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ANNEX T TO APPENDIX B

#### COUNTERPART RELATIONSHIPS

#### STRATIGIC FECHNICAL DIRECTORATE (STD) \*

### I. (PS) BACKGROUND.

#### A. Development and Missions.

1. The Liaison Service of the President of Vietnam was a military organization which had the mission of collecting strategic intelligence throughout South Vietnam. This organization was under direct control of President Diem. It was not the same organization as the present day Liaison Service. In mid-1958, the Director of the Liaison Service submitted a project for the establishment of an agency to collect strategic intelligence in North Vietnam. The President approved the organization and 12 officers were sent to the United States to attend a two month Special Intelligence Training Course. Inclosure 1 depicts chronologic development of STD.

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- 3. In January 1962, the Special Topographic Exploitation
  Service was formed with the Special Branch for Clandestine Operations as a subordinate element. The Special Topographic Exploitation Service was directly responsible to the President of South
  Vietnam and its mission concerned both internal security and special
  operations outside the Republic of Vietnam. The Special Branch for
  Clandestine Operations was responsible for conducting intelligence
  operations against North Vietnam using military and civilian personnel
- a. Maritime operations were conducted using the PCF
  Swift Boats and Yabuta Class Junks The Junks were built by fishermen and other seafarers who had come south avoiding the communist

\* (5) Enclosure to Chief, MACSOG Memorandum for Chief, Special Operations Division, OSACSA, "MACSOG Documentation, Project," 21 November 1969.

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take-over of the northern part of Vietnam. They built these craft along the lines of those constructed in the vicinity of Vinh and the northeastern coastal area of North Vietnam. Construction sites were at Da Nang and Cap St. Jacques (Vung Tau) where these northern people had settled

- b. Air operations for delivery of agent teams and resupply employed VNAF modified C-47 aircraft The modification consisted of additional fuel tanks to allow them to fly over much greater distances. The aircraft flew from Saigon (Tan Son Nhut Air Base) to Da Nang, topped off with fuel, then flew over the Gulf of Tonkin, across the NVN coastline and on to their target. These aircraft operated all the way to vicinity of the NVN/Chinese border. General Ky, now Vice President of RVN, was one of the pilots who flew these missions.
- 4. Several out-of-country sub-branches were established for clandestine activities.
  - a. COMETE located in Vientiane, Laos.
  - b. HERCULE located in Savannakhet, Laos.
  - c. ALTO located in Bangkok, Thailand.

Missions for these sub-branches included collecting information on communist activities in North Vietnam and recruiting, training and infiltrating agents into North Vietnam

- d. VENUS located in Paris, France, with similar missions as above using VN nationals
- e. Special Branch was in process of establishing subbranches in Tokyo and Hong Kong in late 1963 when the program was dropped.
- 5. On 1 April 1963, the Special Topographic Exploitation
  Service was redesignated the Special Forces (SF) Command. The Special
  Branch for Clandestine Operations retained its designation and was
  attached to the SF Command for administration Operational control
  of the Special Branch reverted to the Chief of Staff (CofS), Joint
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- 6. The mission of the SF Command in 1963 was much the same as it is now, to train, arm and support the people of the hamlets to protect themselves and defend their villages from the Viet Cong and also to infiltrate SF personnel into the VC secret zones in-country for intelligence purposes
- 7. On 1 April 1964, the Special Branch was split; one portion becoming the Strategic Exploitation Service and the other a separate entity, the Liaison Service
- a. The Strategic Exploitation Service (SES) remained under administrative control of the SF Command and operational control of the CofS, JGS. The mission of the SES was conduct of intelligence gathering operations in NVN Col Tran Van HQ assumed command of SES in April 1964.
- b The Liaison Service also remained under administrative and operational control the same as SES Their mission was to conduct intelligence gathering operations in Laos.
- c. The Coastal Security Service (CSS) is the cover name for the Vietnamese Maritime Operations Force. It was formed as a part of SES as of 1 April 1964 in Da Nang CCS was successor to PACIFIC sub-branch which was changed with the mission of infiltrating and exfiltrating agents and equipment into and out of NVN by sea.
- 8. Also, on 1 April 1964, that element that had been the Special Topographic Exploitation Service (then a part of the SF Command) was reconstituted as the 77th Special Forces Group. The SF Group was formed in the present day STD Compound. At the same time, the new 31st Special Forces Group was formed in the compound now occupied by the present Liaison Service. Missions of both groups remained the same as for the SF Command. The SF Command plus the two groups moved to Nha Trang later in 1964.

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- 9. SES was renamed Strategic Technical Service (STS) on 16 January 1965 and the Liaison Service was made an integral part of STS at that time. Administrative, operational control and missions remained the same for both elements.
- 10. STS was renamed Strategic Technical Directorate (STD) on

  1 November 1967 with administrative and operational control remaining
  the same as before. The missions also remained the same
- assigned, subordinate activity of JGS and no longer was associated with the SF Command as of 1 February 1968. STD assumed its own administrative and personnel support. As an independent directorate of JGS, STD is supported by Headquarters, Vietnam. High Command As an organic activity of STD, the Liaison Service remains under direct operational control of the CofS, JGS.

#### B. STD Mission and Capabilities.

1. Mission. To exercise operational command over forces and personnel assigned or attached to execute special operations or conduct unconventional warfare as directed by the Joint General Staff/RVNAF or competent authority.

#### Capabilities

- a. Providing command and control of forces performing special operations or unconventional warfare missions.
- b. Planning, coordinating and implementing those special operations or unconventional warfare missions authorized by the High Command, RVNAF.
- c. Preparing coordinated US/VN plans for special contingency or special emergency operations as directed by the High Command, RVNAF, developing capabilities to provide support for the accomplishment of such special contingency or emergency plans.
- d. Training those forces assigned for special operations or unconventional warfare.

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#### C. Organization

- 1. Although activated in 1964, there was no approved Table of Organization and Equipment for SID until Jan 67 when ARVN TOE 40-201A was published. The "A" Series TOE authorized a total strength of 123 officers and 359 other ranks from ARVN. Concurrently, the CSS, attached from the Vietnamese Navy for operational control, was authorized 55 officers and 37 other ranks under TOE 3-759
- 2. Under the "B" Series TOE, approved 29 Apr 68, STD was authorized 185 officers and 297 other ranks from ARVN. The proposed authorized strength of CSS in 1968 went to 49 officers and 363 other ranks.
- 3. Since 1964 the STD organization has been supplemented by increasing numbers of mercenaries. In 1964 there were some 470. This number increased to 1675 when SHINING BRASS Operations were initiated in Oct 65. By the end of 1968 the number of mercenaries under STD control had reached 2,353. Administrative local civilian employees numbered 1,918 at the end of 68.
- 4. The "C" Series TOE was approved in Jun 69 and authorized 307 officers and 610 other ranks.
- 5 JGS approved the "D" Series TOE in the fall of 1969 realigning STD forces more realistically so that the Liaison Service was organized with three sub-elements, paralleling the three C&C Dcts. The authorized strength remained at 917.
- 6. Organizational charts depicting past and present organizations are attached as inclosures 2 through 16.

### II. (TS) -COUNTERPART RELATIONSHIPS.

A General Direct counterpart relations exist in several specific areas. These relations are shown by the chart at inclosure 17 and are discussed below.

#### B. Director, STD.

 Direct counterpart relationships exist between the Director, STD and Chief, SOG.

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2. Coordination and liaison is conducted on all the many functions, missions and operations for which SID is responsible and SOG maintains interest. Establishment of policies, program objectives and support, coordination on STD TOGL structure and maining, establishment of civilian TD ceilings within staff and operating elements and delineation of amount and type of logistic and financial support are among the more important matters of coordination

#### C Deputy Director, STD.

- 1 The Deputy Director deals with his parallel, Deputy Chief, SOG on all matters concerning the overall organization, function and operation of STD. He must be prepared to assume directorship of the organization and therefore must remain abreast of all STD activities and the assistance, advice, and guidance offered and the restraints imposed by SOG
- 2 Because of his responsibility to maintain this knowledge, he has an additional counterpart in the person of SOG Director, Operations and Training (SOG-30) The current organization of STD distributes and intermingles functions normal to SOG-30 among several STD staffs and sub-commands Director, SOG-30 maintains liaison with the Deputy Director, STD, in matters involving policy advice relative to current and future reconnaissance, maritime, air, psychological warfare, and training operations and force levels.

#### D. Personnel Branch, Admin and Log Service

- 1. Counterpart to the Personnel Branch is the SOG Civilian

  Personnel Office (CPO) CPO maintains the Civilian Table of Distribution as well as the STD Personnel Branch.
- 2. CPO and STD Pers Branch coordinate in hiring and termination of local national civilians for STD and the Joint Translation Center.
- 3. SOG CPO; in conjunction with SOG Security, STD Security, and the VN Military Security Service, process all final security checks of Victnamese civilian personnel being hired on a temporary or permanent basis for SOG, STD, or any of the sub-elements.

