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QUARTERLY HISTORICAL SUMMARY

1 APRIL -- Naval Support Facility, Cam Ranh Bay was disestablished.

-- Navy's In-country strength dropped from approximately 5038 to 3001.

-- The newly established VNN Underway Training Group, following underway training at FTG Pearl Harbor, has successfully completed refresher training aboard the first VNN ship (HQ-11, a PCE) at Cam Ranh Bay.

-- At 0645H, the Vung Tau Naval Base received a ten round 122MM rocket attack resulting in one U.S. Navy personnel slightly wounded.

3 APRIL -- VNN personnel withdrew from Coastal Group 11 at the mouth of the Cua Viet River in MR-1, as numerous NVA tanks and troops surrounded the base necessitating their evacuation by junks and small craft to Thuan An. This OP base is the only VNN installation lost to the enemy during the NVA offensive.

-- The first class of 100 VNN Shipyard civilian employees commenced school training at NTC Nha Trang. Under this program, graduates will return to VNNSY for specialized skill training and become VNNSY workers by December 1972. The selection of the first 100 men to undergo training marked the first time that group-testing has been utilized to determine the candidates' areas of aptitude for future assignment purposes.

4 APRIL -- LSB Nha Be was transferred to Vietnamese Navy.

-- The USN PMS distribution office at NAVFORV Headquarters was officially closed and all PMS efforts were centralized at the PMS Support Office at VNN Headquarters.

5 APRIL -- Results of February 1972 Advancement Examinations received with 714 field advancements, 90 regular advancements and 37 selectees out of 1469 aspirants.

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6 APRIL -- The 100 ton Ammi Dry Dock at Cam Ranh Bay was modified and successfully lifted a 140 ton PGM.

-- The PADD (Portable Acoustic Doppler Detector) Sonar Project was completed. All PADD units and the support facility established at the VNN LSC Electronic Repair Center, Nha Be, have now been turned over to the VNN.

8-9 APRIL -- Madame Anna Chennault, Vice President of Flying Tiger Airlines and First Vice President of the Helping Hand Foundation met twice with the ACOS for Psychological Warfare (PSYWAR) and Vietnamese Navy Welfare Programs, and a Representative of the Saigon Helping Hand Advisory Board to discuss coordination of efforts, fund raising and progress of Operation Helping Hand Projects in the Republic of Vietnam.

9 APRIL -- CAPT M.P. FRUDDEN, relieved CAPT C.S. BRADLEY, as ACOS for PLANS.

-- PMS Inspection Procedures for ACTOVRAD sites were brought into use.

-- The MSC Charter Merchant ship TRANSCOLORADO, was damaged by an estimated Soviet/CHICOM BPM-2 Limpet mine while at anchorage in Danang Harbor. The vessel sustained a two foot diameter hole approximately four feet below the waterline. This is the first mining in Danang Harbor.

10 APRIL -- The Binh Thuybased Attack Squadron (Light) FOUR (VAL-4), the Navy's last operational unit in Vietnam, completed standdown, thus terminating Black Pony operations in the Mekong Delta.

-- ACOS for Administration/Commanding Officer Enlisted Personnel was established with CAPT M.A. ZETTEL as ACOS.

11 APRIL -- RADM MILLS, CINCPACFLT, Material Officer, arrived and was given a full day of briefings on and a tour of the VNN Shipyard.

-- LSB Binh Thuy was turned over to the VNN.

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12 APRIL -- Captain D.P. McGILLIVARY, SC, relieved Captain W.M. WEISSKOPF, SC, as Director for Supply and Senior Advisor, VNN Supply Bureau.

-- The first increment of $3616 worth of musical instruments purchased through CORDS Civic Action Project 4-71 was turned over to the Vietnamese Navy Political Warfare (POLWAR) Company.

14 APRIL -- VNN requested assistance in providing relief for 350 Navy dependents who were evacuated from the Cua Viet OP base as a result of the NVA offensive. N9 provided 149 beds and mattresses, 480 bedsheets, and from USAID food sufficient to feed 350 persons for a 30 day period.

-- A program for training VNN Aspirants, Ensigns, and Warrant Officers in USN repair ships in repair department management and operation was approved by COMNAVFORV.

-- The 100 foot Utility Boat "MONDERO" was turned over to the Vietnamese Navy at Nha Be.

