

squadrons, four tactical reconnaissance squadrons and 11 airlift squadrons to full authorized strength. We expect that all of these units will be ready to deploy on 24-hour notice by the end of this calendar year.

#### 6. OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

Over and above the costs of the additional military personnel, there will also be increased costs for the operation of installations and facilities in southeast Asia; the increases in flying and steaming hours; the consumption of spares and repair parts; and the transportation of supplies and equipment to southeast Asia. An increase of almost 36,000 "direct hire" civilian employees, raising the total at end fiscal year 1966 to just short of 1 million, will also be required.

None of these personnel and operation and maintenance costs can be estimated with any degree of precision at the present time. We have yet to work out detailed personnel plans and to calculate, on a phased basis, the increases in activity rates, movements of troops and materiel and other operation and maintenance costs associated with the buildup in southeast Asia. However, by the time we appear here next January with the fiscal year 1967 budget estimates, we will have completed this work and we will have a much more precise estimate of all of these additional costs and our financial requirements for the balance of fiscal year 1966. Accordingly, we propose that these additional military personnel and operation and maintenance costs be financed during the interim under section 512 of the fiscal year 1966 Defense appropriations bill, as approved by the House (H.R. 9221).

Subsection 512(a) of the Bill provides that:

During the current fiscal year, the President may exempt appropriations, funds, and contract authorizations, available for military functions under the Department of Defense, from the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the interests of national defense.

Subsection 512(c) provides that:

Upon determination by the President that it is necessary to increase the number of military personnel on active duty beyond the number for which funds are provided in this Act, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide for the cost of such increased military personnel, as an excepted expense in accordance with the provisions of Revised Statutes 3732 (41 U.S.C. 11).

#### PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

As in the case of personnel and operation and maintenance costs, we have not as yet had sufficient time to develop detailed requirements and production and construction plans for the additional