit moved into its standdown phase, all distribution was shifted to the Redeployment Coordination Center at Cha Rang. When a unit inactivated all incoming distribution was screened for proper action. When a unit redeployed to CONUS, all incoming distribution of a routine nature was prepared for mailing and routed through postal channels to the CONUS based units.

4. PROBLEMS:

a. Records: The only problem in this area was meeting suspense dates. Units needed to retain certain files up to the last day of there standdown.

b. Accountable Material: None.

c. Basic Distribution: Distribution to units during the transition from the original unit location into the standdown area was a problem.

5. SOLUTIONS:

a. Records: By continual coordination with USARV Records Management Branch and by direct contact with each unit the problem of suspense dates was solved.

b. Accountable Material: None.

c. Basic Distribution: Coordination between the Redeployment Coordination Center and each Bn Adjutant contributed to the flow of distribution during the unit transition into the standdown area.

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APPENDIX 12 (POSTAL ACTIVITIES) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this annex is to describe all postal activities and functions prior to, during, and after redeployment of the 173d Abn Bde.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission: The mission of the Brigade Postal Section during redeployment was to provide maximum postal services to the Brigade prepare for and shut down postal operations, and effect planning for continuation of postal services in CONUS.

b. Organization: The Brigade Postal Section was organized into three sections; LZ English, Phu Cat Air Base, and Cha Rang Valley. Postal services were conducted at LZ English by a nine--man section and at Cha Rang by a two--man section. Phu Cat was the coordination and bulk mail separation point for all operations.

c. Responsibilities: The Main Postal Section at LZ English was responsible for overall control and operation of postal personnel, coordinating and planning standdown activities and turn in of postal equipment, funds and supplies. The Phu Cat breakdown section was responsible for receiving all incoming mail, dispatching mail to units and coordinating transfer of mail to and from other Brigade postal sections. The 173d Postal section in Cha Rang Valley was responsible for providing adequate postal finance services to troops in standdown area, obtaining correct and complete locator cards from all individuals, and briefing all standdown troops on postal services and restrictions.

3. CONCEPT AND EXECUTION:

a. Planning: Prior to standdown, planning for operation and administration of a split post office and for a comprehensive system to obtain complete locator cards was developed:

(1) Dates of unit standdown were found to have changed and in some cases were indefinite as of C-day. Mail distribution scheme change plans were altered to give a Brigade close out date rather than individual unit close out dates.

(2) Additional personnel were requested as an increase in volume of business was expected. Replacements were not obtainable so provisions were made to have former mail clerks of inactivating units who remained with the Brigade to be assigned for duty to the Brigade Postal Section.

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(3) Additional vehicular support was obtained through S4, Special Troops Battalion.

(4) Additional supplies, especially locator cards, were obtained from the 38th Base Office (Long Binh).

(5) Preparations for creation of a postal finance unit in Cha Rang Valley standdown area were made to include training qualified personnel and obtaining additional equipment and supplies. Command information on mail procedures and services available was provided to all units and supplemented by handouts to outprocessing personnel in the standdown area and by daily bulletin announcements.

(6) As units began to out-process and return to CONUS, locator cards were obtained and checked for accuracy. Standdown personnel were briefed on postal procedures. Mail for units in standdown was monitored daily to cut off delivery in old unit areas and to transfer to standdown area or back to the main post office after unit departure. Mail for personnel being reassigned in-country was separated from mail forwarded to unit's new station in CONUS.

(7) To insure maximum accuracy and total coverage of all personnel out-processing, a Postal Liaison NCO was sent to Cha Rang postal section to coordinate and control unit mail clerks to obtain proper forwarding addresses (to include permanent home residence) on locator cards. Unit rosters and movement orders were used as a check for accuracy. One card (DA Form 3531) was filled out and forwarded to San Francisco Military Mail Terminal. Three locator cards (DD 1175) were prepared with one retained by unit, one sent to LZ English Post Office for locator files and one retained for shipment to post locator at Ft Campbell, Ky.

(8) During the standdown there was an initial increase in volume of stamp sales. Money order sales remained constant. A customs inspector was attached to assist the Postal Officer in inspection of packages for contraband items. He was given orders to stay at LZ English for only one week unless extensions were recieved. He inspected over 180 parcels and discovered contraband in 19 parcels. His departure for his home station was at a time of minimum sales between the 1st and 2nd increments.

(9) Frequent coordination with USARV Staff Postal Officer and other postal officers in-country was made to plan and ship excess supplies and non-accountable equipment to places of greatest need.

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(10) After termination of postal financial transactions, records were shipped to records holding area and final operations reports were prepared. A Monthly Postal Operations Report (MACV Form 430) was prepared based on actual closeout of activities on 15 Aug 71. A Quarterly Postal Operations Report (DA Form 1179) was also prepared for the period 1 Jul thru 15 Aug 71. Both reports were handcarried to USARV Postal Office by Postal Officer after an initial electrical message had been sent.

(11) The LZ English postal section moved operations to Cha Rang and Phu Cat when the 3d Increment started out-processing. As approximately 1/3 of the postal section was being reassigned in-country this left a strong working force throughout redeployment and close-out operations.

#### 4. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

- 4 Jun 71 Initial briefing on redeployment by Bde AG.
- 19-20 Jun 71 Face to face coordination with USARV Director of Postal Operations concerning standdown/re-deployment activities.
- 21 Jun 71 Additional post office supplies obtained from 38th Base Post Office, Long Binh.
- 26 Jun 71 Coordination with 173d AG and Finance for standdown activities.
- 5 Jul 71 Postal Finance Standdown Team arrived at Cha Rang Valley and began operation of Post Office at Bde Schools. Postal liaison began to brief all stand-down troops on contraband mailings, postal services and to coordinate preparation of locator cards. Parcel post and money order services were available for standdown troops.
- 8 Jul 71 Postal supplies and locator cards arrived from 38th BPO.
- 10 Jul 71 A USARV Postal representative arrived at LZ English to coordinate turn-in of accountable postal property and handling of shutdown of APO 96250. Records shipment and claims processing procedures were established.
- 12 Jul 71 Bde S1 briefed on postal standdown operations and plans. Close of postal financial operations was set for 12 Aug 71. Post office was to leave LZ English on 15 Aug 71 and set up operations in Phu Cat and Cha Rang Valley. Mail was to be cut off on 12 Aug 71 with last shipment of letter mail on 17 or 18 Aug 71.

