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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Air America Fleet Planning for Vietnam Phase-out/Evacuation

1. Although precise information on positioning and flight status of all aircraft is not available in the Air America Washington office, [] [] has pieced together an overall picture of the AAM fleet as of 16 April.

a. PC-6 Porters

Due to the short range (400 mi.), limited carrying capacity and need for landing strip, these aircraft are not useful for evacuation and every effort is being made to get them out of Vietnam. The current status is:

7 aircraft: crated and ready for sea shipment to CONUS on 23 April;

8 aircraft: engines removed and shipped to Tainan. Hulls will be shipped out if time and space permit;

2 aircraft: under contract to U. S. Mission

1 aircraft; not certifiable as airworthy, to be left in Vietnam.

18. Total Porters

b. VTB Volpars

AAM has both long and short-range Volpars. The short-range models are being ferried out first and the longer-range models will be used for evacuation if necessary.

1 aircraft: [] in Taiwan;

5 aircraft: already ferried to Tainan;

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