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1. MILITARY FLIGHT TIME CRITERIA RECOMMENDED BY DEPCHIEF JSUMAG REPRESENTS CONS OPINION OF PROFESSIONAL AIR OFFICERS WORKING IN LAOS AND HAS APPROVAL OF COUNTRY TEAM. VERY NATURE OF PARAMILITARY STRUGGLE IN LAOS DICTATE METHODS OF OPERATION ADOPTED FROM, AND MOST CLOSELY APPROXIMATING, MILITARY STANDARDS. THE 12 HOUR DUTY PERIOD WOULD SELDOM EXCEED MAXIMUM 10 HOUR FLYING TIME RECOMMENDED REF B PARA 3 AND WHICH WAS NOT UNUSUAL IN THE PAST.

2. UNDER PREVAILING CONDITIONS LAOS AIR SUPPORT MUST BE CAPABLE OF PROMPTLY COUNTERING WIDE RANGING INITIATIVES OF HOSTILE FORCES. TO COPE WITH SUCH HAZARDS CONTRACTORS MUST BE CAPABLE OF GREAT FLEXIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS. RESTRICTIVE DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL CRITERIA WERE NOT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY REACTION TIME OR ECONOMY OF MANPOWER REQUIRED TO MEET DAY TO DAY EMERGENCIES.

2. STATION BELIEVES CREW FATIGUE CAN BE SAFELY MONITORED BY

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