

ment becomes available (e.g., from the Navy EA-6B program), it may be retrofitted into these aircraft.

Special air warfare forces

Since its creation in 1962, the Special Air Warfare (SAW) Forces have grown both in size and in the range of missions performed.

In order to meet the requirement of the Vietnam conflict, we have increased the size of the SAW Force. This increase includes additional O-2's, AC-47's, C-123's, C-47's, and A-37's, partially offset by the reduction of A-1's.

Other aircraft

The tactical air control system (TACS) provides the command and control capability for the tactical air commander in field operations. Currently, the Air Force is using modified O-1 aircraft transferred from the Army for the airborne forward air controller (AFAC) mission in southeast Asia. Last year, we had planned to convert this force completely to OV-10's by the end of fiscal year 1968. However, during the past year the requirement for AFAC aircraft has virtually doubled and, as a result, the authorized TACS force has been increased. In addition, the OV-10 program has slipped and we do not now expect deliveries of that aircraft to the Air Force to be made as fast as originally planned. In order to build up the force as soon as possible, we have already taken action to procure an off-the-shelf Cessna aircraft designated the O-2. With respect to the longer term, it is too early to make a final determination of the size and composition of the TACS force, a matter we now have under study.

Combat readiness training

As described a year ago, we want to increase the size of the advanced flying training base very significantly over what it has been in recent years. Predicated on the assumption that the southeast Asia conflict would end by June 30, 1967, this expansion was to have been substantially achieved by the end of fiscal year 1968. Now, however, under our revised budget planning assumption, completion of the buildup of the training base in terms of aircraft would be delayed until the following year.

Tactical missiles

As I indicated last year, the remaining Mace B missiles (one squadron) deployed in Germany will be phased out as Pershing takes over the quick reaction alert (QRA) ————. The remaining Mace B's deployed in Okinawa, however, are tentatively scheduled to remain in the active force through the program period.

Air National Guard

A number of changes have been made in the planned equipage of Air National Guard squadrons, most of them related to changes in the active structure. The Guard will retain more F-84's and F-86's longer in order to offset delays in the transfer of F-100's and F-105's from the Active Forces. The Guard will have 547 tactical fighters at the end of fiscal year 1967 and this number is scheduled to increase modestly in future years.

Aircraft procurement

The Air Force will procure a total of 732 tactical, air control, and reconnaissance aircraft for the General Purpose Forces in fiscal year