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1. MEETING HELD 19 JAN 66 WITH [ ]

[ ] VP OPSN, MR TOM BOYD, AND SAIG [ ] MGR AND CHIEF PILOT.

2. PARA 2 REF MEETING HELD 24 JAN 66 WITH ALL INTERESTED STATION REPRESENTATIVES AND SAIG [ ] MGR AND CHIEF PILOT PRESENT. FOLLOWING POSITION ARRIVED AT RELATIVE EACH SUBPARA:

A. NORMAL ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST ARMING [ ]

AIRCREWS PREVAIL NOW AS IN THE PAST. HOWEVER OVERRIDING ARGUMENTS ARE THE WIDE DISPERSAL AND GREATER NUMBERS OF ENEMY MAKES THE SMALL ARMS AND INCREASING AA <sup>H</sup>TREAT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN LAOS OR ELSEWHERE; THE VC NO LONGER TREAT CREWS AS CIVILIANS OR EVEN POW'S; AND THE USUALLY SHORT TIME FACTOR OF ABOUT 15 TO 30 MINUTES BETWEEN FORCED LANDING AND RESCUE. IF WE CAN GIVE A DOWNED CREW THE CHANCE OF SURVIVAL BY HOLDING THE VC OUT OF GRENADE RANGE FOR SUCH A PERIOD BY ALLOWING THEM TO CARRY ARMS WE MUST DO SO.

B. PRIOR RECEIPT REF, [ ] DISCUSSED WITH AMB PORTER

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WH NO WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCURRED, AND SAID PLS QUOTE ME IF USEFUL ON ARMING CREWS. NOT YET DISCUSSED WITH AMB LODGE, WHO BANG, BUT CERTAIN HE WOULD CONCUR.

C. WEAPONS CONSIDERED WERE M-2 CARBINE; M-16 (AR-15); 9MM SMG'S SWEDISH M45, BERETTA, UZI; AND US 45 CAL M3 SMG. M-2 CARBINE SELECTED AS BEING BEST OVERALL WEAPON THIS PURPOSE. HAS GREATER RANGE AND ACCURACY FOR SIZE, IS EASIER TO HANDLE IN HANDS OF NON-PROFESSIONAL, IS MORE VERSATILE IN THAT BOTH FULL AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC, RATE OF FIRE IS LESS IN FULL AUTOMATIC THUS LESSENING CHANCE OF PREMATURE EXPENDITURE AMMUNITION, AND BETTER E & S WEAPON IF REQUIRED.

D. [ ] TO ESTABLISH SECURE ARMORY FOR STORAGE WEAPONS. ISSUE, TURN IN AND MAINTENANCE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY US NATIONAL. WEAPON WILL BE ISSUED CREW MEMBER BY SERIAL NUMBER ON HAND RECEIPT PRIOR TO FLIGHT AND TURNED IN UPON COMPLETION OF FLIGHT OR AT END OF DAY AFTER COMPLETION OF SERIES OF FLIGHTS. PLAN ISSUE ONE WEAPON AND 150 ROUNDS AMMUNITION <sup>T10</sup> PER CREW MEMBER.

E. ALL CREW MEMBERS TO BE TRAINED IN USE WEAPON [ ] [ ] IN GROUPS OF 10 TO 15. FIRST COURSE ~~course~~ 30 JAN 66. COURSE WILL EMPHASIZE PROPER CONTROL OF FIRE UNTIL FIRED UPON

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OR ENEMY RECOGNIZED AS SUCH. WEAPONS AND 5 CLIPS AMMUNITION TO BE STORED IN INDIVIDUAL CANVAS CASES AND WILL NOT BE LOOSE ON ACFT.

F. WEAPONS WILL BE REQUISITIONED BY STATION AND TURNED OVER TO [ ] ON HAND RECEIPT. [ ] WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTINE CARE AND MAINTENANCE. IF MAJOR REPAIR REQUIRED WEAPON WILL BE RETURNED TO STA FOR SHIPMENT TO [ ]

3. REQUEST APPROVAL SOONEST. [ ] CREWS VERY JITTERY AND NEED ASSURANCE SOME ACTION BEING TAKEN.

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[ ] 74200 19 JAN 66 [ ]

VP OPSN

MR TOM BOYD SAIG [ ] MGR 2 24 JAN 66 MGR SUBPARA AA LAOS  
VC NO LONGER POW'S 15 30 A VC A AMB PORTER PLS NOT YET AMB LODGE  
BANGM-2 M-16 (AR-15) 9MM SMG'S SWEDISH M45 BERETTA UZI US 45 CAL M3 SMG  
M-2 NON-PROFESSIONAL E & S US 150 VUNG TAU 10 15 30 JAN 66 5 NOT BE

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