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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND

SUBJECT: Spray Aircraft for Mosquito Control

1. Colonel Mosely, MACV-J3 (Herbicide Project Officer), called our office this morning requesting assistance on information that we may have regarding spray equipped C-123 aircraft stationed in Thailand.

2. It seems that General Westmoreland has tasked the MACV staff with the responsibility for equipping a spray type airplane to be used in South Vietnam for mosquito control.

3. Colonel Mosely and I contacted Colonel Froehlick, Commander 315th ACW for information concerning the spray equipped C-123's in Thailand and to solicit his ideas and recommendation for establishing such a mosquito control program in South Vietnam. Colonel Froehlick stated that the 608 Composite ACS located at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand has six of these aircraft and nine crews and that they could be readily equipped with wing booms and tanks if the decision was made to select one of these aircraft to fill the requirement. However, Colonel Froehlick and Colonel Mosely both concur that with the arrival of the eighteenth C-123 RANCH HAND equipped aircraft this month, that the shortage of herbicide chemical in country could allow the use of a RANCH HAND airplane for mosquito control on a short-time basis to meet the 1 March date established by General Westmoreland, or until such time as the contract for additional herbicide delivery to South Vietnam could be effected.

4. Based on the above information MACV will propose to 7th AF that a 12th ACS RANCH HAND airplane be configured for mosquito control beginning 1 Mar 67. It is further proposed that the selected aircraft be painted a distinctive color (possibly a loud yellow) and that

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leaflets be dropped simultaneously with each mosquito spray operation telling the Vietnamese people that this airplane is a good bird and that it will kill the harmful mosquito. It was also proposed that every effort be made to condition the Vietnamese people of this program by leaflet or any other means available prior to flying an aircraft into a selected area.

5. Recommendation: That a 7th AF RANCH HAND aircraft allocation for purpose outlined above be favorably considered upon receipt of official requirement.



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**Assistant Deputy Commander
for Air Operations**

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SUBJ: C-123B SPRAY AIRCRAFT FOR MALARIA CONTROL (U)

1. (C) THE MACV SURGEON HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR FULL UTILIZATION FOR ONE UC-123B SPRAY AIRCRAFT FOR MALARIA CONTROL IN SVN. DURING THE PERIOD SEP, OCT AND NOV 56, 344,930 MAN DAYS WERE LOST TO RVNAF US/FWMAF FROM MALARIA.
2. (C) LARGE AREA INSECTICIDE SPRAY HAS BEEN AGREED TO JOINTLY BY MACV, USAID, GVN AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.
3. (U) A JOINT WORKSHOP UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES PEST CONTROL BOARD IS BEING CONVENED TO DEVELOP A DETAILED MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAM FOR SVN.
4. (C) REQUEST YOUR HEADQUARTERS PROVIDE ONE C-123B SPRAY AIRCRAFT FOR DISPERSAL OF INSECTICIDE NOT LATER THAN 3 MARCH 1967.
5. (C) MONTHLY INSECTICIDE MISSION SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED YOUR HEADQUARTERS BY THE MACV SURGEON (MACMD). A MINIMUM OF SIX DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST SCHEDULED MISSION. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THE MACV SURGEON OF THE OFFICE WITHIN 7TH AIR FORCE DESIGNATED FOR COORDINATION OF INSECTICIDE MISSIONS.
6. (C) THE MACV SURGEON IS PREPARING A PROGRAM FOR THE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT. A COPY OF THIS PROGRAM TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR RECEIVING, STORING AND LOADING THE INSECTICIDE WILL BE PROVIDED YOUR HEADQUARTERS SIX DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE THE FIRST INSECTICIDE SPRAY MISSION IS SCHEDULED.

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