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1. REF A. PARA 2: DETAILED DISCUSSION AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
RELATIVE TO ISSUING SIDEARMS TO _____ CREWS IN SVN RESULTS IN
THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A. LONGER RANGE AND FIREPOWER REQUIRED FOR SITUATIONS IN
WHICH AIRCREWS MOST LIKELY TO BE CONFRONTED ARE ADEQUATELY
COVERED BY M-2 CARBINE PROPOSED REF B. BY SAIG, WHEREAS SIDEARM'S
EFFECTIVE ONLY AT SHORT RANGE AND OF MINIMAL USE;

B. SIDEARMS ARE EASILY CONCEALABLE, MORE PRONE TO MISUSE,
AND MAKE AIRCREWS MORE VULNERABLE TO QUESTIONING BY LEGITIMATE
U.S. AND SVN ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES, THUS
CREATING POSSIBLE FRICTION AND ISSUES WHICH ARE ROUTINELY REFERRED
TO AMEMB BY MILITARY, E.G. CASE OF _____ AIR FREIGHT SPECIALIST

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*Suggest side arms as part of hardware
that goes with cabin packing for the plane*

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7/10/62
IN []

GARRY WOOTON (SEE [] 4 MAY 1965). ALSO, RECALL 1962 INCIDENT AT UDOR WHEN SHOOTING AT THAI KING'S PORTRAIT CREATED SERIOUS MATTER WITH THAI/U.S. GOV'T []

C. CARRIAGE OF SIDEARMS GIVES INDIVIDUAL AIRCREW MEMBERS AN ALTER-EGO WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO IMAGE OF [] AS PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION, COMPRISED OF SWASHBUCKLING MERCENARIES. SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE MAY BE CONDUCTIVE TO PROVOCATIONS LEADING TO MISUSE OF SIDEARMS, RESULTING IN UNNECESSARY INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE, PLUS A GREATER ATTRACTION TO NEWS MEDIA CREATING MORE INTEREST AND EXPOSURE OF OUR ACTIVITIES.

2. IT IS OUR OPINION AND RECOMMENDATION THAT SIDEARMS NOT BE ISSUED TO [] AIR CREW MEMBERS.

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B U.S. SVN AMEMB E.G. GARRY WOOTON 2701 4 MAY 1965 1962 UDOR THAI
KING'S THAI/U.S. GOV'T/[] C: ALTER-EGO PARA-MILITARY
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