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JULY - SEPTEMBER 1968

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7TH/13TH AIR FORCES, PACIFIC AIR FORCES (PAOAF)

Stationed at:

Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand

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of a flare ship capability, the plan called for the initial staging of a rescue helicopter which would be followed by an EC-121 aircraft. The latter plane was a temporary assignment until base C-47 craft were flare-capable and ready to take over the second-ship role. Ground patrol of areas adjacent to the base were conducted prior to 27 July, but after the Udorn attack the coverage was expanded.⁵

On 5 August, the wing reported specific actions taken since 27 July to increase vigilance and improve security facilities. This account to 7/13AP disclosed that several additional feeder roads along and to the base perimeter had been established, that trip flares (118) in addition to those already in place had been set along the perimeter and in jungle areas on base, plus 389 outside of the Munitions Storage Area. As well, two heavily-armed six-man mobile teams had been established and were operating during critical hours. The report noted that perimeter defense had been weakened due to transfer of guards (23) to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB (NKP) and requested their early return.⁶ Another progress report on 16 September listed 13 actions taken, including rebuilding or constructing 15 personnel protective bunkers,* VEHICLE MOUNTING of six M-60 machine guns,

* Additionally, a project for rebuilding and constructing personnel protective bunkers about the base was 95 per cent complete, according to an announcement in the wing staff meeting of 3 Sept.

added protection for the quick-response team vehicle, four tests of the basic security force: with meetings of friendly forces each time, and note that the Thai police had furnished 10 men nightly to assist Air Force security police, an input of 14 more sentry dogs to posts, completion of a facilities security survey, training of 11 elite Thai guards with M-16 weapons for night duty, start of M-60, M-148 and M-16 training for Thai guards, establishment of better radio communications with the Royal Thai Army through loan of additional portable radios, completion of Munitions Storage Area lighting now in use, off-base patrol coordination with the RTA, RTAF and Special Actions Forces, the implementation of helicopter (HH-43) and C-47 flareship capability and tightening of controls on base and restricted area entry. The report listed two critical items needing command assistance: vegetation control, although the U.S. Army was giving some assistance and (2) need for more security policemen and Thai guards. Mention was also made of a combined area defense agreement which, though requiring approval of Thai officials in Bangkok, was locally being supported.⁷

Mobility Force - On 31 July, 7/13AF directed four bases to each dispatch two U.S. security non-commissioned officers and 23 Thai guards (2 of whom had to be English speaking) to NKP. Equipment to be taken

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f. FACILITY SECURITY SURVEY WAS FORWARDED TO 13AF AS A COMBINED EFFORT OF CES & SPS. THIS PLAN PROVIDED REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCING, LIGHTING, TOWERS AND ROADS ON KORAT RTAFB.

g. TRAINED 11 ELITE THAI GUARDS WITH M-16 RIFLES AND PLACED THEM ON DUTY DURING CRITICAL HOURS AROUND RESTRICTED AREAS.

h. M-60, M-148 & M-16 TRAINING STARTED ON QRT OF THAI GUARDS FAMILIARIZATION WITH THESE WEAPONS AND THEIR ABILITIES.

i. ESTABLISHED BETTER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH ROYAL THAI ARMY BY LENDING THEM THREE ADDITIONAL PORTABLE RAIHOS.

j. MSA LIGHTING COMPLETED AND NOW IN USE.

k. COORDINATED OFF BASE PATROLS WITH RTAF AND RTA, AND PROVINCIAL SPECIAL ACTIONS FORCES. PATROLS ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING DISPATCHED BY FRIENDLY FORCES.

l. EMPLEMENTED FLARESHIP CAPABILITY WITH H-43 HELICOPTERS AND C-47 AIRCRAFT.

m. TIGHTENED CONTROLS ON ENTRY TO BASE AND INTO RESTRICTED AREAS.

2. CRITICAL ACTION ITEMS REQUIRING COMMAND ASSISTANCE:

a. VEGETATION CONTROL NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. US ARMY IS GIVING SOME ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA.

b. OBTAINING MORE SECURITY POLICEMEN AND THAI GUARDS TO BRING

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