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Future ARRS Force Structure

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1. References:

a. MAC/XPMR ltr (S), Subject: ARRS Reorganization Zero-Base Requirements, 28 Nov 72

b. MAC/XPPP(X) ltr (S), Subject: Future ARRS Force Structure, 18 Dec 72

c. USAF/PRMPC ltr (S), Subject: Future ARRS Force Structure, 16 Jan 73

d. Det 15, 1200 Spt Sq ltr (U), Subject: Future ARRS Force Structure, 30 Jan 73

2. HQ ARRS does not concur in the USAF recommended adjustments in the headquarters management structure. The zero-base requirements price out was agreed to by MAC and ARRS only after an intensive close scrutiny of all aspects of our management tasks. We consider the management structure that was submitted to USAF (ref b) the minimum acceptable manning structure to do our job.

3. USAF/PRMPC (ref c) reduction of the Operations function by eight spaces and the complete elimination of the Surgeon's office, two spaces, appears to have been done arbitrarily with no consideration of its impact. For instance, the Surgeon's office provides the essential interface between the pararescue operational requirements and the modern day, ever-changing medical profession. He provides medical guidance and insures that the ARRS medical training program/procedures are compatible with the mission of the pararescuemen. ARRS acts as the controlling and managing headquarters for the USAF pararescue program. Without the Surgeon's expertise, his close association with the PJs and with their qualification requirements, the pararescue program would lose much of its training effectiveness and professionalism that is a trademark of the pararescueman. The Operations reduction of eight spaces was also apparently done at random. The headquarters structure that was recommended includes an eight man reduction in the Operations function from 71 to 63 spaces. This was arrived at only through a most exhaustive and detailed review of how the job could continue to be done without degradation of our management responsibilities.