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13 Jul 71 Postal service and mail handling for 173d Roll-Up Force confirmed with CO, Roll Up Force. Mail clerk for Roll-Up Force was designated and tested.

14 Jul 71 Saigon Area Customs Inspector attached to APO 96250 to inspect parcels for Government property and contraband.

16 Jul 71 Postal Officer, 1st APU (Qui Nhon) contacted for lateral exchange of blank money orders and stamp stock. Postal Officer, 6th APU (Tuy Hoa) contacted for coordination on receipt of excess postal supplies and non-accountable equipment.

17 Jul 71 USARV Postal questioned on handling of hospital and casualty mail after shutdown. Request made for locator service for all mail trapped in San Fransico after 12 Aug 71. Request made for authority to submit mail scheme changes without orders as backup.

19 Jul 71 Coordination made with Postal Officer, 39th BPO (Cam Ranh Bay) for turn over of accountable Post Office Department equipment.

20 Jul 71 USARV Postal approved request for authority to submit mail scheme changes without orders authorizing redeployment or standdown.

22 Jul 71 Customs inspector returned to Saigon. Orders extending him for continued duty with 173d Postal Section were not recieved as planned.

26 Jul 71 Scheme changes submitted with mail cutoff at San Fransico/Seattle on 12 Aug 71.

27 Jul 71 Postal annex to Bde OPORD 10-71 prepared and accepted.

30 Jul 71 Postal Section 2d Increment personnel four (4) arrived in standdown area.

12 Aug 71 Closedown of all postal finance operations at LZ English and Cha Rang. Finance reports consolidated.

13 Aug 71 Funds from last days of money order business converted into treasury checks at Bde Finance office. Remaining stamp stock and blocks of blank money orders transferred to 1st APU (Qui Nhon). Audit taken of all postal funds and equipment.

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- 14 Aug 71 Preparation for shutdown and departure from LZ English. 1st APU picked up extra equipment.
- 15 Aug 71 Postal section moved to Cha Rang and Phu Cat. Final postal operations reports prepared.
- 20 Aug 71 Last outgoing free letter mail processed by postal section. 3d Increment personnel and in-country transfer personnel began clearing.
- 21 Aug 71 Postal Officer handcarried cancellation equipment, official seals, and final reports to Director of Postal Operations.

5. LESSONS LEARNED: Delay in submission of mail distribution scheme changes.

a. Observation: Mail Scheme Changes were delayed because orders authorizing unit moves were not published or available.

b. Evaluation: Orders authorizing change of station for units are required as back up for submission of mail distribution scheme changes. Date orders would be available was unknown, so USARV staff postal was asked to authorize submission of scheme changes without orders but based on Keystone Operations Order. Permission was granted to allow submission of scheme change without backup if a statement from 173d Abn Bde AG that orders were not obtainable was inclosed with proposed scheme change.

c. Recommendation: USARV should make allowances for local Postal Officer to submit scheme changes based on unit movement dates as set forth in Keystone Operations Order.

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APPENDIX 13 (CIVILIAN PERSONNEL) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 1730 ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To summarize activities on handling of civilian employees during redeployment of the Brigade.

2. GENERAL: Objectives were as follows:

a. Civilian personnel were held as long as possible to insure service to the troops as long as practical and to provide for accomplishment of menial tasks, clean up of unit areas, work on bunker line, etc.

b. Civilian employees were notified of work termination in adequate time to preclude payment of severance pay where possible.

c. Coordination was made with Qui Nhon CPO to transfer employees to other jobs where possible and to identify above average workers.

3. PROCEDURES:

a. Local National Employees:

(1) Qui Nhon CPO was notified by submission of SF 52 on each employee to be terminated.

(2) Passes were withdrawn when employees were terminated.

(3) Imprest and DOHIF funds were closed out IAW existing regulations.

(4) Bde S5 coordinated disposition of Luc Luong 66 personnel.

b. DAC Employees: The Bde Safety Officer made direct coordination with USARV Safety Officer for reassignment.

c. VRE Employees: These employees were the responsibility of VRE.

d. Contractor Employees: These employees were the responsibility of the individual contractor.

4. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Control of Passes:

(1) Observation: Though passes were to be picked up when employees were terminated, it was noted that some employees gained access to the installation and roamed unsupervised over the area. It was found that in many cases, employees were still in possession of their passes.

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(2) Evaluation: These unemployed personnel proved to be a constant problem in heroin traffic, thefts, prostitution, etc.

(3) Recommendation: That tighter control be effected on gates during periods of standdown. Control of personnel must rest fully in the hands of US personnel and close coordination between PM and units terminating employees is essential to reduce pilferage and other problems.

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APPENDIX 14 (CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To present a summary of the activities at the Brigade Chaplain's section during redeployment of the Brigade.

2. REDEPLOYMENT CONCEPT/ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING CONCEPT: Upon notification that the Brigade was being redeployed to CONUS, plans were made to provide religious coverage and counseling for troops in the standdown area.

3. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

28 Jun 71: The Chaplain section was notified of the impending redeployment of the Brigade. Immediate action was taken by the Chaplain's Council to cancel all publications and to stop all fund activities as of 15 Jul 71.

1 Jul 71: All fund property was turned into a custodian who was authorized to dispose of some items which were declared unserviceable (AR 230-36 Chapter 2, para 2-12b(3)).

3 Jul 71: DF sent to S1 stating requirements for chaplains in CONUS as only two chaplains and two assistants were returned with the Brigade.

5 Jul 71: TOE property was inventoried and reported to Property Book Officer.

10 Jul 71: Coordination was made with chaplains of the 86th Maint Bn for religious coverage for standdown area. Also daily coverage by Brigade Chaplains was made possible by Brigade Helicopter Shuttle.

6 Aug 71: One chaplain departed on 2d Increment.

25 Aug 71: One chaplain and one assistant departed on 3d increment.

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APPENDIX 15 (BRIGADE HOUSING POLICY) to ANNEX B (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96250

AVBE-XO

8 July 1971

SUBJECT: Brigade Housing Policy

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1. The policy of the 173d Airborne Brigade with respect to housing at Fort Campbell is as follows:

a. The post policy on allocation of housing to the various ranks will be followed. Within this post policy, housing will be assigned as it becomes available, by date of rank.

b. Personnel currently occupying post housing at Fort Campbell will be allowed to remain in their quarters.

c. All personnel redeploying with the Brigade will be considered as having submitted their housing application on the same day. Housing will be equally available to personnel in all increments; that is, personnel arriving in the first increment will have no advantage over those arriving last.

d. Submission of the attached form will be the request for post housing if applicable.

