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SUBJECT: FOREIGN AREA OFFICER SPECIALTY/APPLICATION TO US FORCES;
KOREA

1. IN LIGHT OF OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH ROK COUNTERPARTS, I HAVE REVIEWED ARMY-WIDE UTILIZATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FULLY TRAINED FOREIGN AREA OFFICER SPECIALTY (FAOS) GRADUATES IN THE KOREAN SPECIALTY (FAOS ADDITIONAL SKILL INDICATOR 4N);

2. WITH THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OPMS), CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN FAOS MEMBERSHIP, AND REDUCED TRAINING BUDGET, NOT ALL FUTURE FAOS OFFICERS WILL BE TRAINED TO THE CURRENT LEVEL (LANGUAGE, UNIVERSITY, OVERSEAS IMMERSION), FOR EACH REGIONAL SPECIALTY; HOWEVER, THERE WILL REMAIN A NUCLEUS OF CRITICAL UTILIZATION POSITIONS REQUIRING THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF TRAINING, THESE LATTER POSITIONS MUST ALL BE VALIDATED BY THE ARMY EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS BOARD (AERB) FOR GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION, NORMALLY TO

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THE M, A, LEVEL IN THE APPROPRIATE AREA STUDIES DISCIPLINE;
3, THE FOLLOWING INVENTORY, SUPPLIED BY MILPERCEN, REFLECTS FORCE STRUCTURE POSITIONS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE KOREAN FAOS:

A, CURRENTLY AERB VALIDATED:

AERB POSITION	COMMAND/ ORGANIZATION	POSITION IDENTIFICATION
DI EBX M249	USDAO, ROK	DEFENSE/ARMY ATTACHE (COL)
P8 EKB M001	UNC/USF, ROK ✓	CHIEF, CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS BRANCH (LTC)
SO EBX M004	ODCSOPS, DA	STAFF OFFICER, CURRENT OPERATIONS DIVISION (LTC)
DI EBX M192	DIA	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, SW PACIFIC SECTION (MAJ)
PC EBX M010	JUSMAG, ROK ✓	SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER (MAJ)
DI EBX M217	DIA	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CPT)
P8 EBX M001	1ST SF DET, ✓ ROK	COMMANDER

B, PROPOSED FOR AERB VALIDATION:

COMMAND/ORGANIZATION	POSITION IDENTIFICATION
USDAO, KOREA	ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE (LTC)
502 MI BATTALION	COMMANDER, COMPANY A (LTC)
502 MI BATTALION	COMMANDER, COMPANY B (LTC)

C, ELEVEN ADDITIONAL SPACES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED UNDER

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OPMS AS REQUIRING THE FAOS SKILL, BUT TO A LESSER DEGREE THAN THE AERB BILLETS LISTED AT PARAGRAPHS 3A AND 3B, ABOVE, TRAINING, STILL TO BE DETERMINED, WILL BE FUNCTIONALLY ORIENTED AND WILL NOT INCLUDE GRADUATE SCHOOLING, POSITIONS ARE IDENTIFIED BY MILPERCEN AS FOLLOWS:

COMMAND/ORGANIZATION	POSITION IDENTIFICATION
USA ELM, HQ UNC, ROK	ADD AND SCY (COL)
USA ELM, HQ UNC, RLK	AIR GROUND OFFICER (LTC)
USA ELM, HQ UNC, RLK	EXERCISE OFFICER (LTC)
HQ, EUSA, ROK	ASSISTANT G5 (CA) (COL)
HQ, EUSA, ROK	ASSISTANT G5 (PSYOP) (COL)
HQ, 37, ROK	ASSISTANT G5 (CA) (MAJ)
HQ, EUSA, ROK	ASSISTANT G5 (PSYOP) (MAJ)
USA ELM, JUSMAG, ROK	SECRETARY JOINT STAFF (LTC)
USA ELM JUSMAG, ROK	CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER (LTC)

4. THE 10 POSITIONS AT PARAGRAPH 3A AND 3B ABOVE REFLECT THE TOTAL UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FULLY TRAINED KOREA FAOS MEMBERS; A REVIEW OF THOSE HOLDINGS SUGGESTS ONLY

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LIMITED UTILIZATION POTENTIAL, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE 2/3 ARENAS AT THE J/G STAFF LEVELS; COMMAND IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE FAOS BILLETS, AND SUBMISSION FOR AERB VALIDATION CONSIDERATION, MAY BE AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY, ASSIGNMENT OF LANGUAGE TRAINED, CULTURALLY ATTUNED FAOS OFFICERS TO CRITICAL BILLETS CAN CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY IN REDUCING THE US/ROK COMMUNICATION GAP MENTIONED ABOVE;

5; DURING THE JUNE-SEPTEMBER 1974 TIMEFRAME I CORRESPONDED WITH COL RAJALA, THEN G2, BUSA, CONCERNING SUBJECT, COL RAJALA PROJECTED LOCAL COMMAND ACTION TO REQUEST AERB ATTENTION TO BILLETS WITHIN THE J2 AND 502ND MI BATTALION AREAS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ONLY THE 502ND MI BATTALION POSITIONS WERE SUBMITTED (SEE PARAGRAPH 30, ABOVE);

6; ARMY CIVIL SCHOOLING QUOTAS FOR GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION ARE BEING CUT, OUR FAOS CONSULTANT BOARD INVOLVEMENT WITH RECENT AERBS PERMITS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAXIMIZE

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FAVORABLE AERB CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE POSITIONS, THEY ARE INCLUDED HERE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A; THE AERB ONLY CONSIDERS POSITIONS ON THE BASIS OF STATED JUSTIFICATION FOR GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION, IF NOT PROPERLY JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT, THE POSITIONS WILL NOT BE VALIDATED,

B; THE JUSTIFICATION SECTION OF THE AERB POSITION REQUEST (DA FORM 2654-R, PER AR 621-108) MUST SHOW THAT THE POSITION CAN ONLY BE FILLED BY AN OFFICER WITH GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION; THAT THE MAJOR DUTIES OF THAT POSITION CAN ONLY BE PERFORMED WITH GRADUATE TRAINING IN THE SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REQUESTED,

7; PER LETTER, DAPC-OPD-PD-CS, 18 MAR 75, SUBJECT: GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND AR 621-108, COMPLETED DA FORMS 2654-R SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO MILPERCEN, THEY WILL THEN BE FORWARDED FOR FAOS CONSULTANT BOARD REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE AERB,

8; I TRUST THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL ADEQUATELY PORTRAY THE POTENTIAL REPRESENTED BY FAOS, AND STIMULATE ACTION TO INCREASE KOREAN FAOS POSITION HOLDINGS; BE ASSURED THIS PROJECT WILL RECEIVE MY FULL SUPPORT;

9; WARM REGARDS,

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