-- Command of LSB Danang was transferred to the VNN, completing the ACTOVLOG Base Turnover Program.

-- NSF Danang was disestablished.

15 APRIL -- All Naval advisors in MR-1 were consolidated under SA NAU Danang.

-- VN Naval Academy Class 23 completed a 12-month curriculum, graduating 282 officers. Class 24, and all subsequent classes will complete a two-year curriculum.

-- Clubs and Messes, and Special Services Offices at Tan Son Nhut Air Base were hazarded by enemy rocket attack. There were no casualties or damage.

17 APRIL -- 31 parent stock swine were delivered to the Danang Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center.

18 APRIL -- CDR R. MYERS, JR., relieved CAPT C.E. SWECKER, JR., as Director for Construction/Base Maintenance, and Senior Advisor VNN Construction/Base Maintenance Branch.

-- The Studies and Analysis Division (022) and Director for Logistics Plans (N45) were incorporated into (N5) Division. The Division was retitled Plans, Studies, and Analysis Division.

-- Naval Forces Headquarters completed relocation from downtown Saigon to MACV Headquarters Building.

20 APRIL -- Fleet Aviation Support Unit (FASU) Binh Thuy, was disestablished.

-- November E8/E9 results received. Of 172 forwarded to Selection Board, 30 were picked up for E8/E9 or 17.4% of those tested.

-- Operation Tran Hung Dao 36 was organized to maintain security and interdict enemy infiltration on the waterways of the Capitol military district, and to provide support for pacification and development efforts within the district. THD 36's AO includes all waterways in the Capitol Military District, including the main convoy routes along the Dong Nai River from Cat Lai to Cogido (Long Binh). The Senior Advisor is LCDR James B. FERGUSON.

-- At 0130H, three 122MM rockets impacted in the port area of Qui Nhon. One rocket made a direct hit on the MSC office resulting in one USN enlisted killed and two others wounded.

21 APRIL -- CAPT K. J. CHRISTOPH, JR., relieved CAPT R. A. PADDOCK, as Chief of Staff, COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGRP, MACV.

-- The Fairbanks Morse engines ordered for a rotatable pool were received by the VNNSY.

-- To date 65 new MK 19 MOD 1 40MM Grenade Machine Guns have been installed on various HQ's.

22 APRIL -- The VNNSY has installed a 50 to 60 cycle power converter for use by HQ 9050 and HQ 9051 offices of the Training Support Division. With the converter in operation, the photographic and printing capabilities of TSD are greatly increased.

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22 APRIL -- At 0810H, during a routine morning hull check of USNS UPSHUR, VNN EOD personnel discovered a 25 to 30 pound VC mine inserted in the sea suction intake of the vessel which was moored at Delong Pier, Qui Nhon Harbor. The mine was removed and destroyed.

24 APRIL -- The VNN DER, HQ-4 sank a North Vietnamese SI-4 type trawler attempting infiltration operations off the Southwest coast of the Republic of Vietnam.

-- The first Advanced Grade Specialist Course (Command and Staff/Intermediate Level) commenced with the enrollment of 19 officers. Held at NTC Saigon, the AGS course is 12 weeks in length.

-- Occupancy of the 20 unit Veterans' Housing Pilot Project at Cat Lai reached 100%.

25 APRIL -- PMS COMM packages were installed in Naval Operations Center & Combat Operations Center in VNN Headquarters.

26-27 APRIL -- VNN PMS personnel conducted a PMS class for representatives of 17 COMM sites. Following the class, PMS packages for the sites were provided to the site personnel.

27 APRIL -- Radar Site 402 at Hon Nam Du was turned over to the VNN completing the ACTOVRAD program.

16-28 APRIL -- RADM W.R. DOWD, JR., SC, USN, and party arrived in Saigon to conduct an inspection of the VNN Supply System. RADM DOWD delivered the findings of his inspection to RADM R.S. SALZER, COMNAVFORV, RADM J.B. WILSON, DEPCOMNAVFORV for Logistics, RADM Tran Van CHON, CNO, VNN, and GEN C.W. ABRAMS, COMUSMACV.

28 APRIL -- Construction of a MK-48 GUN MOUNT training stand was completed at VNNSY to be shipped to NTC Nha Trang.

29 APRIL -- Commander Delta Naval Forces (CTF 116) was disestablished. CAPT R.H. SULLIVAN relieved CAPT P.C. GIBBONS, JR., as Senior Advisor, Deputy Commander Tran Hung Dao Campaigns, Riverine (SA, DEPCOMTHD).

