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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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September 20, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Assistance to the United States Virgin Islands

Pursuant to his constitutional and statutory authority, the President has orally directed me, in response to a request from the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, to employ Department of Defense assets to provide assistance, including the assistance of military police units in the maintenance of civil order, to the civil authorities in the United States Virgin Islands in the wake of Hurricane Hugo.

Issue immediately to the appropriate military commands instructions to provide the assistance pursuant to the President's direction.

Keep me advised of the Department's actions in response to this order.

Donald J. Atwood

Donald J. Atwood
Acting Secretary of Defense

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

November 1, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Forces from the United States Virgin Islands

I hereby authorize you to execute the plan you recommended to the Secretary of Defense by memorandum for October 17, 1989 for a phased withdrawal of Joint Task Force 140 from the United States Virgin Islands.

As you proceed with execution of the plan, please ensure that appropriate officials of the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs, the Department of Justice, and the Government of the United States Virgin Islands are kept informed.

Please facilitate continued cooperation between the Department of Defense and the Government of the United States Virgin Islands on National Guard matters, including the deployment for training of National Guard elements in State status to the United States Virgin Islands.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. F. Atwood", is centered below the text.

Acting Secretary of Defense

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

November 1, 1989

The Honorable Alexander A. Farrelly
Governor
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Office of the Governor
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Governor Farrelly:

The Department of Justice and the Commander in Chief, Atlantic have determined that law and order have been restored in the United States Virgin Islands in the Wake of Hurricane Hugo. The Virgin Islands Government has well under way the process of reconstruction in the islands.

The time has come to begin the phased withdrawal of Joint Task Force 140 from the Virgin Islands. These military personnel will be assigned to meet other pressing national security requirements. The Secretary of the Army will ensure that the Task Force withdraws in an orderly fashion that promotes a smooth transition of functions, in cooperation with the Virgin Islands Government.

In response to your request to the President of October 30, 1989, I have asked the Secretary of the Army to work with you to facilitate the training of National Guard units in State status in the Virgin Islands.

It has been a privilege for the personnel of the Armed Forces to work closely with your staff to assist in ensuring the well-being of Virgin Islanders. The Department of Defense was pleased to have been able to assist.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Atwood
Acting Secretary of Defense

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

November 1, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: DAVID S. ADDINGTON *DSA*

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Forces from the United States Virgin Islands

On September 20, 1989, pursuant to the President's direction, you ordered the deployment of Joint Task Force (JTF) 140 to the U.S. Virgin Islands to assist in the restoration of law and order in the wake of Hurricane Hugo. The Department of Justice and USCINCLANT have determined that law and order have been reestablished. The Secretary of the Army seeks approval for a phased withdrawal of JTF 140. On October 19, Secretary Cheney authorized the Secretary of the Army (Tab 1) to communicate the plan to the Attorney General.

In response to your request for his concurrence, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs has concurred with your ordering implementation of the phased withdrawal plan. I have also received the concurrence of the Assistant to the President and Deputy to the Chief of Staff. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs has informed the Governor of the Virgin Islands of your intention to order the phased withdrawal and asks that you write the Governor a letter to advise him formally. The letter is attached for your signature (Tab 2).

Also attached for your signature is a memorandum (Tab 3) to the Secretary of the Army authorizing the implementation of the plan and asking him to keep the appropriate officials informed. The memorandum also asks the Secretary to ensure appropriate continued cooperation with the Islands' Government on National Guard matters, which gives the Secretary of the Army the latitude he needs to work with that Government on rotating into the Islands for training National Guard units in State status (whose presence may lend to that Government an additional measure of confidence in the stability of the situation, was specifically requested by the Governor, and has the support of the Secretary of the Army.)

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you sign the letter to the Governor of the Virgin Islands (Tab 2) and the memo (Tab 3) authorizing the phased withdrawal.