2. To insure adequate housing is made available to members of the Brigade and to allow the school systems to plan for the influx of children of Brigade members, information on the attached questionnaires must be gathered. All married members and all personnel in grade E6 and above in the Brigade must complete the questionnaires. The questionnaires will be consolidated by battalions and submitted to the Brigade XO NLT 15 Jul 71.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96250

SUBJECT: BOQ and BEQ Requirements (E6 and Above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Commanding General  
173d Airborne Brigade  
APO 96250

The following information is submitted to assist Fort Campbell authorities in planning for Bachelor Officer and Bachelor Enlisted Quarters for Brigade personnel:

a. I will require BOQ/BEQ facilities upon my arrival at Fort Campbell? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_.

b. I plan to live in BOQ/BEQ facilities only temporarily while relocating my family? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_.

c. If given a choice I prefer On Post\_\_\_\_ Off Post\_\_\_\_ BOQ/BEQ quarters. (Indicate preference by check mark).

d. Personnel data follow: (PRINT)

(1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST INITIAL

(2) RANK/GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

(3) DATE OF RANK/GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

(4) SSAN \_\_\_\_\_

(5) UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_

e. My signature below constitutes my formal request for BOQ/BEQ facilities. I certify all information on this application is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96250

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SUBJECT: Housing School Data Questionnaire

Commanding General  
173d Airborne Brigade  
ATTN: DPC

1. The following information is submitted to assist in allocating on-post housing for Brigade personnel and to assist school authorities provide for the influx of children of Brigade personnel.
2. Submission of information and my signature below constitute my formal application for housing if I further indicate my intention to do so in Item 3.

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HOUSING, SCHOOL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. I plan to relocate my family to the Fort Campbell area if they are not already there. (If answer is NO do not complete the remainder of form).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. My family is presently living in the Fort Campbell area:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In government quarters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off Post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I plan to request government quarters on Fort Campbell as soon as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I plan to buy or rent quarters off-post in the Fort Campbell area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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5. I will bring the following dependents to the Fort Campbell area.

a. Wife

b. Children: SEX (list by sex) AGE SEX (list by sex) AGE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Other (list by relationship, provide age if minors)

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I will enroll the following children into school grades as indicated:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO CHILDREN TO ENTER</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO CHILDREN TO ENTER</u>
1	_____	7	_____
2	_____	8	_____
3	_____	9	_____
4	_____	10	_____
5	_____	11	_____
6	_____	12	_____

7. I plan to enroll children in the school systems indicated.  
(Check as many blocks as are appropriate)

a. Post school      b. Public school      c. Parochial school

8. I have \_\_\_\_\_ children enrolled in the Fort Campbell/City school system.

9. My signature below is certification the information provided on this form is true.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF RANK \_\_\_\_\_

SSAN \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT OR ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

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ANNEX C (INTELLIGENCE) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To describe the intelligence emphasis and the disposition of intelligence files and assets during the Brigade's redeployment to CONUS.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission: The mission of the S2 section was to intensify the intelligence gathering effort in areas adjacent to Brigade installations and the standdown area to provide early warning against ground attack, attacks by fire, and enemy interdiction of lines of communication.

b. Organization: The S2 section sent two personnel with the brigade advance party and received a seven man augmentation from the 172 MI Det to provide order of battle and CI skills during redeployment. The 172 MI Det redeployed with the first increment.

c. Responsibilities: The S2 section was responsible for all aspects of intelligence in support of the Brigade standdown and redeployment, disposition of intelligence material, unattended ground sensor assets, and classified material during redeployment.

3. CONCEPT AND EXECUTION:

a. The Brigade S2 section concentrated on gathering intelligence on enemy movements and intentions until all Brigade units entered standdown and installations were closed. Collection plans were expanded to include closer coordination with ARVN and ROK forces in the AO. Further, an increase in the use of VN agents by each district was requested and approved. The use of an air cavalry troop and O-1 reconnaissance aircraft around installations, complemented by the employment of unattended sensors and Ranger teams, out to enemy mortar and rocket range, improved the early warning measures.

b. Transfer or destruction of files, sensor assets, and maps was accomplished as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intelligence Material</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1 Jul 71	Image interpretation files and photography.	Transferred to G2 Air, 22d ARVN Div.
10 Aug 71	Order of Battle and Interr ogation of Prisoner of War Files	Transferred to HQ's SRAG.

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10 Aug 71	Maps of Binh Dinh (P)	Transferred to 40th ARVN Regt.
20-21 Jul 71	Maps of MR 2	Destroyed or transferred to 66th Engr Map Depot, IAW MSG from USA Engr Comd 011021Z Jul 71.
26 Jul 71	Unattended Ground Sensor assets	Transferred to 22d ARVN Div.

c. Counter intelligence activities:

(1) Counter intelligence agents from the 172 MI Det conducted closeout inspections of all units and facilities as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area/Unit Inspected</u>
4 Jul 71	172 MI Det
5 Jul 71	173 Engr Co
9 Jul 71	51 Chem Det
9 Jul 71	39 Inf Plt (SD)
13 Jul 71	2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf
14 Jul 71	Salem, A/ 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty
14 Jul - 14 Aug 71	3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty
21 Jul 71	24 MHD
21 - 27 Jul 71	3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty FSB Uplift
23 Jul 71	534 Sig Co
6 Aug 71	E/17 Cav
6 to 16 Aug 71	4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf
8 to 25 Aug 71	173 Spt Bn

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9 Aug 71

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13 Aug 71

N/75 Inf (Rgr)

14 Aug 71

LZ English, Brigade FWD Base Area

14 Aug 71

HHC, 173 Abn Bde

(2) A counter-intelligence team submitted agent reports through USARV to USAINTC on all personnel with a positive heroin urinalysis test, their security clearance (if any) was suspended, and DA Form 873 was removed from their file and forwarded through channels to USARV.

d. Guidance to units on disposition of classified documents was published in 173d Abn Bde OPOD 10-71 and no problems were encountered.