30 APRIL -- The Naval Support Activity Saigon Detachments at Binh Thuy and Nha Be were disestablished.

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30 APRIL -- The U.S. Navy Research and Development Unit was disestablished.

-- The Navy Law Center, Vietnam was disestablished.

-- Naval Investigative Service Office, Vietnam was disestablished.

-- 70 of 86 ships and craft scheduled for overhaul completion in Vietnam for the month of April were actually completed.

-- Approval has been received from CNO and CINCPACFLT for a three month OJT Program aboard FIRST and SEVENTHFLT repair ships for 40 VNN Junior Officers. Upon completion of the training period, these officers will be assigned as repair officers at VNN logistics Support Bases.

-- NAVSUPPACT, Saigon, Detachment Mess (Open) clubs were closed at Nam Can, Nha Be, Binh Thuy, and Cam Ranh Bay, the last ones in the system.

-- During the month of April 1972, COMNAVFORV processed three confirmed drug abuse cases compared to seventeen the previous month.

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1 MAY -- Navy's In-Country Strength dropped from approximately 3001 to 2805.

-- COMNAVFORV awarding authority was rescinded. CINCPACFLT subdelegated authority to COMNAVFORV for the Purple Heart and Combat Action Ribbon Awards.

-- Special Services Retrograde Program reached a dollar figure of approximately $100,000.00.

-- The new CHNAVADVGRP/COMNAVFORV Staff organization was implemented. (Enclosure (2)).

-- Two PCF craft (1262/1291) were leased to the VNN for a period of six months.

-- Installation of PMS in twenty-six WPB Coastal Surveillance Force craft was completed.

3 MAY -- Two 55 ton and one 45 ton mobile crane arrived in-country for the VNNSY.

4 MAY -- 1800 parent stock chickens were delivered to the Danang Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center, completing stocking of the center.

8 MAY -- Assistant Secretary of Defense Barry J. SHILLITO and VADM Charles S. MINTER, Deputy CNO (Logistics) visited the shipyard and were briefed on programs in progress and given a shipyard tour.

The Vietnamese Navy requested assistance in providing food for 1500 Navy dependents evacuated from MR-1 to Danang as a result of the NVA offensive. A 30-day supply of food was procured from USAID Food for Peace and coordinated transshipment via VNN Hospital Ship HQ 401. Shipment aboard HQ 401 was also coordinated for two pallets of medicine and 14 cartons of clothing from the Catholic Relief Society.

9 MAY -- VADM Charles S. MINTER, Jr., Deputy CNO (Logistics) accompanied ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare on a tour of the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center and Dependent Community Projects at Cuu Long and An Khanh.

-- A 30-day supply of food for 30 civilian and naval families at Cat Lai Village was procurred and turned over to the VNN Political Warfare Bloc, following a fire destroying their homes on 8 May.

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10 MAY -- CAPT John J. EKELUND, relieved CAPT M.A. [illegible]TTEL as ACOS for Admin/CO, Enlisted Personnel.

12 MAY -- Turnover was coordinated for three sewing machines for establishment of a sewing center for widows living at the Disabled Navy Veterans housing project at Cat Lai.

13 MAY -- PGM 619 completed refresher training at NTC Cam Ranh Bay. This marks the first time a PGM has undergone refresher training.

-- The second increment of musical instruments purchased through CORDS Civic Action Project 4-71 was turned over to the VNN Political Warfare Company.

15-16 MAY -- At 2150H, due to multiple ABF's and sapper attacks against various GVN installations in the Cam Ranh Bay area, all MSC shipping was directed to depart Cam Ranh Bay piers.

11-17 MAY -- The installation of PMS in all fifteen land based Coastal Radar Stations was completed with the installation of CRS Hon Nam Du.

17 MAY -- Installation of PMS in all twenty-six WPB's was completed.

19 MAY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ISB Cho Moi.

20 MAY -- A survey team reported to NTC Nha Trang for preliminary survey prior to installation of DECCA 202 and SPS-53 radars.

-- The last scheduled Petty Officer Class at NTC Saigon convened. With the graduation of this class in September 1972, all VNN Petty Officer training will take place at NTC's Nha Trang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Cat Lai.

