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B. VIENTIANE 46546 [redacted]

1. PORTER PILOT TRAINING DISALLOWED BY CORDS AND STATION BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR SECURITY AND PRESS RELATIONS. STATION BELIEVES MEDIA ATTENTION COULD INCITE PRESS TO AGAIN COMMENT UPON [redacted] INVOLVEMENT IN COMBAT ROLE EVEN THOUGH COMBAT FLYING WILL NOT BE PERFORMED BY [redacted] CREW MEMBERS.

2. STATION DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED, BUT WISHES TO ASSIST WHERE POSSIBLE.

3. STATION CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

A. ADD ON TO CURRENT MAC/SOG CONTRACT. PORTER TRAINING MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED AT HSIN-CHU BY [redacted] PILOTS. SVN TRAINEES COULD BE TRANSPORTED FROM SVN TO HSIN-CHU BY IN COUNTRY C-130'S. TAIWAN CONTROLLED PRESS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THAT NO PRESS RELEASE WOULD BE MADE REGARDING THIS OPTION THIS CONSIDERED LEAST

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DESIRABLE BY 7TH AF DUE TO COST INVOLVED.

B. DIRECT CONTRACT BETWEEN 7TH AF ADVISORY GROUP (SVN) AND [] TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ON TAIWAN. MAP TAIWAN WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FACILITY WHERE PORTER TRAINING COULD BE COMPLETED AND CREW MEMBERS ADEQUATELY HOUSED.

C. DIRECT CONTRACT BETWEEN 7TH AF ADVISORY GROUP AND [] TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SAIGON. THIS SEEMS TO BE OPTION MOST SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY NEWS MEDIA RESULTING IN ADVERSE PUBLICITY, BUT THAT MOST DESIRED BY 7TH AF. ALTERNATE BASES IN SVN BEING CONSIDERED.

4. PORTER AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING PROGRAM. ONE PORTER TO COME FROM VIENTIANE AND TWO TO BE DROPPED FROM VN-100 CONTRACT 1 NOV 71.

FOR [] COULD IUREEF FACILITY BE UTILIZED FOR FIRST PHASE TRAINING OF SVN PILOTS.

FOR VIENTIANE: COL. HEARD OF 7TH AF ADVISORY GROUP HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACT FOR TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SVN. GP 1

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