COORDINATION

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Acting SECDEF DECISION

1510JH Approved (Acting SECDEF sign letter at Tab 2 and memo at Tab 3)

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

17 October 1989

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/COVER BRIEF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: M. P. W. STONE, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Garden Plot Forces (CJTF-140)

PURPOSE: ACTION--Approve the redeployment of Garden Plot Forces (CJTF-140) from the Virgin Islands

DISCUSSION: CJTF-140 was established by USCINCLANT to restore law and order in the Virgin Islands. Based on USCINCLANT and Justice Department assessments, concurred in by the Army General Counsel, that law and order has been reestablished, redeployment of CJTF-140 is considered appropriate at this time. Three courses of action have been considered. Course of Action #1 transitions law enforcement to St. Croix police while simultaneously withdrawing DOD forces over a twenty day period (see Tab 1). Course of Action #2 also withdraws DOD forces and additionally provides a Mobile Training Team from Second U.S. Army to assist the Virgin Islands National Guard. (The MTT can be provided independent of redeployment.) Course of Action #3 is the Virgin Islands Governor's request to deploy CONUS-based National Guard to the Virgin Islands to augment the local law enforcement effort. (Deploying additional law enforcement forces when there is no law and order requirement is inappropriate.)

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend you approve forwarding of Course of Action #1 under Secretary of the Army signature to the Attorney General (see Tab 2). This recommendation is concurred in by the National Guard Bureau and the Joint Staff.

SECDEF DECISION

RM Approved

_____ Disapproved

_____ Other: _____

*David A. has
seen and concurred.*



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

17 October 1989



MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Garden Plot Forces
(CJTF-140) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

CJTF-140 was established by USCINCLANT on 21 September 1989 under the provisions of Executive Order, dated 20 September 1989, providing for the restoration of law and order in the Virgin Islands. Based on USCINCLANT and Justice Department assessments, concurred in by the Army General Counsel, that law and order has been reestablished, redeployment of CJTF-140 is considered appropriate at this time.

Three courses of action have been considered:

Course of Action #1, proposed by USCINCLANT, is a phased redeployment of CJTF-140 that transitions law enforcement to St. Croix police over a twenty-day period. This action can be initiated within 48 hours after a decision by the redeployment of one Military Police battalion and a slice of support forces. Federal enforcement of local law would terminate at the end of the 20-day transition period with all remaining Federal forces returned to the United States. See enclosure.

Course of Action #2 proposes the withdrawal of CJTF-140 as in Course of Action #1, with training of the Virgin Islands National Guard provided by a Mobile Training Team from Second U. S. Army and, if required, a National Guard Engineer battalion to assist in disaster relief efforts. The mobile training team can be provided independent of redeployment actions. Engineer support is addressed below.

Course of Action #3, recommended by the Governor of the Virgin Islands, proposes (along with requests for military engineer and combat service support) that his National Guard be augmented by a CONUS-based National Guard Military Police battalion to assist in law enforcement efforts, prior to withdrawal of Federal troops. Deploying additional law enforcement forces to the Virgin Islands by the Federal Government when there is no law and order requirement is inappropriate.

In response to a request for engineer assistance from Congressman de Lugo, an on scene assessment was made on 13 October by Major General Bunker (Corps of Engineers), members of his staff, a DOD Military Support representative, and representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The team visited St. Croix and concluded that additional DOD support is not required. Contracts are in place and working under both FEMA and Corps of Engineer supervision and additional Active or Reserve Component Engineer support would counter ongoing efforts to stimulate the local economy.