21 MAY -- At 0042H a low order explosion, caused by a limpet mine, occurred on the starboard side of the SS JEFFERSON CITY VICTORY at anchorage in Danang Harbor.

22 MAY -- CDR R.E. [illegible]COY, relieved CDR W.F. BAKER as Assistant Chief of Staff, for Psychological Warfare and Vietnamese Navy Welfare and Vietnamese Navy Welfare.

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22 MAY -- The repair building at ISB Long Xuyen containing all ISB Repair Shops was destroyed by fire.

23 MAY -- The USN Advisory Team for Coastal Group 27 was disestablished.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ISB Long Phu.

24 MAY -- Funding was confirmed for a CIC Lab Installation at NTC Nha Trang.

-- CDR J. E. ECKELBERGER, SC, relieved CDR R.G. HARMON as the Senior Advisor, Vietnamese Navy Supply Center.

25 MAY -- Mrs. Bernard A. CLAREY accompanied ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare on a tour of the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center, the Dependent Community Projects at Cuu Long and An Khanh and VNN Political Warfare Company compound.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ATSB Tuyen Nhon.

26 MAY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ISB Vinh Long.

28 MAY -- Material and advisory assistance was provided for construction of a drainage system at the Cuu Long Dependent Community Project.

29 MAY -- The initial class of approximately 250 VNN Aspirants commenced the Vietnamese Navy Officers Special Education Program (VNNOSEP) course of study . This course of study is of 22 weeks duration, and is aimed at producing Naval Officers from Army OCS graduates.

30 MAY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ISB Long Xuyen.

31 MAY -- CAPT H. L. YOUNG relieved CAPT W. T. HALE as Senior Advisor, VNNSY.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from OPBASE Long Binh.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from OPBASE Phu Cuong.

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1 JUNE -- Navy's In-country strength dropped from approximately 2805 to 2340.

-- Special Services retrograde program reached a dollar figure of approximately $125,000.00.

-- In accordance with a reorganization of the Field Advisory Organization the following Naval Advisory Units/Elements were established (Enclosure (3) refers):

Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) Cam Ranh Bay
Naval Advisory Element (NAE) Qui Nhon
Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) Cat Lo
Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) Cat Lai
Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) Nha Be
Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) An Thoi
Naval Advisory Unit (NAU) Nam Can
Delta Naval Advisory Unit (DNAU) Binh Thuy
North Delta Advisory Element (NDAE) Ben Luc
South Delta Advisory Element (SDAE) Ca Mau
East Delta Advisory Element (EDAE) Dong Tam
West Delta Advisory Element (WDAE) Chou Doc
Delta Naval Advisory Element (DNAE) Rach Soi

-- Two tons of clothing from the Catholic Relief Society was procured and delivered to 500 civilian families at Chau Doc, who were victims of the NVA/VC Spring offensive.

-- 150 Student desks for YRBM-18s classrooms were received.

-- Work Wide Development Company, Inc., assumed maintenance responsibilities for YRBM-18 in accordance with a contract agreement.

-- VNNSY manning level reached a total of 3322 regular hires and trainees against an allowance of 3660.

2 JUNE -- The lease on PCEs 1202 and 1291 was terminated, and direct turnover was executed.

5 JUNE -- An NSC Oakland "Equipment Specialist" team arrived in-country, and began work in the NSC warehouse to be followed by work in shipyard shops.

-- The typhoon Hester restoration program craft were placed in the 1972 VNN overhaul program and will no longer be treated by the VNN as a special project. An overhaul completion date of 1 August was assigned by the VNNLSC for all boats.

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4 JUNE -- The A.O. of Tran Hung Dao Four, in the Southern tip of the Delta, was reduced to include an area two kilometers either side of the Cua Lon River from the mouth of the Cua Lon to the mouth of the Bo De. Included in this A.O. is ISB Nam Can, formerly Solid Anchor.

6 JUNE -- Received 333 reel, 5 box shipments of electronics drawing microfilm as part of "Blue Water" fleet documentation project.

-- Procurement action for a new planning department multilith and copy machine was initiated.

-- Approval of CNO, VNN, and DCOS for Training VNN, was received for the establishment of Engineering Officer and Operations/CIC Officer Training Courses at NTC, Nha Trang and a Weapons/Deck officer Course at NTC, Cam Ranh Bay. USN N7 is presently preparing preliminary course outlines for VNN N7 approval for use in curricula development.