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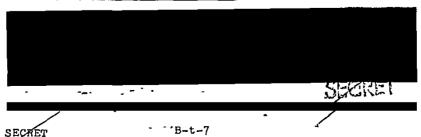
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#### E STD/SOG logistics Relationships

- l Logistics in RVNAF are handled somewhat different than that of the US. RVNAF has five Area Logistic Commands (ALCs) covering

  Vietnam The ALCs furnish common item support to all services in their area of responsibility. The ALCs are operated by ARVN. VNN And VNAF provide only service peculiar items to their forces.
- 2. STD Logistics Branch acts as a Log Staff Agency for the STD subordinate elements. STD Headquarters issues logistic guidance to the sub-elements. STD Headquarters constitutes a separate customer for one of the ALCs
- 3. The subordinate commands of STD deal directly with the ALCs as separate accounts.
- 4. From its inception, SOG provided the majority of logistic support for STD and its elements. CSS was recently required to rely on the RVNAF Log System. At present the Command and Control Detachments and the Airborne Training Center at Camp Long Thanh are supported entirely through US Log channels. Plans are being prepared for these elements to adopt the RVNAF system also.
- 5 Considering the information shown above, it becomes apparent that little advice from SOG logistic personnel is appropriate.
- F. Finance Branch, Admin and Log Svc. SOG finances certain of STD's administrative costs and supplies for operation of programs run by Special Task Force/SOG-36 These funds are issued to the STD Finance Officer by SOG Comptroller. They are expended by STD within the authorizations set forth in SOG Directives (primarily salaries and SOG Directive 37-2). Monthly, the STD Finance Officer submits an accounting for funds expended and on hand to the SOG Comptroller. These accounts are audited by Comptroller personnel and results are reported to the STD Finance Officer.
  - G. Psychological Warfare Services.



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- 2. Dealing directly with Psykai Svc headquarters element is SOG-33. They assist and advise in planning for and coordination of psywar programs and activities and development of personnel requirements.
- 3 Two elements of PsyWar Svc, the Plans and Research Branch and the PsyWar Ops Branch are counterpart to PSG. The Director of PsyWar Svc exercises direct supervision over these two elements, therefore the Director of PSG also deals with him in the technical and functional aspects of these two branches.
- a. PSG personnel advise and assist Plans & Research and PsyWar Ops Branches on development of effective psychological operations including in-country covert psyops, media selection, production and dissemination, covert in and out of country radio broadcasts, and third country mail operations Research & Analysis Branch, PSG supports Plans & Research Branch, PsyWar Svc with advice and assistance on research and analyses methods and procedures and trains RVN personnel associated with that activity.

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c. The conduct of covert psychological operations programs, ancluding provision of US military personnel, is under control of SOG.

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- 4. Counterpart to the Broadcast Branch is the RSG. The Deputy Director, PsyWar Svc exercises direct supervision over the Broadcast Branch Broadcast Branch and RSG operate the Voice of Freedom (VOF) radio facility directed against NVN. VOF is a covert (grey) radio station jointly managed, controlled and operated by SOG and STD for their respective governments.
- a. RSG personnel advise, assist, train and supervise VN counterparts in scheduling and production of radio programs, installation, maintenance, repair and technical operation of studio and transmitter equipment.

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b. JUSPAO makes recommendations on piogram modification and piovides US policy guidance for operation of the station

#### H Intelligence Branch, Intel and Ops Service.

- 1. SOG Intelligence Division gives STD Intelligence Branch guidance on staff organization and manning, operation and management of various programs, and collecting, processing, collating, and disseminating intelligence information
- 2. STD S-2 is presently reorganizing his office and staff to assimilate the SOG targeting procedures. He attends the monthly target panel meetings to become familiar with procedures and methods used.

  Similar techniques will be initiated in STD Intel Branch
- 3 All information concerning SOG Intelligence Division operation is available for review by selected members of STD with exception of that material carrying the "No Foreign" restriction

#### I. Operations Branch, Intelligence & Operations Service.

- 1 The Chief, Ground Studies Branch (SOG-34) maintains close and direct counterpart relations with Chief, Operations Branch
- 2. These elements theoretically have prime staff responsibility for the cross-border mission and the operational elements which conduct those missions, however, in practice the Ops Br is not actively involved in the cross-border programs. They coordinate on manning and TOSE structure for the operational elements.
- 3. Both the Ops Branch and SOG-34 maintain staff cognizance of training conducted for personnel slated for programs in their sphere of interest.
- 4. The staff elements exchange information on targeting to be used in the monthly Targeting Panel meetings. This combined effort is designed to stimulate interest and participation in mission planning

#### J. STD Communications Branch.

1. Director, SOG Communications provides the STD Signal Officer with guidance in the formulation of signal plans for STRATA and ARVN cross-border teams, communications, security, and capabilities and limitations of equipment.

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- STD Signal Officer and Director, SOG Comm, together, conduct liaison with JGS J-6 and ARVN Signal Corps elements and ticir advisors for procurement of communications assets
- 3. SOG Comm provides SID with technical guidance and assistance in effecting repair to communications equipment which is beyond...

  STD capabilities.

#### K. Naval Liaison Branch.

- 1. Naval Liaison Branch of STD is the staff element maintaining cognizance of the maritime operations of the Coastal Security Service. The Branch is charged with generally the same functions as their SOG counterpart, Maritime Studies Branch (SOG-31).
- 2. Coordination between these two staff agencies is close
  Policy matters are discussed back and forth and traffic flow to and
  from the operational elements at Da Nang follows both US and VN
  channels
  - 3. Major areas of coordination are.
    - a. Mission planning, coordination and approval,
    - b. Determining force levels,
    - c. In-country operating areas,
    - d. Intelligence gathering networks, and
    - e. Logistic support including transportation requirements

#### L. Liaison Service.

- 1. Liaison Scrvice is a subordinate command of STD. Their primary area of interest is in the ground cross-border operations.

  Counterpart to this element is the Ground Studies Group (SOG-35).
- 2. Subordinate to Liaison Service is the ARVN elements at the Command and Control Detachments (C&C Dets). Operational command of all elements; US, ARVN, and SCU, is exercised by Commander, SOG-35.

  The commanders of Liaison Service and SOG-35 coordinate on all missions, functions, and problem areas of the C & C Dets.



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- 3. JGS recently approved a modification to the TOGE of SID (now TOGE 40-201 D) which gave braison Service three sub-elements as opposed to two. There was no increase in overall strength of STD resulting from this modification. Addition of the third element makes braison Service and SOG-35 closely parallel. Effort is being put forth to cause the ARVN staffs to function along the same lines as their US counterparts. The goal of this effort is to prepare the ARVN command and staff to assume full control and responsibility for the program.
- 4 The C & C Dets are US commanded and operated. ARVN counterpart staffs have functioned in recruiting SCU personnel, providing security checks on their personnel and keeping the US C&C Det Commander informed of information and directives passed to them by the Liaison Service in Saigon ARVN C & C Det staffs are being encouraged to take a more active part in administrative, operational, and support planning and mission coordination.
- 5 Presently, there are two basic type Reconnaissance Teams (RT), US led and ARVN led. ARVN personnel often serve on US led RT's. US personnel are not placed subordinate to ARVN personnel. After a period of training and evaluation by US Commanders and RT leaders, ARVN RT leaders are selected and their teams formed. They receive additional training to mold them as a team before they are sent on a mission.
- 6. There are no ARVN commanded Exploitation Forces at this time.
- 7. ARVN C & C Det Staff personnel administer most disciplinary action to ARVN and SCU personnel. They prepare and issue identification papers and maintain background security check cards on all SCU personnel. The ARVN staff handles only ARVN base pay responsibilities. SCU base pay and ARVN and SCU per diem and special pay is provided and administered by US personnel.

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#### M. Coastal Security Service

- 1. Coastal Security Service (CSS) is an element of STD supported by both the VN Navy and ARVN. They are responsible for conducting special maritime operations, including cross-beach eperations, as directed by STD. Operating in an integrated liaison/advisory capacity is their counterpart, the Naval Advisory Detachment (NAD). The internal organization of CSS is shown at inclosure 18
- 2. CSS operates using PCF Swift and PTF Nasty Class boats on loan from the US Navy.
- 3. NAD assists and advises CSS in staff and planning procedures, training, tactics (both maritime and cross-beach), reconnaissance and security, fire support, and boat maintenance support
- 4. CSS personnel accomplish much of the maintenance on the assigned boats with supervision and assistance from NAD personnel. A floating dry dock has been provided to enhance maintenance and maintenance training of CSS personnel Major boat maintenance is accomplished at the Boat Repair Facility, Subic Bay, Philippines. Selected CSS personnel have attended maintenance training at Subic
- 5. NAD operational personnel accompany and participate in certain in-country cross-beach operations against known VC/VCI/NVA base areas. This provides direct observation of cross-beach teams by US personnel and future training is adjusted to improve observed shortcomings. In-country cross-beach missions are based on intelligence gathered from many sources, are often requested by various US and VN conventional ground force headquarters, and have proven highly successful
- 6. In the proposed Post Hostilities configuration, CSS will have all Navy personnel and will be the VN Navy UW organization. They will receive advisory support from the US Naval Advisory Group.

