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MINE WARFARE READINESS
A. CNO 092209Z MAY 69 PASBP
B. COMSEVENTHFLT 121250Z MAY 69 PASBP
C. COMINFLOT ONE 111425Z MAY 69 PASBP
1. IN REF A CNO DIRECTED THAT PREPARATIONS BE MADE FOR TF 77 AIR WINGS TO CONDUCT MINE DELIVERY TRAINING IN THE SUBIC OPERATING AREAS DURING REGULAR CVA IN PORT PERIODS. REF B REQUESTED THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF DRILL MINES REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A MINEX FOR ENTERPRISE DURING TER 15-20 MAY IN PORT PERIOD. ADDITIONALLY, REF B REQUESTED CTF 77 TO SPECIFY THE PARTICULAR SUBIC OPAREA IN WHICH

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TO LAY A DRILL MINE FIELD. REF C SETS FORTH WATER DEPTH PARAMETERS FOR RECOVERY OF DRILL MINES.

2. FOR CTG 77.41 WHEN DIRECTED, REQUEST YOU COORDINATE V
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FOR AND CONDUCT MINE TRAINING EXERCISES DURING SUBIC IN PORT PERIOD 15-20 MAY. COMINFLOT ONE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SUBIC 14-21 MAY FOR LIAISON AS REQUIRED TO DISCUSS DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR MINE RECOVERY VESSELS, EOD DIVERS AND MINE SPOTTING SHIPS/CRAFT. DESIRE THAT EXERCISES BE CONDUCTED ALONG FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- A. FOR EACH MISSION, PLAN AND LAY ONE-LINE MINEFIELDS CONSISTING OF AT LEAST FOUR MINES PER LINE.
- B. EACH DELIVERY SQUADRON ON BOARD ENTERPRISE WILL PARTICIPATE INsofar AS POSSIBLE.
- C. MINIMUM OF 2 AIRCRAFT PER MISSION.
- D. EACH AIRCRAFT WILL BE LOADED WITH 2 MK25/55 OR 4 MK36/52 DRILL MINES.
- E. MISSIONS ARE TO APPROACH MINEFIELD FROM SEAWARD WITHOUT BENEFIT OF TACAN NAVIGATIONAL ASSISTANCE. FINAL DELIVERY SHOULD BE AT MAXIMUM AIRSPEED AND MINIMUM ALTITUDE CONSISTENT WITH SAFETY AND DRILL MINE LIMITATIONS.

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7. UTILIZE A6 AIRCRAFT TO ACT AS PATHFINDERS IF POSSIBLE. USE OF

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NEW AIRCRAFT IS ENCOURAGED.

8. EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON ACCURACY AND MINE SPACING.

3. FOR COMNAVBASE SUBIC, PUBLICATIONS SETTING FORTH SUBIC OPERATING AREA DO NOT REFLECT WATER AREAS FOR LAYING DRILL MINES. REQUEST YOU SPECIFY A SUITABLE AREA WITH WATER DEPTHS OF LESS THAN 120 FEET. ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST THAT THE DESIGNATED MINE FIELD BE LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO SHORE RANGING TOWERS FOR SPOTTING AND TRIANGULATION OF MINE IMPACTS. IF RANGING TOWERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE SPOTTING BOAT TO MARK LOCATION OF MINE IMPACTS IF FEASIBLE.

4. FOR NAVMAG SUBIC AND COMINBPLOT ONE, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING DRILL MINES BE MADE READY AT NAVMAG SUBIC FOR POSSIBLE MINE EXERCISES WITH ENTERPRISE A6/A7 AIRCRAFT DURING THE PERIOD 19-20 MAY:

MINE	LUG
4 MK55-2	MK6
2 MK55-2	MK3
3 MK55-3	MK3
3 MK55-9	MK3
18 MK36-1	MK13
3 MK52-3	MK6

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3 MK52-3 MK6

NOTE: DETERMINATION OF DRILL MINE PERFORMANCE NOT ESSENTIAL. PURPOSE OF EXERCISE TO PRACTICE DELIVERY TACTICS.

9. FOR ALL: UPON COMPLETION OF MINEX, REQUEST COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF THE EXERCISE AND THE COORDINATION

PROBLEMS INVOLVED BE SUBMITTED TO CTF 77. INFO WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SUBSEQUENT EXERCISES.

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