7 JUNE -- CDR R.J. LAMOUREUX, relieved CDR P.R. FOURNIER, as Senior Advisor NTC Nha Trang.

9 JUNE -- CDR J.C. HAYES, relieved CDR F.W. McGIRR, JR., as Assistant Chief of Staff for Training at Saigon.

10 JUNE -- CDR H.C. GEORGE, relieved LCDR L.W. SHILLINGSBURG as Force Personnel Officer.

-- Action to transfer the Shipyard OPTAR to Fleet Command was initiated.

-- The 100 foot Utility Boat "MOROCCO" was turned over to the VNN.

12 JUNE -- A survey of all radar stations and Coastal Surveillance Centers was commenced in order to develop bill of material for ACTOVRAD Communications Program.

-- LSB Danang completed a full propulsion system conversion on the 100 ft. Utility Boat HQ-454, substituting a 12V71 engine for 16-71 engines, making support requirements for the craft compatible with other Military Region I craft and simplifying logistic requirements. The feasibility of extending this program to other utility boats is being investigated.

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13 JUNE -- COMNAVFORV hosted a Market Time Air Barrier Conference with attendees from CTF 72 and CTG 72.3 staffs. New anti-infiltrating trawler air patrol coverage for the South China Sea was devised.

-- The preparation of "Type Desk Officer and Ship Superintendent" instruction manual was completed.

14 JUNE -- LSB Danang completed overhaul of her first PGM marking a significant extension of Danang's support capability.

-- Class plans for PGM and PCE SPS-53E radar installations was completed.

15 JUNE -- CDR J.C. HAYES, relieved CDR R.G. WILD, as Senior Advisor, NTC, Saigon, at Saigon.

-- VNN personnel commenced clearing a site at Binh Thuy for the fourth and final Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center.

20 JUNE -- COMNAVFORV established the position of Technical Representative at SRO Singapore.

-- All PMS documentation for VNN blue water ships produced by Navy Maintenance Management Field Office, West (NMMFO(W)) was received for installation. This phase of the VNN PMS Project was completed three months ahead of the original schedule.

21 JUNE -- CHINCOTEAGUE (WHEC-375) and MC CULLOUGH (WHEC-386) were transferred pro-forma to the VNN at Guam.

-- A contract for $27,000 (US) was awarded to a VN civilian contractor for rehabilitation of the seawall in the area of the large drydock.

22 JUNE -- Seventeen VNN ET's were graduated from an 8 week course on test equipment calibration, taught at the VNNSY by U.S. Navy civilian personnel from NAD Oahu, Hawaii.

23 JUNE -- COMNAVFORV established the position of Technical Representative at NSRF, Subic.

-- U.S. Advisory support for VNN NTC, Cat Lai, was established and CDR J.C. HAYES, assumed responsibility as Senior Advisor.

23 JUNE -- VNNLSC presented the proposed revised 1973 ROH Schedule for the VNNSY. The revised schedule included 62,000 man days more than in previous 1973 schedules. The Shipyard Director indicated a capability to accept only an additional 40,000 man days. The ships to be added to the schedules have not been determined.

-- A listing of aluminum structural materials to be stocked at VNNSC sufficient to provide for one year's PCF repair support and for four major PCF rebuilds was compiled.

25 JUNE -- The addition to the VNNLSC Electronic Repair Center, Nha Be, was completed. This addition will contain a Class B overhaul facility for the TPS-62 radar.

26 JUNE -- An LCM-8 transmission overhaul course was completed at LSBs Dong Tam and Binh Thuy, conducted by a civilian member of the Technical Assistance Team.

-- The Branch Regional Office of Civilian Manpower Management Vietnam (BROCMMV) was disestablished.

27 JUNE -- Funding was supplied to NSRF, Subic to design a modification to improve the strength and durability of tow bars for the 59 Light Mobile Trailers previously supplied to LSB's and ISB's.

-- Initial survey for Binh Thuy Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center was completed.

29 JUNE -- HQ-800 commenced regular overhaul at Singapore. It is the first VNN ship to be overhauled at a commercial shipyard.

30 JUNE -- RADM Arthur W. PRICE, Jr., relieved RADM Robert S. SALZER, as COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGRP.