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#### N. Allborne Training Center.

- 1 The Airborne Training Center is an ARVN military facility located at Camp Long Thanh (CLT) The Center is an element of STD and all ARVN personnel assigned to the Training Center are members of STD
- 2. Counterpart to the Airborne Training Center is Training Studies Group (SOG-38). In addition to conducting all training for US personnel, SOG-38 assists in preparation and implementation of training directives, programs of instruction and various training programs.

  Inclosure 19 is a list of courses available at CLT. Members of SOG-38 are selected very carefully for their knowledge, experience and ability to supervise and instruct. These personnel attend the major portion of instruction given by ARVN personnel and make corrections and suggestions when the period of instruction is completed
- 3. Administration and logistic requirements for support of training, camp operation and facility improvement are points of continuous coordination. Logistic and financial requirements are closely scrutinized and complete justification is required prior to approval.
- 4. US personnel advise on and coordinate combat training operations conducted as field training out of CLT. Requests for transportation beyond the capability of CLT is coordinated through SOG-38
- 5. Control of the training facility is in the hands of the Commander, Airborne Training Center. This control is influenced by Commander, Training Studies Group, through US monetary and logistic support and denial of advice or assistance to programs and projects not approved by Chief, SOG
- O. Coordination and Liaison Detachment is counterparted by SOG Air Studies Branch (SOG-32). The Functions set down for these two elements are very similar SOG-32 advises and assists in training counterpart personnel in planning conduct of air operations in support of UW activities including aerial delivery, close air support, aerial reconnaissance, logistic air support scheduling, and coordination for

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use of assets from supporting air elements. Major efforts are being put forth in plans and programs to enhance the capabilities of the Coordination & Liaison Det in this field. The JTD calls for 14 personnel in the Det plus ten VNAF personnel on indefinite TAD, two of the TAD officers are presently working in the Detachment

#### P. Special Task Forec.

- 1. The Airborne Studies Group (SOG-36) is counterpart to Special Task Force (STF). STF is responsible to STD for planning and conduct of covert and clandestine ground operations.
  - 2. SOG-36 advises and assists STF in the following areas
- a. Recommendations on selection, training and supervision of agent personnel,
  - b. Guidance on financial matters and major expenditures,
- c. Establishment of training plans and programs, support and supervision of training, and assistance with training aids, and
- d Preparation of long range operational planning, organizing and directing operations, provides aerial photography, documentation and other intelligence material, and transportation in support of agent team operations.
- 3. Targets for agent and-STRATA teams are currently being selected by US manned Targeting Panels. Members of these Panels are representatives of SOG Intelligence Division, Operations and Training Division, and Airborne Studies Group and MACV J-2
- 4. STF presently consists of a group of well trained and experienced VN personnel capable of assuming responsibility for covert and clandestine operations except in the areas of finance and logistics.

### III. (TS) RECRUITMENT.

### A. Agent Personnel

1. Requirements for agent teams and the rules and procedures established for recruiting clandestine agents are based on intelligence indicators and requirements developed in the operation plan. Development of the plan, the geographic area agents would be operating in and the

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ethnic origin of the inhabitants dictated what type individual and how many agent personnel would be required. Only after the information above had been obtained was any recruiting attempted.

- 2. The designated Case Officer and/or spotters would then proceed to in-country locations, including military organizations, likely to produce qualified candidates for the agent mission planned. Interviews were conducted with prospective agent personnel and certain information forms were completed. Emphasis was placed on motivating the prospect to volunteer for a highly important assignment in support of his country.
- 3. The information forms (similar to US DD Form 398, Personal History Statement) were then reviewed by the -VN National Police and a background security investigation was conducted. If the individual met all requirements, the Case Officer went out to perform the actual recruitment.
- 4. Agent trainees were brought to Saigon to one of several safe houses. Later in the program all agent personnel were placed in isolation training facilities at Camp Long Thanh. Complete administrative and security processing, including a polygraph test, constituted the first activity in the isolation area.

#### B Special Commando Unit (SCU) Personnel

- 1 The Liaison Burcau is SOG (SOG-35) liaison to the Liaison Service of STD. The element consists of one officer (0-3) and three NCOs.
- 2. Recruitment of SCU personnel to fill the various elements of the C & C Dets and Monkey Mountain Forward Operating Base (MMFOB) is accomplished through the combined efforts of the Liaison Bureau and the Liaison Service. Inclosure 20 depicts the make up of the Recruiting Section, lays out necessary documentation required in the recruiting process and gives certain administrative procedures to be followed.

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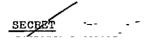




- 3. Requisitions for additional personnel are submitted by the C 4 C Dets and MNFOB, through both ARVN and US channels, stating any desired characteristics (such as ethnic origin) of the new recruits.
- 4. The combined recruiting team proceeds to the Province capable of providing the desired personnel. An interview is held with the Province Chief and Province advisor to determine any restrictions which may have been imposed on recruiting in that area
- 5. A publicity campaign is initiated Announcements are made over the local radio station and visits to villages to speak to prospective recruits are made.
- 6. Certain restrictions have been placed on recruitment of selected ethnic personnel
- a. Vietnamese and Chinese personnel are not eligible for recruitment into SOG Programs until after they are at least 24 years of age. Basis for this restriction is so as not to interfere with regular VN Military recruitment.
- b. Montagnard and Nung personnel can be recruited after they have reached their 18th birthday. These ethnic people are not subject to draft by VN Military Forces.
- 7. Comparison of approximate ethnic strengths at the C & C Dets is as follows

		VN/Chinese	Montagnard	TOTAL
(1)	C & C South	300	500	800
(2)	C & C Central	100	600	700
(3)	C & C North	500	300	800

- 8. No difficulty has been experienced using this method of recruitment. Retention of personnel has been a problem. All personnel are recruited for an indefinite period. They can quit or be terminated at any time. A monetary bonus is awarded for extended service.
- 9 The C & C Dets do not do any recruiting on their own. They can assist in the recruiting effort to improve the quality of the recruits received







10 Recruiting has been authorized at encampments of VN Airborne and Ranger units .

#### IV (TS) TRAINING

#### A. Agent Training.

- 1. Agent training normally lasts 10 to 12 weeks. In the past, this training time was often extended for various reasons; delay in getting the required number of qualified agent trainces, weather delays, etc. Radio operator trainces usually required as much as 20 weeks training to become proficient.
  - 2. Agent Training Subjects
    - a. Observation and repoiting.
- b. Use of non-technical communications, cut-outs, dead drops, witting live drops, unwitting live drops, personal meetings, use at accommodation address, and secret writing
  - c Surveillance techniques, counter surveillance.
  - d Personnel security
  - e Use of bona-fides (clandestine agent recognition systems)
  - f. Map reading.
  - g. Spotting and recruiting of sub-sources
  - h. Technical communications radio, one-time pads.
  - 1. Scouting and patrolling and related military subjects.
  - j. Parachute training.

#### B. SCU Training.

- 1. Basic Training. The majority of basic training for new recruits is conducted at Camp Long Thanh Five weeks of intensive training is conducted to make basic soldiers of the new recruits. A limited amount of basic training is conducted by the C & C Dets.
  - 2. Further Training.
- a. Upon completion of basic training the recruits are sent to the C & C Dets (or MIFOB) to which they are assigned and are integrated into RTs or exploitation companies. They begin training to

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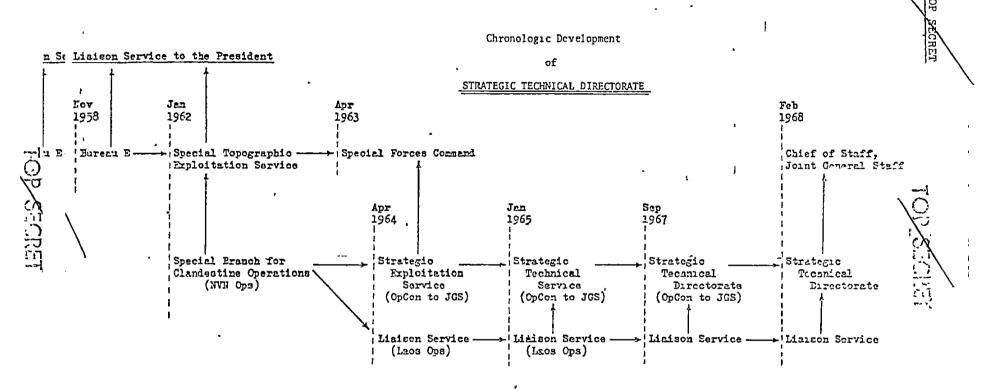
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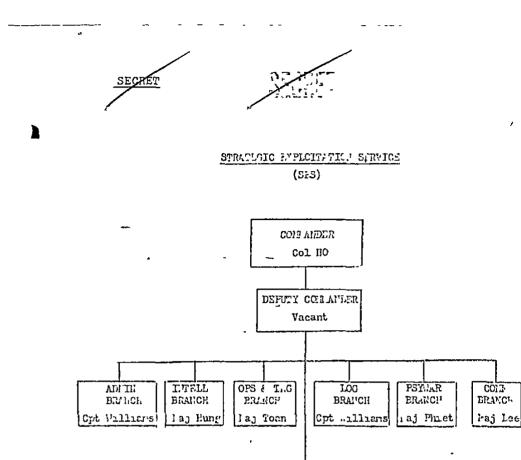
become part of that team. This training can be likened to advanced basic training and basic unit training.