#### 4. LESSON LEARNED:

a. Observation: The destination of the Brigade in CONUS was classified SECRET NOFORM until 8 July 71. The Brigade had been notified of redeployment on 14 Jun 71, the first units entered standdown on 1 Jul 71 and the advance party shipped on 9 Jul 71. Yet all information was still classified until 8 Jul 71. Prior to 8 Jul 71, the Brigade required over fourteen hundred men to exercise their option to remain in RVN or return to CONUS. They were asked to do this without knowing the CONUS destination. "Unclassified" newspapers were received in VN by sponsors before the destination was unclassified. Unit movement orders and address labels for TAT cargo could not be published due to classification.

b. Recommendation: That the destination of units redeploying to CONUS be made public on C-Day. Had this been done on 14 Jun 71 in this Brigade's case, personnel would have had all information required to make a sound decision on their future and their family's future. As it was, personnel could not be told the Brigade was leaving or its destination. This environment violated principles of the Modern Volunteer Army and should be avoided at all cost.

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ANNEX D (TACTICAL OPERATIONS) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this annex is to outline the tactical operations conducted by the brigade during redeployment.

2. GENERAL: On 14 Jun 71, when notification of redeployment was received, the brigade had its three battalions employed with one in BA 226, one on Phu My Ridge and one in the Crescent Mountains. Operation LUCAS GOLD was in full swing with the mission of interdiction of rice resupply routes. Also on 14 Jun 71, the brigade was ordered to deploy one battalion with supporting artillery to Cam Ranh Bay - OPCON to USASUPCOM, CRB. On 16 Jun 71 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf initiated security operations vicinity CRB. From notification through the final air movement of its last unit, the brigade concentrated on security for LZ English and LZ Uplift. Though not avoiding enemy contact, no unusual efforts were made to initiate contacts which did not affect the security of LZ English and Uplift.

3. TASK ORGANIZATION: The brigade had the following units assigned, attached or OPCON on 14 Jun 71:

- HHC
- 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf
- 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf
- 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf
- 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty
- 173 Spt Bn
- 172 MI Det
- 173 Engr Co
- N/75 Inf (Rgr)
- E/17 Cav (OPCON to TF 19)
- 534 Sig Co
- 51 Chem Det
- 39 Inf Plt (SD)
- 75 Cbt Trkr Det
- 46 PID
- 24 MHD

4. REDEPLOYMENT CONCEPT: During redeployment, the concept for tactical operations was based on:

- a. Maintaining pressure on the enemy for as long as possible using fire and air power.
- b. Increasing the external security of LZ English and LZ Uplift.

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c. Conducting reconnaissance operations with organic LRRP and DS air cavalry troop.

d. Conducting a phased withdrawal of the maneuver element from combat operations into the standdown area at Cha Rang Valley.

e. Maintaining one maneuver battalion placed OPCON to CG, USASUPCOM, CRB for the maximum length of time.

f. Providing security for land clearing operations for as long as required.

5. EXECUTION:

a. On 14 Jun 71, the 173d Abn Bde was conducting Operation LUCAS GOLD with the mission of interdicting known enemy routes to deny rice for storage in Base Area 226. This same day the Brigade received notification to execute Operation DARBY SWING III, sending one infantry battalion to Cam Ranh Bay to conduct security operations in that area on 16 Jun 71.

b. Upon notification of redeployment a number of changes were required in the tactical posture of the brigade. Tactical operations during redeployment followed the following considerations:

(1) No external forces would be available to assist the brigade in the security requirement.

(2) Cha Rang Valley could accommodate up to 1000 personnel; however, a phased withdrawal of maneuver elements from security operations would reduce troop vulnerability at Cha Rang.

(3) Aircraft support was limited due to the redeployment of the Brigade's aviation section and unpredictability of general support aviation assets.

(4) As maneuver elements redeployed, the security requirements would increase with less forces to accomplish the mission. Therefore a roll-up force would be required.

c. Based on the factors above, the concept for brigade operations outlined in para 4, above, was developed. The brigade was not relieved of Cam Ranh Bay requirements until 6 Aug 71.

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d. The brigade provided security using available rifle companies, recon teams and ranger teams while screening with a DS air cavalry troop. As maneuver elements redeployed, the air cavalry troop was used more extensively and reaction forces were requested from GVN assets.

e. The redeployment was conducted in three increments using a maneuver battalion as the principal element with an artillery battery and elements of HHC, 173 Abn Bde and 173 Spt Bn in each increment. LZ's and FSB's were closed and turned over to 2 ALC when no longer needed.

f. Security for 538th Engr Co (LC) was provided by E/17 Cav(-) until it entered standdown on 5 Aug 71. One platoon was employed as the final security element on LZ Uplift prior to turn over of that installation to 41st ARVN Regiment on 27 Jul 71.

#### 6. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

- 14 Jun 71: Commanding General briefed key staff personnel on redeployment concept.
- 15 Jun 71: 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf was extracted by air from the Crescents to LZ Uplift to prepare for future operations.
- 16 Jun 71: 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf executed DARBY SWING III to Cam Ranh Bay to conduct security operations, OPCON USA-SUPCOM, CRB.
- 19 Jun 71: C/3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty was airlifted to Cam Ranh Bay DS 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf.
- 28 Jun 71: 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf closed FSB Springfield and airlifted to LZ English to prepare for exchange with 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf in Cam Ranh Bay.
- 28 Jun 71: OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO) was issued announcing tactical concept for operations during redeployment.
- 1 Jul 71: 173d Abn Bde initiated OPORD 10-71 (KEYSTONE ORIOLE BRAVO).
- 1 Jul 71: 534 Sig Co commenced standdown for inactivation.
- 1 Jul 71: 39 Inf Plt (SD) turned in their War Dogs to USARV.

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1 Jul 71: 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf exchanged with 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf at Cam Ranh Bay.