-- RADM James B. WILSON relieved RADM Arthur W. PRICE, Jr., as DEP COMNAVFORV for operations.

-- The ACTOVLOG Ship/Craft program was completed with the pro-forma transfer of title of the last five ships/craft to the Vietnamese Navy. The transfer of YOG-56, YTM-762, YTM-769, YTM-771, and YD 195 marked the culmination of approximately 1300 ships/craft turned over to the Vietnamese Navy under the ACTOV Plan.

-- Operational Control of the Third Coastal Zone and all VNN operating units operating in Tran Hung Dao 33 were turned over to the VNN.

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30 JUNE -- The Office of Special Assistant to the Commander for Scientific Affairs was disestablished.

-- Naval Support Activity, Saigon was disestablished.

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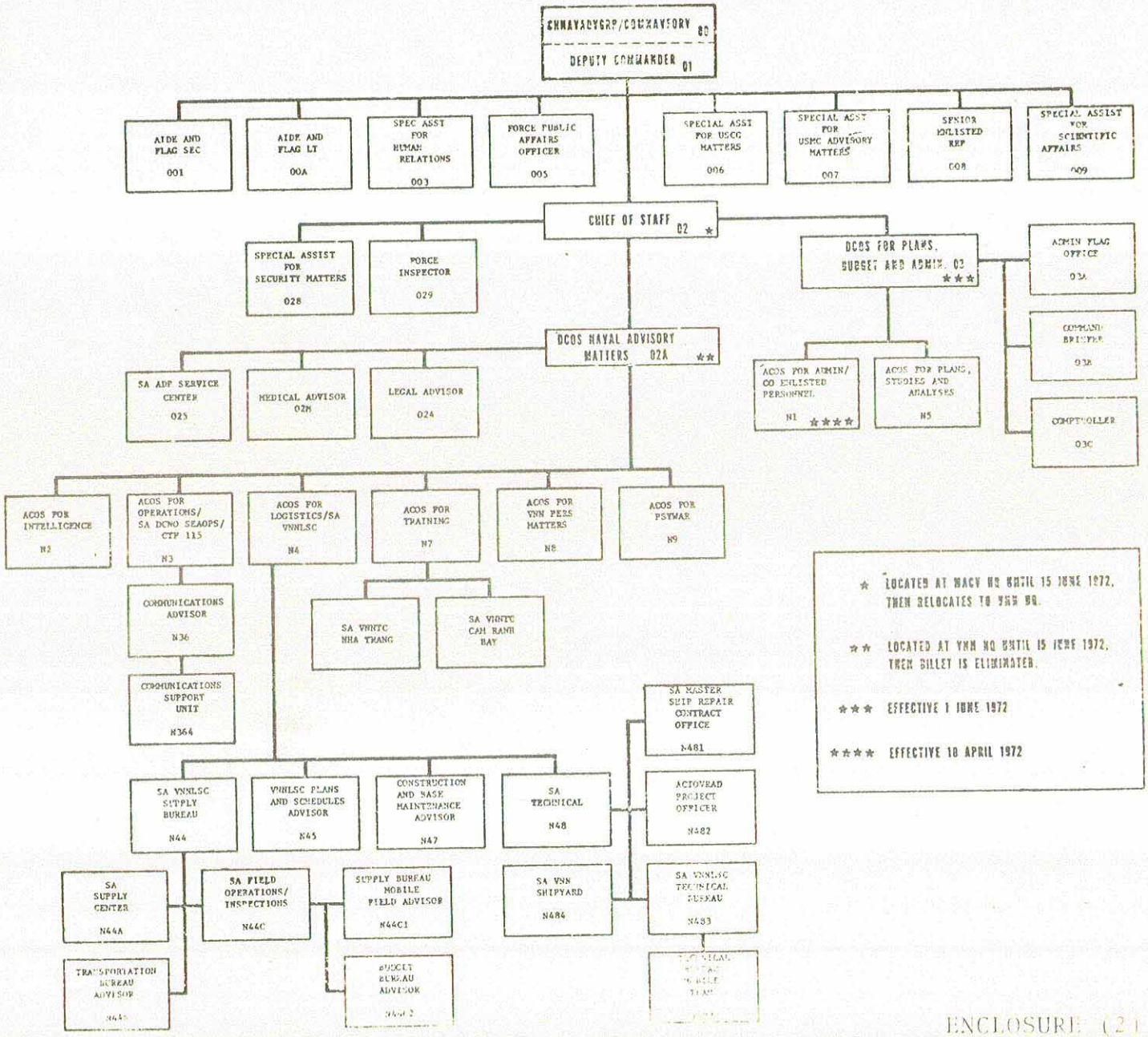