- b. As time permits, additional training is given to further enhance operational capabilities. This includes retraining at individual skills as well as unit and exploitation training.
- c Specialist training such as the basic airborne course, radio operation, medical training and the RT Leaders Course is used to qualify selected individuals for further utilization. The current list of courses being administered at CLT is included at inclosure 19.

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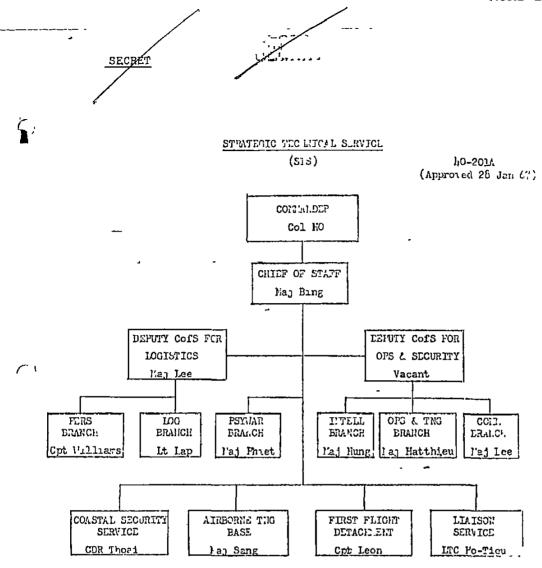
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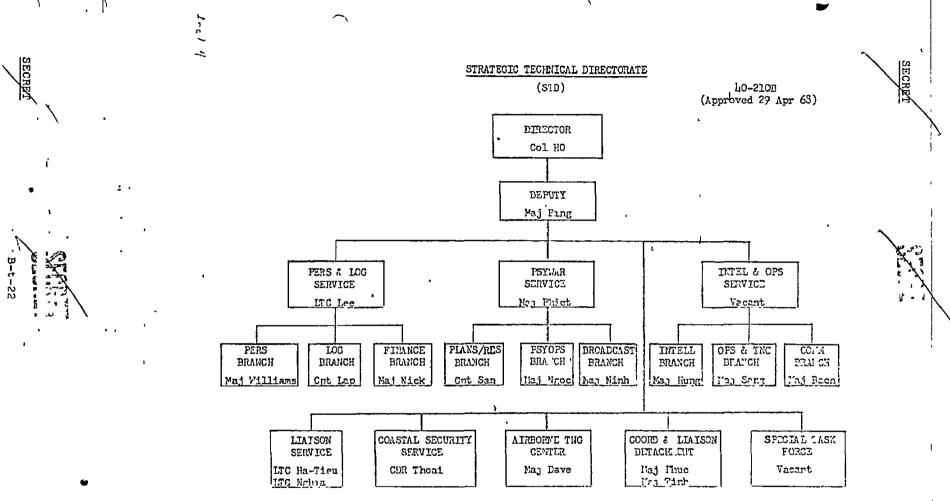
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#### II. ASSICTEM.

To the Joint General Staff.

#### III. CAPABILITIES.

- (a) Providing command and control of forces performing special operations, or conducting unconventional warfare.
- (b) Planning, coordinating and implementing those special operations or unconventional warfare missions authorized by the High Command, REMAF.
- (c) Preparing coordinated US-VN plans for special contingency or special energency operations as directed by the Figh Cormand, RVNAF, developing capabilities to provide support for the accomplishment of such special contingency or energency plans.
- (d) Training those forces assigned for special operations or unconventional warfare.

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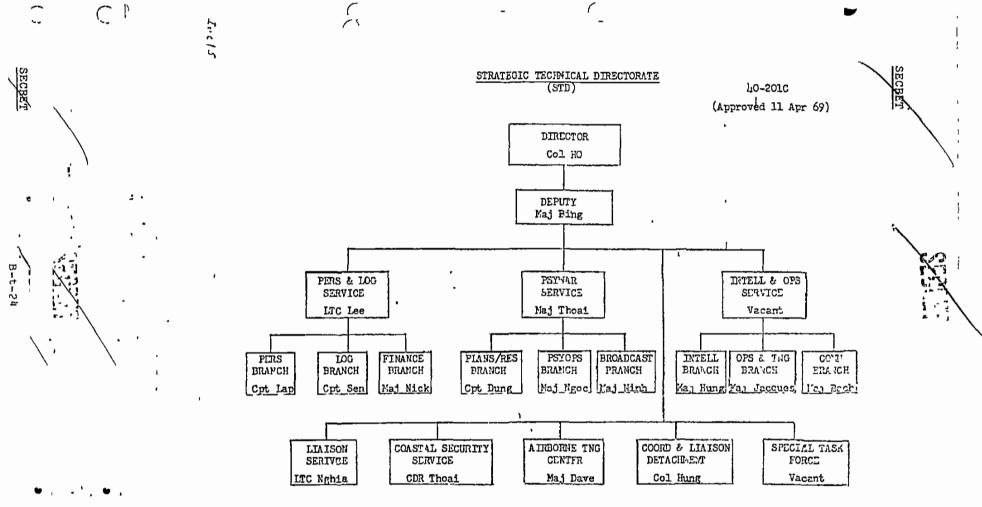
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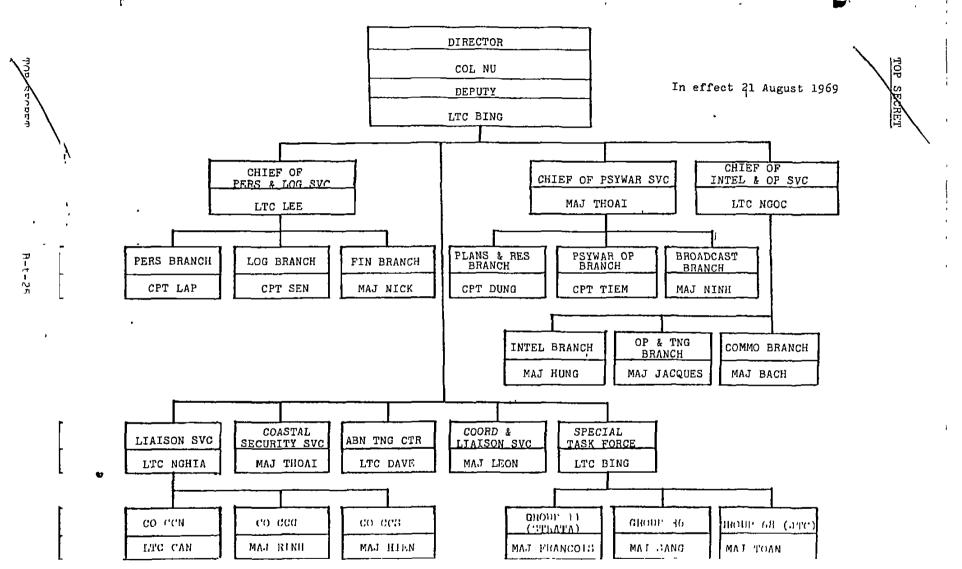
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Subordinate and attached Units 100% mobility

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#### MATIOLAL FOREISE I INISTER

Reference to decree no 99/TTF dated 18 Feb 1964 - Decision of forming the government.

Reference to decree no 42/SL/CT dated h Jan 196h - Decision of reshuffling the Department of Defense.

Reference to the public requirements.

In accordance with the proposal of the Republic of VN Armed Forces limister.

#### ORDER

- Article 1 To establish a service, belonging to the Republic of V. General Command, called Exploitation Service.
- Article 2 The Exploitation Service is under the command of 1 Commander who is assigned by Department of Defense's orders
- Article 3 The date and regulations of establishing and organizing the said service will be under the decision of the General Headquarters.
- Article 4 The Commander-in-Chief has a duty to carry this order into effect.