2 Jul 71: 173 Engr Co initiated redeployment.

4 Jul 71: 172 MI Det initiated redeployment.

8 Jul 71: 39 Inf Plt (SD) moved to Cha Rang Valley for inactivation.

9 Jul 71: 1st Increment of 173 Spt Bn commenced redeployment.

9 Jul 71: 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf commenced redeployment.

9 Jul 71: 51 Chem Det initiated inactivation activities.

9 Jul 71: Brigade Advance Party departed Cam Ranh Bay for CONUS.

10 Jul 71: 75 Cbt Trkr Det inactivated.

14 Jul 71: A/3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty initiated redeployment.

14 Jul 71: Close FSB Salem.

15 Jul 71: Close Hawk's Nest (retransmission facility).

16 Jul 71: 1st Increment of HHC, 173 Abn Bde commenced redeployment.

16 Jul 71: 1st redeployment aircraft departed for CONUS.

20 Jul 71: 534 Sig Co, 39 Inf Plt (SD) and 51 Chem Det inactivated.

21 Jul 71: 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf initiated redeployment.

22 Jul 71: 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf completed redeployment to CONUS.

23 Jul 71: 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf redeployed to CONUS (1st aircraft).

26 Jul 71: Sub-Zone Coordination functions transferred to CO, 17th CAG at Tuy Hoa.

27 Jul 71: Transfer LZ Uplift to 41 ARVN Regiment.

27 Jul 71: 2d Increment of 173 Spt Bn commenced redeployment activities.

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28 Jul 71: 3 Bn (Abn), 319 Arty initiated redeployment activities.  
 30 Jul 71: E/17 Cav(-) initiated redeployment activities.  
 5 Aug 71: 3 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf completed redeployment to CONUS.  
 6 Aug 71: 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf initiated redeployment activities.  
 6 Aug 71: 3d Increment of 173 Spt Bn commenced redeployment activities.  
 9 Aug 71: Last element E/17 Cav initiated redeployment.  
 10 Aug 71: 46 PID initiated inactivation activities.  
 10 Aug 71: 173d Abn Bde terminated security (Tactical) Operations.  
 12 Aug 71: 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf redeployed to CONUS (1st aircraft).  
 12 Aug 71: TOC moved to Phu Cat AB.  
 14 Aug 71: N/75 Inf (Rgr) commenced inactivation activities.  
 15 Aug 71: 3d Increment of HHC 173 Abn Bde commenced redeployment activities.  
 16 Aug 71: TOC displaced to Phu Cat from LZ English.  
 16 Aug 71: 17 Avn GP assumed OPCON Roll-Up Force.  
 16 Aug 71: 24 MHD commenced inactivation activities.  
 18 Aug 71: All 173d Abn Bde personnel cleared LZ English.  
 19 Aug 71: 46 PID inactivated.  
 20 Aug 71: Transferred LZ English to 2d ALC.  
 20 Aug 71: Roll-Up Force personnel released from assignment USARMYF MR 2 for reassignment within USARV.  
 22 Aug 71: Close Phu Tai.  
 23 Aug 71: 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf completed redeployment to CONUS.

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24 Aug 71: N/75 Inf (Rgr) inactivated.  
25 Aug 71: 173 Spt Bn completed redeployment to CONUS.  
25 Aug 71: Closed Cha Rang Valley facility.  
25 Aug 71: 24 MHD inactivated.  
25 Aug 71: HHC, 173 Abn Bde closed CONUS; 173d Abn Bde closed CONUS.  
25 Aug 71: Redeployment Completed.

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ANNEX E (LOGISTICS) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To discuss the planning for and the execution of logistical requirements during redeployment.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission: To redeploy the Brigade with equipment to CONUS and to inactivate certain units in USARV during the period 1 Jul 71 through 25 Aug 71.

b. Organization: The organization to provide supply and services to the Brigade was not changed as a result of the redeployment activities. This organization was augmented by establishing a Redeployment Operations Center (ROC) at Cha Rang to coordinate and direct all redeployment logistic functions. (See Annex J, ROC).

3. CONCEPT AND EXECUTION:

a. Concept: In general the guidance provided for the Brigade to retain serviceable equipment authorized on the H-series TOE. Exceptions to this involved equipments critical to USARV that were available at CONUS destination. Equipment to be retained in RVN was turned in to the Keystone facility at Cha Rang. Equipment of inactivating units was also keystoned at Cha Rang. Equipment destined for CONUS (whether by ship or as TAT cargo aboard the personnel aircraft) was processed and packaged at Cha Rang during standdown by Bde units. (See App 2, Equipment Processing). Qui Nhon Sub Area Command assumed logistical support of the Brigade on 1 Aug 71.

b. Execution:

(1) General: With the Redeployment Operations Center monitoring the logistics functions at Cha Rang, the S4 Section concentrated on providing assistance to battalion S4's and property book officers. In addition, the S4 made all coordination with the ARVN 2d Area Logistics Command (2d ALC) for the turnover of post, camp and station property on installations turned over to GVN.

(2) OPORD: Using USARV OPLAN 183-70 as a basis and adding to that guidance from USARV DCSLOG and USARV Unit Redeployment Assistance Team (URAT), the logistical annex to 173d Abn Bde OPORD 10-71 was written.

(3) Brigade HQ accomplished the following IAW USARV OPLAN 183-70.

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- (a) Complete inventory of equipment by unit.
- (b) Culmination of requisition priority 05-12.
- (c) Updated Forces Readiness Activity Report (FRAMREP).
- (d) Forwarded list of shortages to USARV for fill from USARV assets.

(4) Units accomplished the following action IAW Bde OPCODE 10-71 prior to commencing standdown at Cha Rang.

- (a) Technically inspected equipment.
- (b) Prepared documentation for turn-in.
- (c) Identified and marked all ENSURE Items.
- (d) Segregated equipment into two categories.

1 Remain in country.

2 Return to CONUS.

(5) As each increment arrived at Cha Rang, the following actions were taken:

(a) Equipment to remain in-country was turned into the Keystone Facility (86th Maint Bn).

(b) Equipment to be returned to CONUS was prepared as follows:

1 Equipment and CONEX containers were decontaminated.

2 Vector Control Measures were applied.

3 Custom inspections were accomplished by Bde PM.

4 Equipment was packaged for shipment.

5 Transportation Control Movements Document (TCMD's) were prepared.

(6) Property books of all inactivating units were audited by the Bde S4 prior to being turned-in to USARV. All supporting documents and property books were sent registered mail to DCSILOG-AVHDL-REK.

(7) Transportation of equipment (See App 3).

(8) Logistic (See App 1).

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(9) ROC Operations (See Annex J).

(10) Bde S4 informed units of changes by publishing a Supply Bulletin.

4. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

14 Jun 71: Received redeployment notification.

15 Jun 71: USARV OPLAN 183-70 put into effect.

19 Jun 71: Visit to Brigade by USARV URAT.

27 Jun 71: Brigade OPORD 10-71 published.

1 Jul 71: 1st Increment entered standdown; 30% of their equipment was turned-in between 14-28 Jun 71.

9 Jul 71: Advance party departed for CONUS.

21 Jul 71: 1st Increment equipment processing completed.

21 Jul 71: 2d Increment entered standdown.

24 Jul 71: 1st Increment ESRD.

27 Jul 71: JP-4 facility at LZ Uplift transferred to ARVN 2d ALC.

1 Aug 71: Qui Nhon Sub Area Command assumed mission for CL I and III resupply to Brigade; CL V reduced based on phasedown.

