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1. PROTRACTED LOCAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN _____

_____ HAS PRODUCED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING REVISIONS HAZARD PAY PROGRAM FOR LAOS.

TAIPEI HAS NATURALLY FAVORED CERTAIN CONFORMITIES WITH THEIR SAIGON OPERATIONS AND SHOULD COMMENT SEPARATELY IF COMPROMISES PRESENTED HERE ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

FEELS UNIQUE OPERATING CONDITIONS LAOS DON'T PERMIT GENERALIZED REGIONAL FORMULA AND HAS THUS DEvised FORMULA WHICH MEETS LOCAL PROBLEMS BUT MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY COMPATIBLE WITH _____ FORMULAS FOR SEA.

2. PROJECT PAY OF TEN DOLLARS PER HOUR WILL BE PAID WHEN AIRCRAFT FLYING WITHIN 5,000 FEET OF TERRAIN IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF PERMISSIVE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT. DESCRIPTION OF PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. ANY FLYING IN LAOS WITHIN ARC WHICH 75 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHWEST, NORTH, AND NORTHEAST

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B. ANY FLYING IN LAOS WHICH DOES NOT GO EAST FURTHER THAN 20 NAUTICAL MILES OF MEKONG RIVER IN AREA FROM PAKSANE TO PAKSE. (COMMENT: THUS ANY FLYING WITHIN BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2A AND B WOULD DRAW NO REPEAT NO PROJECT PAY. POUCHING MAP FOR FULL CLARITY.)

3. NO ARBITRARY LIMIT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON AMOUNT OF HAZARD PAY EARNED AS SOME PILOTS ARE ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN HAZARDOUS AREAS

4. SPECIAL HAZARD PAY OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER FLIGHT SHOULD APPLY IN ADDITION PROJECT PAY FOR NIGHT RESUPPLY MISSIONS WHICH ARE FLOWN AT MINIMUM SAFE ALTITUDE.

5. SPECIAL PAY OF FIFTY DOLLARS IN ADDITION PROJECT PAY SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED FOR HELICOPTERS ASSIGNED ONE OF FOLLOWING INFILTRATION OR EXFILTRATION MISSIONS:

A. INFILTRATION OVER HAZARDOUS ROUTES DEFINED AS DEEP PENETRATION INTO UNKNOWN OR SELDOM TRAVELLED AREAS UNDER ENEMY CONTROL.

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B. INFILTRATION INTO DENIED AREAS DEFINED AS HLZ'S NOT SECURED BY FRIENDLY ASSETS AND BEHIND OR WITHIN ENEMY CONTROLLED AREAS.

C. EMERGENCY EXFILTRATIONS INVOLVING TEAMS WHICH HAVE MADE ENEMY CONTACT NECESSITATING THEIR EXPEDITIOUS REMOVAL.

6. PARA 5 CATEGORIES IN EXFILTRATION MISSIONS NORMALLY REQUIRE TWO HELICOPTERS, TWO PILOTS PER AIRCRAFT AND C.A.P. SECOND HELICOPTER FLIES EMPTY, STANDING BY FOR ASSISTANCE. THIS NON LOAD CARRYING HELICOPTER WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SAVE HAZARD PAY GRANTED VIA PARA 5. ON DOUBLE MISSIONS WHEN HELICOPTERS INFILTRATE ONE TEAM AND EXFILTRATE ANOTHER AT SEPARATE HLZ'S SPECIAL HAZARD PAY INCREASED TO TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

7. DESIRE IMPLEMENT PARA 2 TO 6 FORMULA SOONEST FOR IT WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT NET FISCAL SAVINGS. UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY [] BELIEVES THEY CAN ACCEPT [] FORMULA ONLY WITH EXCOM APPROVAL. IF THIS TRUE REQUEST HQS INITIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN SUCH APPROVAL AS SOON AS [] CAN COMMENT ON THIS CABLE. CANNOT

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OVER EMPHASIZE IN THIS CONTEXT THAT ABOVE FORMULA
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