SAIGON 23 February 1964

Major General TRAN-THIEN-KHIEN

Assistant Director of Cabinet con-currently in charge of military affairs. Ralph D Sanders Jr ( Lt Colonel TRAN-VAN-CUONG (Signed & Sealed)

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#### THE PEFFICE L'ENTETER

Fy virtue of the decree 99/TTP dated 8 Feb  $\ell h$ , fixing the composition of the government,

Py vartue of the decree 1/2/SL/CT dated 4 Jan 64 ruling the reorganization of the Defense lanistry,

Considering service requirements,

Upon proposal by the C-in-C of VMAF

#### DECREES

ART. 1.- It is created a Service, directly responsible to The Joint General Staff and mared S.E.S.

ART. 2.- S.E.S. is put under the direction of a Corranger to be appointed by a decree of The Defense Ministry.

ART. 3.- The effective date and procedures for the establishment as well as the organization of The S.E.S. will be fix by The J.G.S.

ART. 4.- The C-in-Chief of RV.MF is held responsible for the execution of this decree.

Saigon, 23 March 1964 Major General TRAN THIEN LETEN

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Assistant Director of Cabinet concurrently Military Deputy.
Lieutenant Colonel TRAN VAN CUOLG Signature and Seal

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No Olh /TTL/I/I/TC/L TTL/3/I/.. TTL/4/TK/.

Subject: A / Establishment of Exploitation Service.

Reference: Decree\_No\_850 /QP/MD, dated 23 March 1964.

In order to carry out the above-mentioned decree, from now on 1 /pril 1964, an agency shall be established, bearing this name:

#### THE EXPLOITATION SERVICE

The Exploitation Service is directly subordinate to the General Joint Staff of NVN Armed Forces, and Lt. Col. Tran-Van-PO is responsible for that establishment.

#### I/ T.O & E -

T.OLE of the Exploitation Service shall be later issued.

#### II/ PERSONNEL -

Personnels used in the establishment of the Exploitation Service, shall be furnished by the GJS (J 1).

Transferring and assignment of personnels shall be applied due to current procedures.

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#### III/ LILITAY LOUIE TES-

A quantity of military equipments which are essential to the activities of that Agency, shall be advanced - while looking for and to an officially - issued TO & E.

#### IV STATIO! - LARRACES -

The Exploitation Service shall be located at the Tran-Fung-Dao comp, barracks furnished by J 4 (GJS) "The Estate Section."

#### V/ ADMINISTRATION -

The Exploitation Service shall be administered by the PQ Company (Special Forces Headquarters) on administration supply.

#### VI/ STRETCTH REPORT -

The NQ Company (Special Forces Headquarters) has tash of preparing strength reports - From 101 - 102 / QS, and forwarding them to this newly-established Exploitation Service. The 1st report must be prepared on 15,4, 1964. In case the strength has not been realized yet, the "NEGATIVE" report must still to be made.

All details needed for this activities, were clearly described in the Directive No 1701 / TT: /I/TL/K, dated 1Q Oct 1962.

#### VII/ REPORT OF THE PERFORMANCE -

Report on the performance of above-mentioned directives shall be forwarded to GJS / J1 + J3 + J4.

By orders / Maj. General TRAN-THIEM-WHIEM

To:

- Lt/Col TRAN-VAN-HO - Special Forces / HQ "for performance" Commander-in-Chief of RVN Armed Forces

Brig. General NGUYEN-VAN-THIEU Joint General Staff Cormander (Signed & Sealed)

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#### To:

- The General Darectorate of Admunistration Budget - Accounting.
- 3rd logistic Command.
- Directorate of lilitary Security.
   J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7.
   Operation Center.

- Navy Forces / 14.
   Air Forces / 14.
   General Staff 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th tactical zone.
- Chief LAAG (O and T Dav.)

"For information".

#### Copies to be sent to:

- Office of Chief of State.
- Office of Prime Limister (Lilitary Office).
- Department of Dafense.
- Office of Commander-in-Chief of R/N Armed Forces.
   Office of General Staff Commander of RVMAF. "for information".

#### Published within.

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SUBJECT : Creation of the SES

REFERENCE . Decree no 859/QP/AD dated 23 Parch 1964

In execution of the decree above referred to, it is, established effective April 1st, 1964, a service under the name of S.E.S.

S.E.S. is directly responsible to The Joint General Staff RVANF, and established under Lieutenant-Colonel' TRA' VAN HO' responsibilities.

I .- The Table of organization and equipment .-

The S.E.S's T.C.E will be issued at a later date.

II.~ PERSONNEL.-

The personnel required for the creation of The S.E.S. will be provided by The J.G.S (J1 + TAGO)

The transfer and appointment of the personnel are to be applied in accordnace with the regulations in force.

III .- The equipment .-

The S.E.S will be given an advance amount of equipment needed for the conduction of the service pending the issuance of an official T.O. and E.

IV.= QUARTLES = PARRACKS.

The S.E.S. is quartered in TRAN HUNG DAO Camp, barracks will be furnished by The Jh/JGS (Real Estate Section)

V .- ATITALISTMATIC ' .-

The S.E.S. small be administered by the Hos and Hos company S.F.Conmand for administration and logistics.

VI .- STRINGTH REFORT. -

The los and los Co is responsible for making the strength report of personnel (Frms IOI and IO2/CS) for the newly formed S.E.S. The lst report must be subritted on pril 15, 1964. In the event of lacking effective strength, the table "NONE" should be made.

All details for execution have been determined in the Instruction Mr 1701/TTI /I/IK/K dated Oct.10,62.

VII .- EXECUTION REPORT .-

Report of execution of all above instructions must be submitted to The J.S.S/ $J_1+3+4$ .

By order of lajor General TRAN THIEN KHIEN

Cormander in Chief of EVNAF.

Brigadier General MUYEM VAN THILU

Chief of Joint Staffs.

Signature and Seal.

Ralph D Sanders Jr

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Join the Liaison Service to the Exploitation Service.

Reference: Kemo # 013 /TTL/I/I/TC - 7/4/1954 1'emo # 014 /TTL/I/I/TC - 7/4/1964

· 1. Since 16 January 1965, the Liaison Service (established by memo no 1) is joined to the Exploitation Service (established by memo no 2) which become the unique Service called:

#### TECHNICAL SERVICE

2. Colonel Tran-Van-HO, Chief of Exploitation Service is assigned to be Chief of Technical Service and is responsible for execution of this memo.

> hajor General NGUYEN-KHANH Republic of VN Armed Forces

To:

- Liaison Service

- Exploitation Service.
  "for performance".
   Special Forces/hQ
- GĤQ (GJS).
- Company / GHQ
- "for information"
- Office of Corrender-in-Chlef.
   Office of General Joint Staff Commander "for information."

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Commander-in-Chief (Signed & Sealed)

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#### GENERAL SITUATION

Fain points to consider for the operations in support of our national basic policy of defense :

- a) Our area of operations, to be effective, must cover part of t' valley of the lelong river, which is the rain avenue of approach for Conventional Forces or the principal route of infiltration for "lateration Wars".
  - b) Assistance and training of different ethnic groups.

#### SUGGESTED STRATFGIC OFJLCTIVES

- 1) Organization of a safe line of communication for the joint use of allied forces between the North and the South of our assigned area of operations.
  - 2) Control of the main enery route of infiltration or part of it.
- 3) Organization of flexible, mixed, operating and reserve forcato meet any contingency plan in the future.

#### SUGGESTED MISSIO.

- 1) Intensify special operations along the principal energ lines c. communication, particularly has main route of infaltration through Leos to support our present national policy.
- 2) Initiate operations of U.W. type in our assigned area of operations and be prepared to meet any contingency plan of operations, the could be broadly divided into 2 categories :

Those in support of conventional var effort

And those of cold war type,

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- I, II, III, IV Army Corps MQs
- Airborne Livision K2
- Sr IIQ
- Rangers Conmard

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In reference to the message No 4/98 cated 20 Dec 1966 of JCS/Office and the Lipison Service's letter 1662/TTL/SLL/EC/NV dated 17 Dec 1966,

- I. The JGS authorizes the ligison Service to select 30 military personnel to organize two special teams at the following locations:
  - II CTZ : 2 officers of tribal origin
  - Airborne Division, SF, Rangers and Army Corps : 2 officers + 2 MCOs + 2 El's.

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APO 4002, 2h Dec 1966

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Chief of JGS/VN Armed Forces
Najor On KGUYEN VAN VY
Chief of Joint Staffs.