6 Aug 71: 3d Increment entered standdown.

8 Aug 71: CL V Current Authorized Storage Objective (CASO) reduced to 40%.

9 Aug 71: 2d Increment equipment processing completed.

10 Aug 71: 2d Increment ESRD.

13 Aug 71: CL V - CASO reduced to 20%.

14 Aug 71: JP-4 facility LZ English transferred to ARVN 2d ALC.

16 Aug 71: Ammo storage at zero - ammo support personnel returned to 630th Ordnance Company.

17 Aug 71: All logistical Support to LZ English stopped except CL III.

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20 Aug 71: CL III facility LZ English closed.

20 Aug 71: LZ English turned over to ARVN.

24 Aug 71: 3d Increment equipment processing complete.

25 Aug 71: 3d Increment ESRD.

5. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Transportation:

(1) Observation: Security Plans and Operations, Qui Nhon Sub Area Command was tasked by USARV OPLAN 183-70 to provide transportation support for the Brigade during standdown period. Each time SP&O was tasked for transportation, they refused based on lack of assets, no drivers or deadlined equipment. Only once during the standdown period was a transportation request filled.

(2) Evaluation: The Brigade, using its organic assets moved all cargo from Brigade bases to the standdown area. This overtaxed the equipment and the operators.

(3) Recommendation: That USARV augment the local Spt Command or logistical facility with additional transportation assets when they are engaged in support of standdown operations.

b. Equipment for Roll-Up Force:

(1) Observation: Obtaining equipment to support the Bde Roll-Up Force/required 15 days once USARV had directed QNSC to hand receipt this equipment. Even then daily trips were required between LZ English and the 86th Maint Bn to pick up equipment.

(2) Evaluation: Operational readiness of the Brigade's Roll-Up Force was delayed due to lack of equipment. Though daily coordination between the Brigade S4 and the 86th Maint Bn stressed the urgency for issue of weapons and other tactically important equipment, the result was a continued lack of responsiveness on the part of the Qui Nhon Sub Area Command. Even when equipment required by the Roll-Up Force was turned in by a Brigade unit, the Keystone facility reported they did not have the equipment available for hand receipt to the Roll-Up Force.

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(3) Recommendation: That upon forming the Roll-Up Force the Brigade identify all required equipment from the first unit standing down and "hand carry" the equipment through the Keystone Facility, documenting as they go and return it directly to the Roll-Up Force. The choice as to which Keystone equipment to issue to a unit involved in a roll-up operation must be removed from the Keystone Facility.

c. Packing, Preservation, and Packaging (PP&P):

(1) Observation: The Qui Nhon Sub Area Command was required by USARV OPLAN 183-70 to provide PP&P material for the Brigade during the standdown period. Qui Nhon Sub Area Command did not provide PP&P. The Brigade had to obtain PP&P from CRB using it's own assets to deliver the material to Cha Rang.

(2) Evaluation: The Qui Nhon Sub Area Command did not meet it's responsibility of providing PP&P items as required by USARV OPLAN 183-70.

(3) Recommendation: That Qui Nhon Sub Area Command insure sufficient packing material is on hand to support units that are in a standdown posture.

d. Tonage and Cubic Displacement of Bulk Shipments:

(1) Observation: Unit PBO's and S4's had difficulty submitting estimates of weight and cube of surface shipped items.

(2) Evaluation: Original estimates as to weight and number of rolling stock items to be sent to CONUS by ship were inaccurate and had to be revised. Unit supply personnel could not accurately forecast the number of conexes even when the amount of equipment could be approximated. No organized plan was in effect at unit level for this process.

(3) Recommendation: That at property book level, a loading plan be developed showing weight and cube of each major piece of TOE equipment. Utilizing such publications as the Handbook of Ordnance Material and TB 55-46, dimensions and weights of TOE equipment can be quickly computed.

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APPENDICES 1 - Logistical Requirements

2 - Equipment Processing

3 - Transportation

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APPENDIX 1 (LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS) to ANNEX E (LOGISTICS) to  
173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To discuss logistical requirements during the stand-down period 1 Jul - 25 Aug 71.

a. Mission: The logistical mission for the Brigade included:

(1) Redeploy maximum amount of equipment compatible with H-Series TOE.

(2) Turn-in SCRAM 3 and 4 items to Keystone.

(3) Turn-in excess equipment to Keystone.

(4) Turn-in equipment critical to USARV needs to Keystone.

(5) Dispose of post, camp, and station property.

(6) Turn-in other classes of supply on hand to Sub Area Command Qui Nhon.

b. Planning:

(1) USARV URAT provided the Brigade with an unofficial list of items to be retained in-country. When the Brigade did receive the "approved" USARV Critical Items List, it had already been approved by DA. Shortly thereafter USARV added 13 lines to the Critical Items List. The Brigade requested that DA not approve the additions; The Brigade's request was approved.

(2) Since the Brigade would reorganize in CONUS under the H-Series TOE, the current MTOE and the H-Series were compared to determine compatibility of equipment, after which a shortage list was prepared for each unit. Added to this list were items turned into 86th Maint Bn as SCRAM 3 or 4 and retain in-country items in the USARV Critical Items List. The shortage list of each increment was hand carried by Brigade Supply personnel to USARV Inventory Control Center, Vietnam (ICCV) where it was inventoried against USARV assets to determine which shortages could be filled from in-country stocks. Identifying and processing equipment shortages were performed in each increment within ten days after standdown began.

(3) Once availability of USARV assets had been ascertained, Brigade Supply personnel prepared material release orders (MRO) and equipment was shipped to Fort Campbell, KY.

(4) After inventory of USARV assets, Equipment Shortages Lists were returned to Bde S-4 and forwarded to the Brigade at Fort Campbell to requisition residual shortages from the Direct Support Supply Activity (DSSA).

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(5) The concept of logistics support for the Brigade was based on the assumption that the Brigade would be self supporting until 1 Aug 71. All classes of supply were phased down proportionally as units entered standdown.

### 3. EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION:

#### a. Post Camp and Station (PCS):

(1) Thirteen lines of PCS property were authorized for turn over to GVN. Coordination and execution of turn over were effected through the 2d Area Logistical Command (ALC), Qui Nhon.

(2) Property was transferred on DA Form 1348-1. 2d ALC provided the document number and the supply activity codes for turn over of PCS Property.

(3) All transactions were approved by the Maintenance Director, Qui Nhon Sub Area Command.