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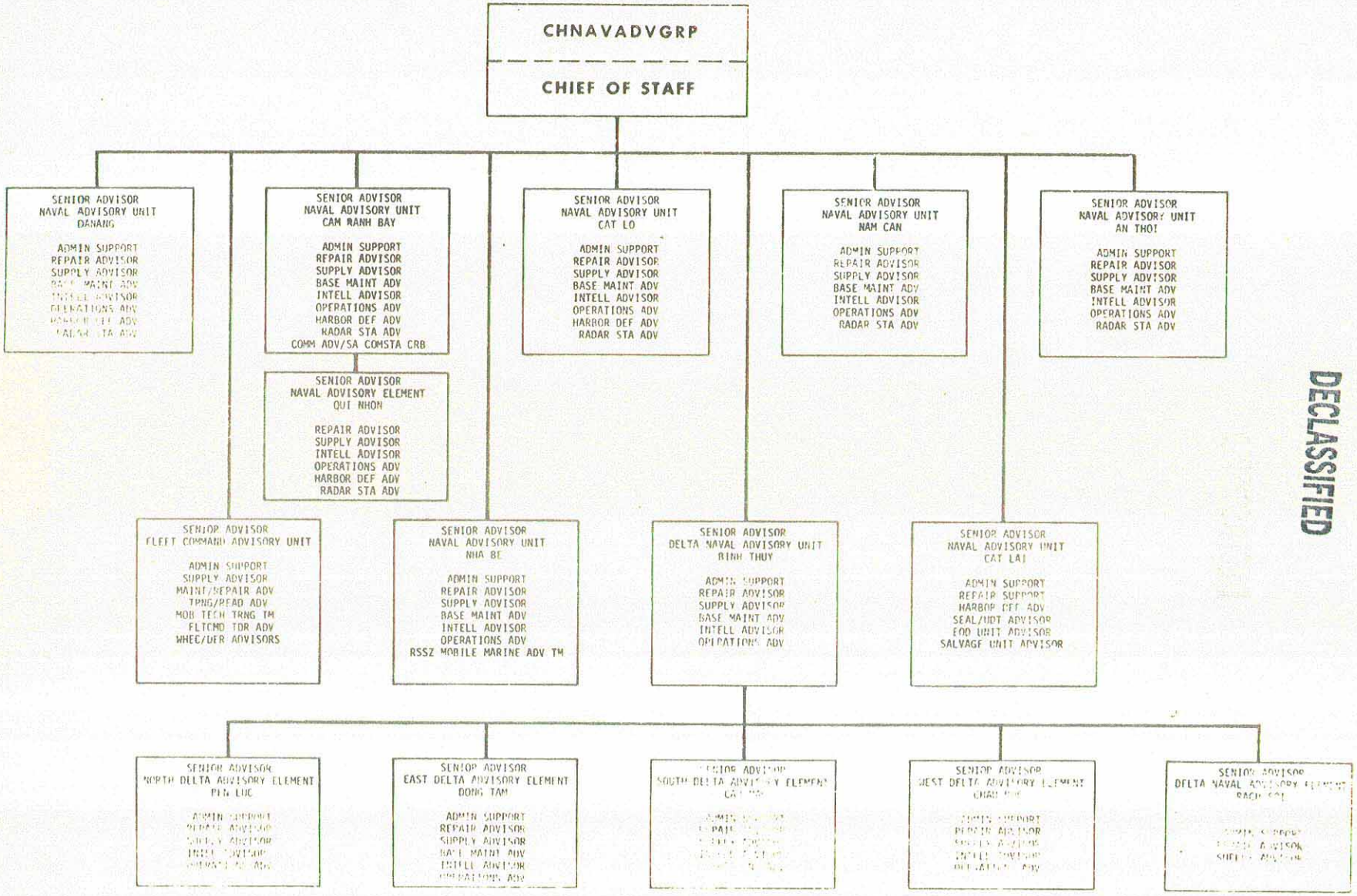

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