18 Oct 1967

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AFO 1:002, 23 Larch 67

For the Director STD

SUBJECT: Lagson Service's TOE

REFERE CE : Liaison Service's letter dated 17 herch 67

- 1. In reference to STD proposal, the JGS had submitted to the Namistry of Defense this TD for the Lamson Service :
  - .a. Organization : \_
    - Commander
    - Deputy Cdr
    - Administration and Log Branch
    - Security and Intelligence Branch
    - Coiro Branch
    - JOC
    - FOEs
    - Reconnaissance Teams
  - b. Strength:
    - 106 military personnel (including 41 officers, 58 NGOs and 7 Ets.)
- 2. Now the Liaison Service has submitted to the General, Chief of JGS the following requirements for its TD:
  - a. Organization:
    - Comdr
    - Dpty Comdr
    - Secretariat
    - Security/Psywar Group
    - Administration/Log Group
    - Operations Group
    - Intelligence Group
    - 3 Strike Fns
    - 35 Scout Teams
  - b. Strength:
    - 256 military personnel (including 95 officers, 146 NCCs and 15 E s).

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3. The following is the General, Chief JGS decision :

## Approved for retention of at least 165 mer (old ib)

4. You are requested to implement the General, Chief of JCS decision concerning the Lieison Service's TD and give your comment about this service's organization.

> For Gn C/O VAN VIEW Chief of JCS/VN Armed Porces Major Gn WCUYEW VAN VY Chief of Joint Staffs Signed and Scaled

> > 18 Oct 1967

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In reference to the Liaison Service reports Nos 109, 895 & 889/ TTI/SLL/IV of 19 :ay, 15 June end 27 July 67 and to meet the Lausson Service urgent requirements, JGS decides the following:

- I. Increase the Liaison Service strength with 30 military personnel including
  - a. 10 officer students of the 25th Reserve Officers Class graduated on.21 Dec 67.
  - b. 10 students of the MCO 56th and 59 classes, graduated on 23 Sept and 21 Oct 67.
  - 4 medics from the Reserve Resources / Office of the Surgeon General.
  - d. 6 drivers, light vehicles, from the Reserve Resources / Transportation Department.

APO 4002, 18 Aug 1967

For Gn C40 VAN VIEW Chief of JGS Major Gn AGUYEN VAN VY Chief of Joint Staffs.

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2 Sept . 1967

TO . Chief, MACY/SOG.

FR: Darector, STD

SUBJECT: Change of Unit Designation

- Defense limistry Decree nr 583/QP/HD dated 17 Aug. 67. - JCS 1 emo nr 2325/TTM/P3/F of 22 Aug. 67

In accordance with the references, the Strategic Technical Service (STS) is redesignated the Strategic Technical Directorate (STI) effective on 1 September 1967. The new Table of Organization authorizes 647 personnel.

Accordingly, the title of Chief of STS is changed into Director, STD and that of Chief of Staff into Deputy Director, STD.

The regular staff at its headquarters and its subordanate agencies remain basically unchanged.

for Col. HO, Director, STD.

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AFO h002, 15 Sept 1967

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SUBJECT : Revision of major ran's in various 100s of Vil Armed Forces.

REFERENCES: - hemo no 3801/TT /P3/TO of 12 Dec-66.
- Ressage 16.677 of 1 June 67 from J1/J03

- Findings of the Ranks Revising Consittee
- I. The major ranks in the valuous TOEs of VII Armed Forces are hereby revised in accordance with the attached nor decision.
- Effective the date of promulgation of this removandum, the new ranks should be applied in all services and units for the preparation and submission of drafts for TO & E.
- 3. All current TOPs of VN Armed Forces, if affected by this new decision, will be revalicated by subsequent change tables.
- $h_{\star\star}$  All provisions of previously prorulgated meros in conflict with this croer shall be abolished.

For Gn CAO VAN VIEW, Chief of JGS/V.! Armed Forces Major Cn EGUYEN VAN VY Chief of Joint Strffs. Signed and sealed.

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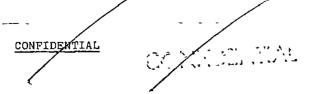
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Services	: CUPRET 2 40E		: Net Ranks	
Units	Position titles	: Old Ranks	:	
- Strategic Technical	- Director	Colonel	Brigadier Gercral	
Service	- Deputy Lirector	: LTC	Colonel	
	- Chief of Service	: LTC	LTC	
	- Chief of Bureau (Branch)	· Najor	: Najor	
·	- Chief of Section	: Captain	Captain	
	- Cmdr, CSS	LTC	Colonel	
	- Crdr, Liaison Service	LIC	Colonel	
	- Omdr, Abn Training Base	LTC	LTC	
	- Cmdr, Coord-Liasson Let.	LTC	ITC ,	
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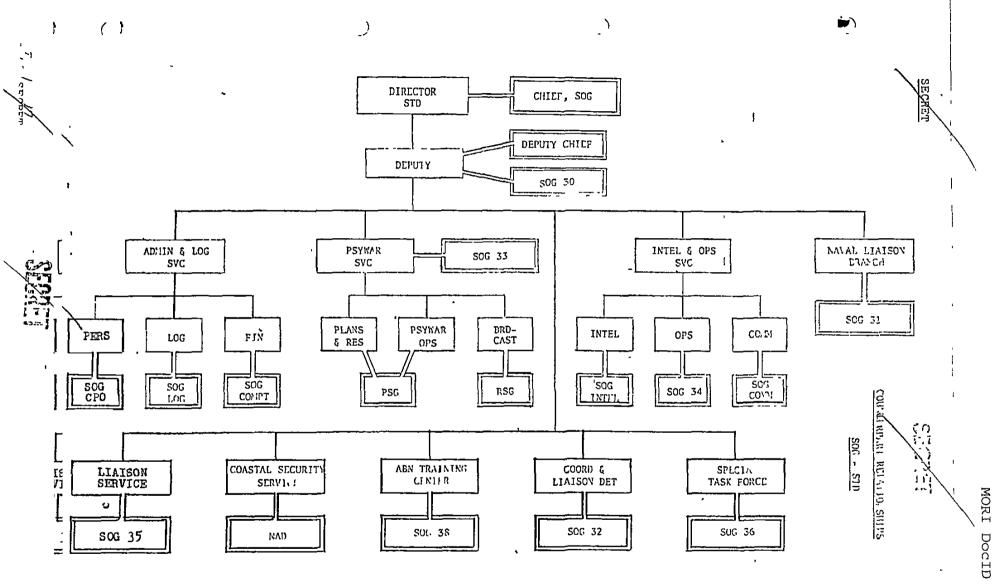
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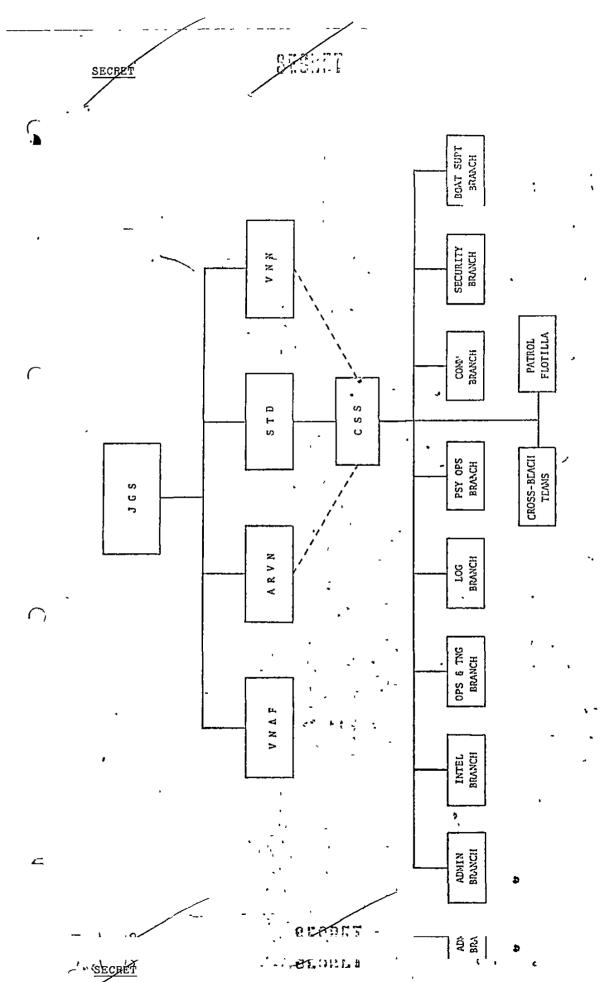
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## CLT TRAINING ACTIVITIES

US Basic Airboine	3 Neeks
'VN Basic Aliborne	3 Weeks
US RT Leaders Course	17 Days
VN RT Leaders Course	17 Days
VN Basic Agent/Long Range Training	8 Weeks
VN Specialized agent Training	2 Weeks
Special Commando Unit Basic Combat Training	5 Weeks
CIDG Basic Combat Training	2 Weeks
VN CW Communications Course	16 Weeks
VN (RT) Medical Course	1 Week
US Airborne Refresher	1 Day
Exploitation Force Course	2 Weeks
VN Forward Air Controller (FAC) Course	5 Days
US FAC Course	5 Days
POW Capture Course	10 Days
STRATA Officer Course	4 Weeks
STRATA NCO Course	6 Wecks

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#### LIAISON SERVICE/LIAISON BUREAU RECRUITING

#### 1 The VN/US Recruiting Section

a Manning.