(4) All PCS property transferred to GVN was turned over in place, relieving the Brigade of extensive transportation requirements.

(5) A small quantity of PCS property was SCRAM coded by 86th Maint Bn transported from Brigade installations to Qui Nhon and turned-in to PDO.

b. USARV Critical Items: Items critical to USARV needs were turned in through the 86th Maint Bn (See Tab A).

c. ENSURE Items: ENSURE items were identified, marked with ENSURE numbers and turned-in to the Keystone facility.

d. Temporary Loans: Temporary Loan items compatible with the H-Series TOE and not on USARV critical items list were transferred to unit property books for return to CONUS. A Request for Issue/Turn-in (2765-1) was sent by the unit PBO to ICCV of the action. Temporary loan items to remain in-country or those in a SCRAM 3 or 4 condition were turned in through Brigade Supply Office (BSO). BSO shipped the items to Long Binh Army Depot.

#### e. Ammunition:

(1) Ammunition was turned over to US and ARVN Forces at the 630th Ord Det ASP LZ English except for selected items of munitions that could not be turned over to ARVN Forces IAW USARV OPLAN 183-70.

(2) Ammunition support from the 630th Ord Co was phased down proportionally as unit standdowns progressed and as the tactical situation permitted.

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f. POL Dispensing Equipment:

(1) USARV directed that Brigade POL Dispensing Equipment be turned over to GVN.

(2) Equipment was turned over to 2d ALC at LZ Uplift and LZ English on 27 Jul 71 and 14 Aug 71 respectively.

g. Class I and III Supplies: On 1 Aug 71, 19th S&S Company, 88th S&S Bn QNSC assumed total support of CL I and III, and continued support of the Brigade until 25 Aug 71.

h. TA 50-901 Personal Clothing:

(1) Personnel turned-in all personal clothing except two pair of tropical fatigues and one pair boots. TA 50-901 not returned to CONUS was turned into DSSA, Qui Nhon.

(2) With USARV approval, tropical fatigues were worn enroute to CONUS. On arrival in CONUS, jungle fatigues were collected and shipped to Fort Lewis, Washington to be reissued at the overseas replacement section. Jungle boots are nonrecoverable and were retained by the individual.

(3) Serviceable/Organizational TA 50-901 compatible with the H-Series TOE was returned to CONUS.

TAB A - USARV Critical Items

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TAB A (USARV CRITICAL ITEMS) to APPENDIX 1 (LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS) to ANNEX E (LOGISTICS) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. The following DADAC and DA High Interest items comprised the USARV Critical Items List:

a. Weapons CMD:

A93124 Armored Recon VEH M551

L44575 Launcher Grenade - 40MM - M79

R50543 Recovery Vehicle M-578

b. Electronics CMD:

Q16109 Radar Set AN/PP-5

Q37005 Radio Set AN/PRC-25

c. Tank Automotive CMD:

S70517 Semi Tractor Low Bed 25 Ton

X38639 Truck AMB  $\frac{1}{4}$  Ton

X39735 Truck Cargo  $\frac{3}{4}$  TBN

X40009 Truck Cargo  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Ton

X59236 Truck Tractor 5 Ton

X60833 Truck Utility  $\frac{1}{4}$  Ton

d. Mobility Equipment:

T10138 Shop Equipmwnr Contact

W86063 Tractor Full Track

e. Munitions Command:

H68063 Flame Thrower Portable

f. Aviation Systems CMD:

K31042 Helicopter OBS OH-58A

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APPENDIX 2 (EQUIPMENT PROCESSING) to ANNEX E (LOGISTICS) to  
173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To discuss processing of Brigade equipment.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission: To pack equipment for shipment to CONUS as prescribed by USARV OPLAN 183-70 and to turn in all items of equipment that were to remain in RVN.

b. USARV Redeployment Assistance Team (URAT): The URAT provided Bde S-4 an "unofficial" list of equipment to be retained in Vietnam and to be returned to CONUS. This list was reproduced and distributed to all Brigade units on 2 Jul 71.

c. Equipment Inspection: Co D (Maint) 173d Spt Bn inspectors augmented by the Brigade Command Technical Assistance Team inspectors performed a 100% TI of all major items of equipment prior to a unit's move to Cha Rang. This enabled the unit to estimate what CONUS-designated equipment was in a SCRAM 1 or 2 condition. Equipment in a SCRAM 3 or 4 condition was turned into the Keystone Facility. The FAMREP was updated, since the bulk of the Brigade's heavy equipment remained in RVN. Virtually no Post, Camp, or Station property was scheduled for return to CONUS.

d. Early Turn-In: Prior to the start of the official stand-down, units were directed to turn in all equipment not essential to their mission. Such categories as excess major items, temporary loans, and selected PCS items were turned in prior to the unit move to Cha Rang. Log books were inspected and corrected and preparation of SCRAM documentation was also begun in advance.

e. Equipment Redeployment Criteria: Equipment returned to CONUS met the following criteria:

- (1) SCRAM 1 or 2 condition.
- (2) Compatible with H-Series TOE.
- (3) Not on the USARV Critical Items List.

f. Turn In of Equipment:

(1) Processing at Cha Rang followed the external SOP for Keystone Oriole Processing, Appendix 2 to ANNEX G, 173d OPORD 10-71.

(2) Documentation Required:

(a) DA Form 2765-1 for turn in.

(b) DA Form 2407-7 for transfer.

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- (c) USARV Form 562 and 563 for SCRAM coding.
- (d) DA Form 2404 for inspection of equipment.
- (e) Log books if entries were missing, illegible or mutilated.
- (3) Actions for CONUS Shipments:
  - (a) Clean, preserve, package.
  - (b) High pressure wash rack used for vehicles.
  - (c) Customs inspection by Brigade PM.
- (4) Actions for RVN Turn-in:
  - (a) Clean, service.
  - (b) Pack if destined for out of country rebuild.
- (5) Disputes between Keystone Facility and unit were solved by Brigade S-4.

3. SUPERVISION OF EQUIPMENT PROCESSING:

- a. The Redeployment Operations Center acted as the S-4 coordination center for all actions surrounding equipment processing.

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APPENDIX 3 (TRANSPORTATION) to ANNEX E (LOGISTICS) to 173D  
ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. PURPOSE: To discuss Transportation Coordination.

2. GENERAL:

a. Mission: The Bde S-4 was responsible for coordinating all ground and air transportation except the Special Assigned Airlift Missions (SAAM).

b. Air Transportation:

(1) The Bde S-4 in coordination with USARMYF MR 2, secured a dedicated C7A aircraft to support the drug control program.

