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was taken with CINCUSARPAC and Defense Communications Agency (DCA), Pacific, to improve the circuit support. Much of the difficulty was caused by poor signal propagation; accordingly, little was done to improve the system. All other possible corrective actions were taken by DCA. Hq USASAPAC attempted to procure new equipment (terminal) on a crash basis without success. Since immediate remedial action was required, two van mounted communication centers were secured from the US Air Force Pacific Security Region.

~~(S)~~ Hq USASAPAC was notified during the latter part of FY 1963 that the NSA Initiated Binary Stream Communications was programmed for certain USASAPAC units. This would require installation of new equipment at the affected stations. It was determined that all units, except the Primary Criticom Relay Station (PCRS) at Clark Air Base, would be able to accommodate this change with little difficulty. At PCRS Clark Air Base, this requirement was found to compound an already intolerable situation, caused by a lack of floor space. In order to provide space for the Binary Stream System, a project was initiated for a new 10,000-square foot Criticom Relay Station. It was approved as part of a larger project which would provide 30,000 square feet for operations and criticom communications.

SIGSEC

~~(C)~~ The 3d RRU, as a result of tasking by CINCUSARPAC, was augmented with a signal security (SIGSEC) capability. The initial success of the unit resulted in the closing down of the 45th US Army Transportation Battalion radio net. This net remained closed until the battalion radio operators could meet the high standards of COMSEC as promulgated by the 3d RRU.

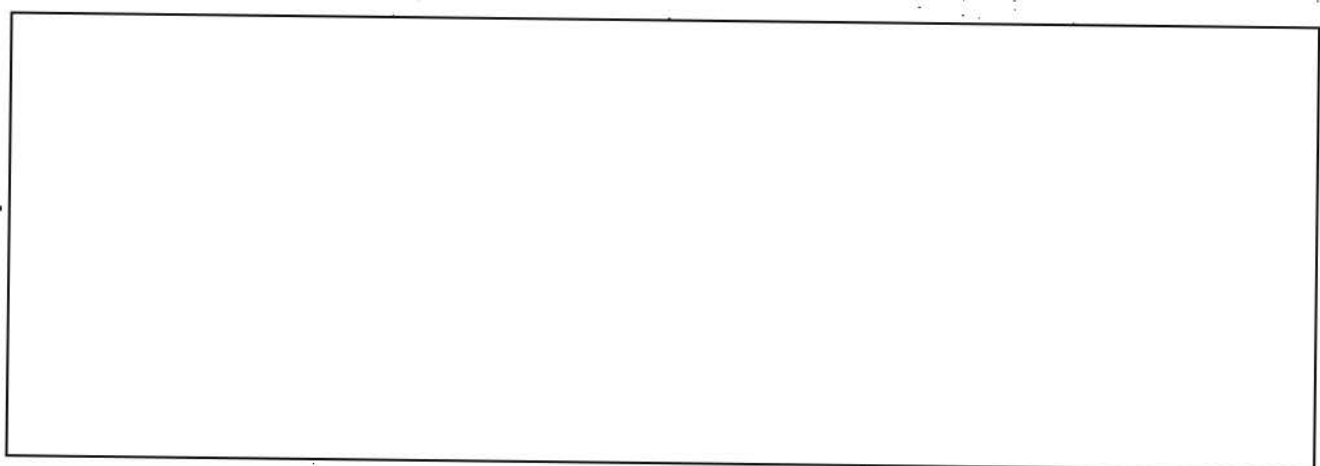
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~~(e)~~ On 1 March 1963, responsibility for the SIGSEC mission in Southeast Asia was undertaken by the 7th RRU. This separate SIGSEC detachment, based in Saigon, South Vietnam, deployed mobile teams throughout South Vietnam and Thailand in support of the major commands.

~~(e)~~ The Strategic Army Communications network and all major tactical circuits of supported commands were subjected to comprehensive monitoring and analysis. A total of 1,777,454 transmissions were monitored and analyzed; 1,053 transmission security violations and practices dangerous to security were detected. These violations showed a general upward trend during all four quarters of the fiscal year. The increase over previous years was attributed to an excess number of call sign/call word compromises during training exercises and normal garrison operations.

~~(e)~~ The 7th RRU also accomplished monitoring on all conventional telephone circuits which originated, terminated or passed through US-operated switchboards within the Saigon/Colon area. The majority of these circuits terminated in this area, thus providing much valuable information to supported commands.



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