1 Officer SOG-35
1 Officer Liaison Service (Chief of Section will be the Senior Officer)
1 Nilitary Doctor (US or VN)
1 Medic Liaison Service
2 NCOs 1 VN, 1 US

- b The Recruiting Section is responsible for recruiting all CIDG (SCU) personnel for the C  $\S$  C Dets
- c. Recruiting will be conducted where the potential exists for gaining qualified personnel
  - d Recruiting Standards
- (1) Vietnamese and Chinese personnel are not eligible for recruitment into SOG Programs until after they have reached their 24th birthday
- (2) Montagnard and Nung personnel are eligible for recruitment after they have reached their 18th birthday.
  - (3) Physically fit
- 2. Recruiting Documentation.
  - a. Volunteer Statement.
  - b Birth Certificate
  - c. Personnel Record Questionnaire (PRQ).
- d. Letter of Recommendation or Certificate of Behavior from local administrative center,

The above documents will be prepared in three copies; one to Liaison Bureau, one to Liaison Service and one to their place of assignment

- 3. Administrative Procedures.
- a. Funding Expenses for food, lodging, travel, and per diem for Recruiting Team personnel and newly recruited personnel is borne by SOG SOG-35 budgets for the recruiting program

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- b An individual is considered recruited when the documentation shown in para 2 above, is completed, that individual has signed an agreement of service and has accepted official orders
- c. A security check is required to be performed on each new x
- d Identification Cards are prepared for each new recruit and signed by the CO, Liaison Service The ID Card is effective for three months. Reissue of ID Cards is accomplished by the VN COs of C & C Dets
- e. Liaison Service will prepare and submit SCU Rosters to the Ministry of Defense as called for in appropriate RVNAF Directives.
- f SCU personnel may request termination of his job at anytime, Subject to approval by Liaison Service and SOG-35 Personnel awaiting release will remain under C & C Det control and will be considered a regular member of the unit until released.
- g. Release for disciplinary reasons will depend on the offense committed Recommendations for disciplinary release are routed from C & C Det COs to CO, Liaison Service and CO, SOG-35.
- h Certificates of Service are issued after each month of honorable service. Certificates will be signed by the VN C  $\S$  C Det COs.

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### SPECIAL PRANCH (SB)

Around mid-1958, the Director of the Liaison Service/Presidential Office (The Liaison Service was a military Organization which was given the mission of collecting all strategic intelligence throughout SVN, and which was placed under the President's direct control) submitted to the President of the RVN a project for the establishment of an agency to collect strategic intelligence in NVN.

This top secret document dealt with : organization, mission, financial meet and personnel.

The Director of the Liaison Service was responsible for the Organization and the personnel of the Service.

The President of the RVN (I Republic) approved this project and 12

Officers were sent to attend the 2 month Special Intelligence

Course.

The SB was put into operation since 1 Jan 1959 and was organized as follows:

SB/HQ was in Saigon, under the direct supervision of the Director of the Liaison Service/Presidential Office.

In addition, there were other in-country agencies namely:

- a. ATLANTIC sub-branch located in Hue with the mission of organizing and launching agents through the Ben Hai river or Lao-NVN border into NVN. (overland, border crossing route).
  - b. PACIFIC sub-branch located in Danang, with the mission of organiz-

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infiltrating and califrating agents and equipment into and out of NVN alca

Out-country sub -b; anilies included:

- a. COMETE located in Vientiane.
- b. HERCULE located in Savannakhet.
  - both with the mission of
- -Organizing, training and infiltrating agents into NVN.

by ser (motorized boats, sailing junks and Swift boats).

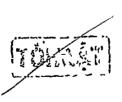
- -Collecting information relating to the communist activities of NVN
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  in the area (Lao)
  - c. ALTO in Bangkok

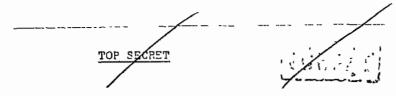
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- d. VENUS in Paris, with the mission of
- Organizing, training pro-mominumist VN nationals, then sending them back to NVN.
  - -Collecting information about NVN communists in France.

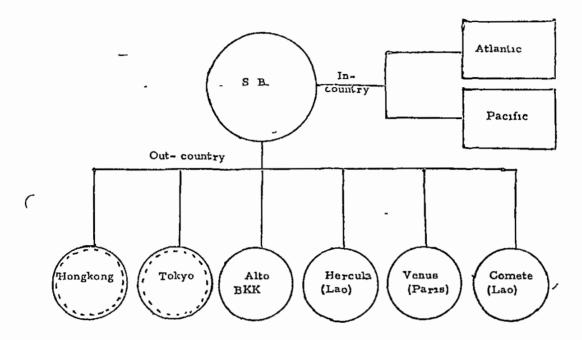
Further, late 1963, SB was in the process of establishing 2 more subbranches in Tokyo and Hongkong, when the program was dropped.

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ORGANIZATION CHART Until 1 April 1964



Besides the intelligence collecting operations, SB also assumed Psywar activities (SSPL)

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SUBJECT: Plotting of the Lighton Service with the Strategie Exploiting parvice (Special Branch) to form the Strategic Tool micking particle.

REFERENCE: -10 0 ph 156/141/73/L/CD/.. dated 18/1/1965 -100 10 013/171/I/L/Te/. dated 7/L/1964, -100 10 0L/171/I/L/Te/. dated 7 Ap 1964 -1.00 go 10 1/650 dated 10/5/1966.

- 1. Following where the errored memos, the Liaison Service will be merged with the Strategic . lostation Service to form the Strategic Technical Service in accordance with provisions below:
- 2. TOE :

STS TOD will to probulgated in a later date. -

3. PERSO. EL:

STS personnel "ill include the existing personnel of both the Strategic Exploitation Ser.ice and Lusison Service.

The transfer a lamointment of the personnel will be carried out in accordance with missent regulations.

4. EQUIF. E.T :

STS is allowed to use existing equipment of the Strategic Exploitation Service and Lagison Service after integration. The equipment will be officially recorded when the STS TCE is promulgated.

5. HEADQUARTERS :

STS will be healed...rtered in the Tran Hung Dao carp within the existing compound of tre Strategic Exploitation and Liaison Services.

- 6. MARAGRILLAT :
  - a. The General .'relocarters Co/SF and the General HQ Co/General Command . will give administrative and logistical support to STS.
  - b. STS will assume the maintenance of the records and files of the STS personnel.

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#### 7. STRUMUMIN FUTOAF :

### a. Form 101 - 192/03 and Form 07 22

Effective 1 July 1965, STS will be responsible for serling strength reports using Forms 101 + 102/CD and Form CJ 22.

All details for execution have been prescribed in the Directive no 1701/TT./ 1/TM/K dated 10/10/1962 and Daract\_ve no 530-1 dated 22 Jan 1965.

#### b. Periodical Remarks:

Effective 23 Jan 1965, the General HO CO/JGS has the responsibility of reporting periodically on the passonnel strength of both the Strategic Exploitation Service and Indison Service under "STD" designation. Reporting procedures have been prescribed in the mero no 904/TTL/J/Q3/K dated 25 June

#### 8. EXECUTION REPORT :

STS has the responsibility of cerrying out all above instructions and reporting to the 'JGS (J.3 + J.1, Central Logistical Command).

#### 9. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. The merging of the Liaison Service with the Strategic Exploitation Service to form the STS unll be valuated by an official decree.

b. This memoranium supersedes all earlier promulgated memoranda which had conflicting provisions.

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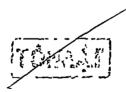
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By order of Haj. Gen. HGUYIH HUU GO Chief JGS, RVILLE Haj. Gen. LHIM CUALG VIEW

SUBJECT : Promulgation of the Decree validating the organization of the Strategic Technical Service.

REFERENCE: 1 1- Leno no 136/FTL/P3/L/CS/L dated 18 Jan 1965 2- Leno no 1065/TTL/F3/L/CS/L dated 1/L July 1965

- 1. Hereby is promulgated Decree no OLOV/CP/AD dated 5 Aug 1965 (copy attached) to validate the integration of the Limison Service to the Strategic Exploitation Service to for the Strategic Technical Service as prescribed by the momos quoted in reference.
- 2. The administration and the logistical support of the STS have been determined by reference 1. As regards parachutes support, STS will receive direct support from the varchouse 90 and parachute repair shop.