(2) Urine specimens taken in the standdown area were flown from Phu Cat to Cam Ranh Bay for testing. Personnel with a positive specimen were also transported via the same dedicated aircraft to 6th Convalescent Center, CRB.

(3) Following detoxification at the 6th CC, personnel were returned to the Brigade on the dedicated aircraft.

c. Surface Transportation (Sealift): Coordination for Sealift was effected with MACV Transportation Movement Agency. Processing items for sealift followed this pattern:

(1) Equipment was custom checked, packed, preserved and decontaminated at the equipment processing point at Cha Rang Valley. The bulk of CONUS bound equipment was packed in CONEX containers.

(2) Two copies of Transportation Control Movement Documents (TCMD), DD Form 1384, were prepared for each conex; one TCMD to move the item from Cha Rang Valley to Qui Nhon and a second to ship the item to CONUS.

(3) TMA provided the shipping schedule for surface cargo. TMA required that the Brigade provide weights, cubes and TCMD's on all equipment for each of the three increments, 12 days prior to the Equipment Shipment Readiness Date (ESRD). (See Lesson Learned para 5 Annex E).

(4) Once equipment was ready for moving, TCMD's were submitted to TMA. TMA then coordinated commercial transportation to move cargo from Cha Rang to port where it was stored in port holding area until loaded aboard ship.

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(5) A liaison NCO from the 173d Spt Bn remained at the Qui Nhon Port to expedite the flow of equipment.

d. Vehicle Transportation:

(1) Cargo:

(a) QNSC inability to provide vehicle transportation necessitated maximum use of the organic transportation assets of the Brigade.

(b) By 6 Aug 71, the bulk of the Brigade vehicular transportation assets were turned in to 86th Maint Bn.

(c) From 6 Aug 71 through 25 Aug 71 heavy reliance was placed on commercial transportation (Han Jin).

(2) Personnel:

(a) Movement by CH-47

(b) In the event CH-47 could not be used, Qui Nhon Sub Area Command was tasked to provide buses to move personnel to Phu Cat. This contingency never occurred.

e. Hold Baggage:

(1) Unaccompanied: A hold baggage processing facility was established at Cha Rang Valley by QNSC. Troops desiring to ship hold baggage prior to receipt of orders were given authority based on USARV Reg 55-2 and USARV OPLAN 183-70. Unaccompanied hold baggage processing was accomplished with little difficulty.

(2) Accompanied Baggage: (B4, Samsonite, etc.):

(a) Accompanied hold baggage was customs inspected the day prior to air shipment, placed in CONEX containers, and trucked to Phu Cat Air Base under MP escort where it was turned over to the 15th Aerial Port.

(b) Carry-on baggage was customs inspected at Cha Rang by Brigade Customs MP's the day of departure. Following inspection, the personnel and baggage were moved to Phu Cat by CH-47.

f. Red Circle TAT:

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(1) A list of recommended TAT, taken from USARV Redeployment Guide, was reproduced for each unit in the Brigade. For discussion of problem areas, see Lessons Learned, para 5d, Annex E.

(2) Following customs inspection, units packed TAT at Cha Rang in boxes manufactured at the standdown area by the 173d Spt Bn.

(3) On the day prior to air shipment, TAT was trucked to Phu Cat along with accompanied hold baggage but in separate CONEX containers since weight and funding are computed differently.

(4) TCMD's for the TAT were carried to Phu Cat at the same time and given to the 15th Aerial Port.

(5) Unit personnel and finance records were also shipped Red Circle TAT but were sent to Phu Cat on shipping day in the CH-47 that carried the personnel.

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ANNEX F (CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS) to 173D ABN BDE REDEPLOYMENT  
AFTER ACTION REPORT.

1. PURPOSE: To outline termination of PSYOPS, Civil Action, Community Relations and disposal of Kit Carson Scouts during redeployment.

2. EXECUTION:

a. PSYOPS:

(1) The last PSYOPS planned by the Brigade was begun on 14 Jun 71 by the 9th Speech Operation Squadron (9th SOS). The operation consisted of leaflet drops and aerial loudspeaker broadcasts directed against NVA units in Base Area 226. This operation was continued by the 9th SOS until 19 Sep 71. The purpose of this final extended operation was to help cover the gradual withdrawal of Brigade units from combat operations.

(2) G-5, USARV furnished a list of Brigade controlled equipment. This equipment was then turned in through Keystone Channels.

b. Civic Action: All Brigade civic action projects had been transferred to District responsibility on 1 Jan 71.

c. Community Relations: The 173d Abn Bde was responsible for community relations programs in the 4 northern Districts of Binh Dinh Province and as Sub-Zone II Coordinator for supervising the programs of TF 19 at An Khe, 17th CAG at Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon Spt Cmd and Phu Cat Air Base. On 26 Jul 71 the new Sub-Zone II Coordinator, 17th CAG, assumed all of the Brigade community relations responsibilities by order of CG, USARMYF MR2.

d. Kit Carson Scouts: At the time of redeployment the Bde employed 49 KCS's. As individual units entered standdown their KCS's were transferred to HHC, 173 Abn Bde and placed under S-5 control. Considering the desires of the individual and the availability of positions, the S-5 arranged for the transfer or termination of service for each scout as follows:

22 transferred to Binh Dinh (P)  
1 transferred to Fleiku (P)  
22 elected to terminate service  
3 were disabled and returned to the National Chuu Center for GVN beginning in civilian trades  
1 was terminated for stealing

3. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

1 Jul 71: Bde S5 forwarded to the 9th SOS a plan for PSYOPS effective until 19 Sep.

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- 1 Jul 71: Bde S5 assumed control of KCS from 2 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf and 4 Bn (Abn), 503 Inf.
- 18 Jul 71: 22 KCS transferred to Binh Dinh Province.
- 20 Jul 71: 5 KCS terminated and returned to Saigon.
- 22 Jul 71: 1 KCS transferred to Pleiku Province.
- 27 Jul 71: 5 KCS terminated and returned to Hoai Nhon District.  
5 KCS terminated and returned to Saigon.
- 1 Aug 71: 10 KCS terminated and returned to Saigon.
- 7 Aug 71: PSYOPS equipment transferred to KEYSTONE consisting of 2-1000 watt speakers and 5-250 watt speakers.

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- 1 - CG, 18 Abn Corp, Ft Bragg, N.C., 28307