

augmentations for presently authorized units in the Active Forces to man new bases, to handle the larger logistics workload, etc.; and (3) additional personnel and extra training for selected Reserve component units to increase their readiness for quick deployment. We believe we can achieve this buildup without calling up the Reserves or ordering the involuntary extension of tours, except as already authorized by law for the Department of the Navy. Even here the extension of officer tours will be on a selective basis and extensions for enlisted men will be limited, in general, to not more than 4 months.

Our present estimate of the numbers of military personnel involved are shown on the table following this statement.

1. INCREASE IN ARMY FORCES

For the Army, we plan to activate one division force, three brigade forces, a large number of helicopter companies, and their combat service support units. In addition, we plan to replace the military personnel drawn from the Strategic Army Forces to provide logistic support in Vietnam. The buildup of these forces will require a substantial expansion of the Army training establishment. The larger deployments to South Vietnam and the increase in Army military personnel generally will result in a higher number of men in transit and other support activities. A military personnel strength increase in the Army of 235,000 is provided for these purposes.

2. AUGMENTATION OF THE THREE MARINE CORPS DIVISION/AIRCRAFT WINGS

Some 30,000 additional military personnel have been provided for the Marine Corps to augment existing units and to activate certain new units, such as helicopter squadrons, and communication, engineer, and military police battalions, and to provide for the increased training and manpower pipeline requirements.

3. STRENGTHENING THE NAVAL FORCES

The increased tempo of attack carrier operations and the intensified coastal patrol off Vietnam will require a small increase in the number of active ships in the Navy as well as an increase in the manning of the ships deployed to that area. These ships are required to operate at close to wartime tempos and therefore require higher manning levels than normally provided other fleet units. Furthermore, additional Navy personnel are needed to operate the new ports now being built in South Vietnam and to support the heavier logistics load at other bases. Other support activities, including pipeline, account for the balance of 35,000 additional personnel provided for the Navy.

4. AUGMENTATION OF THE AIR FORCE STRIKE AND AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES

In addition to the increased number of tactical attack sorties, we are also planning more B-52 sorties from Guam. To support the B-52 aircraft to be utilized for this mission, additional personnel will be needed at Guam, to handle ammunition, increased maintenance, and so forth. Support of the additional tactical fighter and troop carrier squadrons deployed to southeast Asia will require more men.