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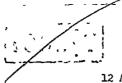
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- Persuant to decree-law no 1-a/CT/LDTA/SL, dated 19 June 1935, which preseries the compisation of the Central Lyccutive Counities,

- Persuant to decree-law no 332/oL dated 11 Pov 1964 which prescribes the

organizational system of the Arned Forces,

- Persuant to decree-law no 117/CT/SL dated 14 hay 1965 which changes the designation of Arned Forces Manstry anto Mational Defense Manstry,

- Persuant to decree no 859/07/30 dated 23 March 1964 which establishes the Strategic Exploitation Service,
- According to the decision of the JGS/RVM.F,

### DECIDES :

Art, 1 - Hereby is the validation of the merging of the Liaison Service with the Strategic Exploitation Service to form a single agency under the designation of :

#### STRITEGIC TECHNICAL SERVICE -

Art. 2 - This decision superscdes all earlier promulgated provisions which run counter to this decision.

Art. 3 - The Chief of the General Staff of EVALT will be responsible for the implementation of this decision.

Saigon, 5 Aug 1965

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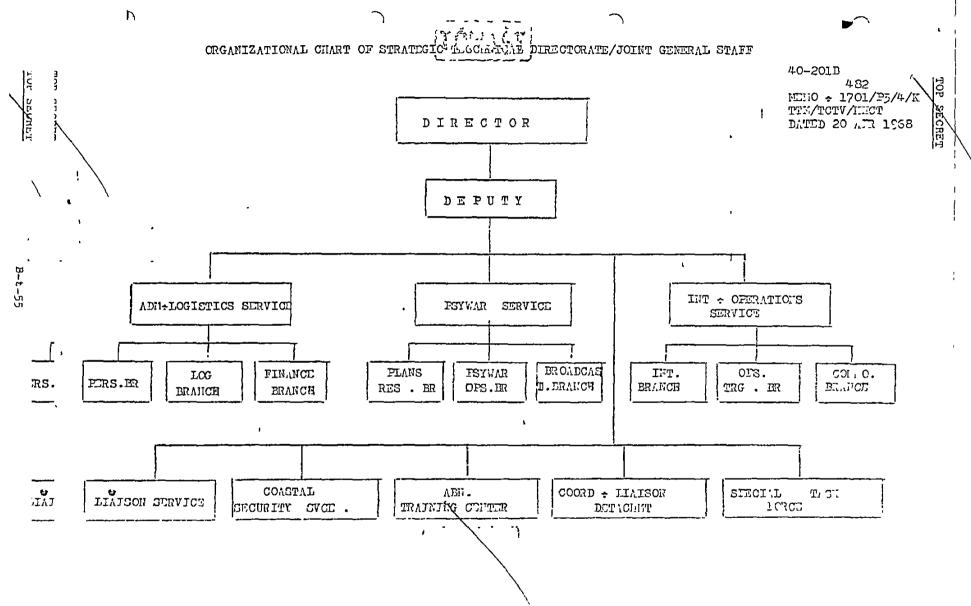
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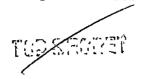
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- 1. To organize, conduct and control special maritume operations according to plans established conjointly by STD and SOG.
  - 2. To control and defend the bases and installations of CSS.
- 3. To plan and implement contingency plans such as "Area Defence and Damage Control", coastal surveillance, ctc..

### PARMARY FUNCTIONS

- 1. Determining the Naval and Special Maritime Force requirements and making recommendations thereon to STD.
  - 2. Planning for the employment of the Naval and Special Forces assigned.
- 3. Recommending to STD the deployment of Paval and Special Forces for implementation of contingency plans.
  - 4. Administering the Naval and Special Forces assigned.
- 5. Logistical support of Naval and Special Forces assigned including procurement, distribution, supply, equipment and maintenance.
- 6. Developing conjointly with US/MAD, doctrine, procedures, tactics and techniques employed by Maval and Special Forces attached to STD.
- 7. Developing, garrisoning, supplying, equipping and maintaining the Naval Base and other installations including lines of communications as specified by special directives.
  - 8. Coordination with I Corps EQ ir all matters of local concern.

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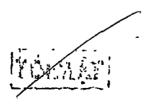
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#### MISSIONS

- 1. To organize and direct special maritime operations according to\_plans established conjointly by CSS and NAD.
- 2. To operate the tactical operations center and execute special maritime operations according to procedures specified in special directives.
  - 3. To control and defend the coastal bases and installations of CSS.

### PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

- 1. Determining the special Sea Commando Force requirements and making recommendations thereon to STD.
  - 2. Planning for the employment of special and naval forces assigned.
  - 3. Directing and controlling the implementation of contingency plans.
  - 4. Administering all special forces assigned.
- 5. Logistical support of allegecial forces assigned including procurement distribution, supply, equipment and maintenance.
- 6. Developing conjointly with US/NAD, doctine, procedures, tactics and techniques employed by special and maritime forces attached to STD.
- 7. Developing, garrisoning, supplying, equipping and maintaining the coastal base and other installations including lines of communications of CSS.
  - 8, Coordination with I Corps HQ in all matters of local concern.



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SNB, administratively self-sufficient, is attached to CCS to provide logistical support to special untal rub-task groups as directed by CSS.

### MISSIONS

- 1. To provide logistIcal support according to plans established conjointly by CSS & NAD.
- 2. To control and deferd the naval base and installations as specified in special directives.
  - 3. To provide maritime transportation for CSS.
- 4. To provide support for implementation of contingency plans such as "Area Defense and Damage Control", coastal surveillance, etc., as established by CSS.

#### PPINARY FU. CTIONS

- 1. Planning for the employment of the security forces assigned.
- 2. Recommending to CSS the deployment of security forces and the assignment of security forces for implementation of contingency plans as established by CSS.
  - 3. Administering the Naval Forces stationing in the base.
- 4. logistical support of naval forces of the base including procurement, distribution, supply, equipment and maintenance.
- 5. Developing, garrisoning, supplying, equipping and maintaining naval base and other installations including lines of communications as specified by CSS.
- 6. Implementing CSS directives in all matters of concern to local authorities.

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### ANNEX FOR SEA COMMANDO FORCE TRAINING

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4. Physical training	040
5. First aid	05
6. Use of RB 12 and practice of P	TF 036
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8. One "HELL" week	

### NOTE :

HELL ( is the week during which members will learn to endure physical hardships)

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3rd Step - The spotters will have candidate agents fill in the blank forms of PhO's, (see anrex.) with particular caphasis placed upon the motivation.

Ath Ston - The Central Agency, after carefully studying the PPC's and security clearance will send out the case officer to contact each candidate agent individually.

5th Sten - Actual Recruiting :

If the result is good, the case officer will recruit the agents.

The agents will be quartered in safe houses to complete administrative and security processing (polygraph test).

At this stage, the agents are ready to undergo training.

The training period usually lests from 10 to 12 weeks, except for radio operators who need as many as 20 weeks of training.

In average, each operational agent must receive 12-week training to be ready for the launching. In some special cases, 4 to 6 week training is sufficient.

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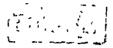
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LMS is a sub-tack force, administratively self-sufficient, which is organized to conduct border operations as directed by STD.

## MISSICES

- 1. To conduct and control special operations in border areas according to plans established conjointly by STD and SGG.
- 2. To control and defend subordinate installations or those specified in special directives.
- 3. To amplement contangency plans established by STD or to meet local requirements.

#### PREMIRE FUNCTIONS

- 1. Studying the requirements of the Unit and naking recommendation thereon to STD.
  - 2. Planning for the employment of special units assigned.
  - 3. Controlling logistical support of all groups and units assigned.
- 4. Developing conjointly with US Advisory Group, doctrine, procedures, tactics and techniques employed by subordinate or assigned units.
- 5. Developing, garrisoning, equipping, improving and maintaining subordinate or assigned installations.
  - 6. Coordination with Regional EQ's in all ratters of local concern.

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This training center has been put at the disposal of STD/JCS effective 15 April 1964.

### MISSIONS -

- 1. To organize, conduct and control the training of STD agent personnel and teams according to plans established conjointly by STD/cCG.
  - 2. To control and defend the training conter.
- 3. To implement local contingency plans such as "Area Defense", "Damage Contiol" etc...

#### PRF.ARY\_FUNCTIONS -

- 1. Studying all requirements of the training center and making recommendation thereon to STD.
- 2. Coordinating with STD in the establishment of training programs and schedules suitable to operational agents and teams.
- 3. Assigning and supervising instructors to implement pre-planned training programs and schodules.
- 4. Performing the administrative and logistical management of subordinate personnel and agents assigned to receive training at the center
- Garrisoning, developing, irproving and maintaining camp facilities.
- 6. Coordinating with US Counterpart in developing doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures relating to special airborne teams.
- 7. Coordinating with regional agencies in all matters of local concern.

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3. Specialized training	245
4. Team training	245
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