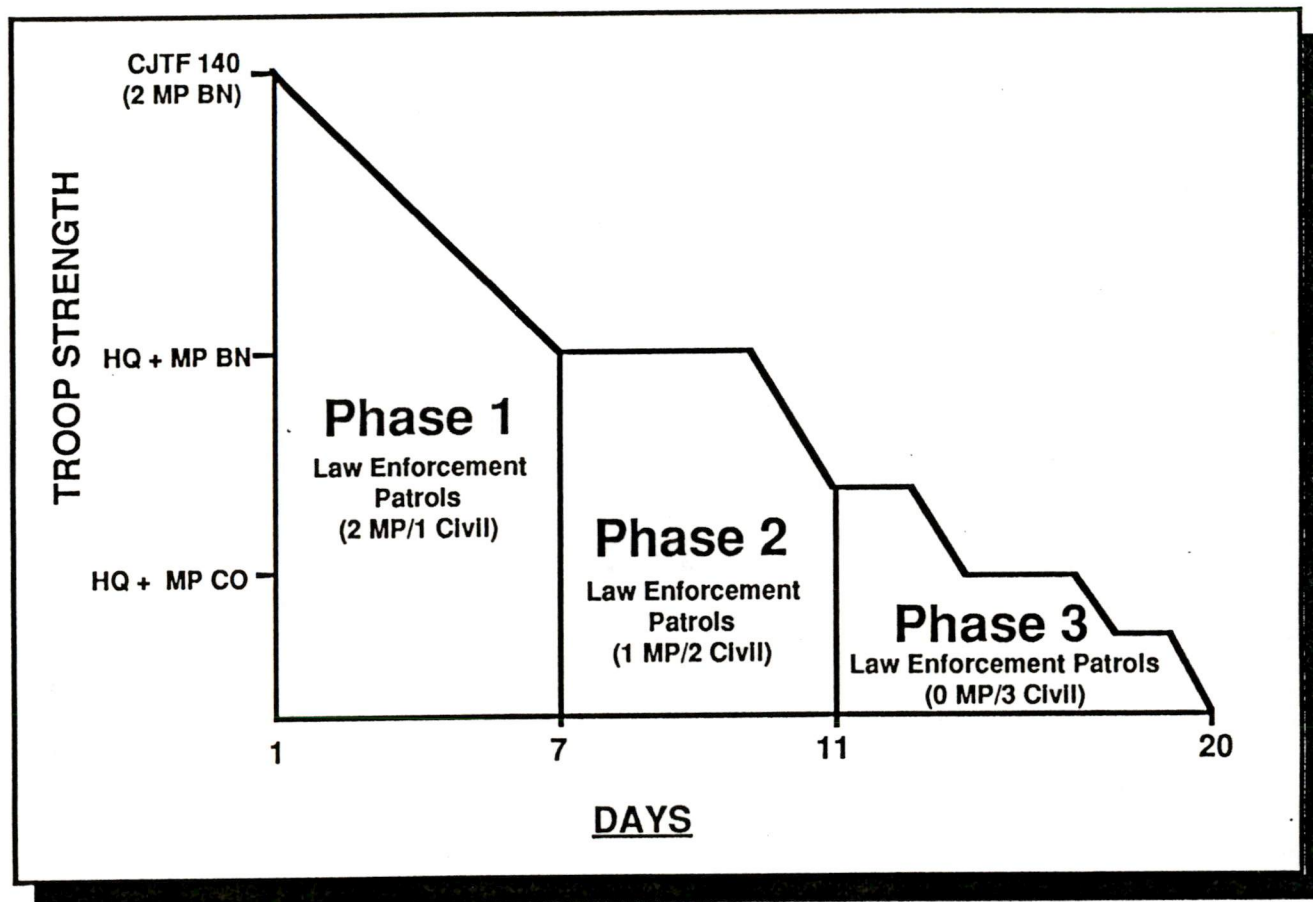
Recommend that you approve the forwarding of Course of Action #1 to Department of Justice. The requirement for Federal Forces to maintain law and order no longer exists. A 20-day phase down of Federal responsibility allows appropriate transfer to civil authority.



M. P. W. Stone

Enclosure

USCINCLANT TRANSITION PLAN





SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

17 October 1989



The Honorable Dick Thornburgh
Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

As Executive Agent for the Secretary of Defense, and with his concurrence, I have recommended to him that we should begin withdrawing from the Virgin Islands the Armed Forces sent to restore law and order pursuant to Executive Order 12690, September 20, 1989.

This recommendation is based upon the determination of the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command (USCINCLANT), and your Federal law enforcement officials that law and order have been restored and that local law enforcement officials are fully capable of resuming responsibility for enforcing the law. I intend to order a phased withdrawal of the Armed Forces over a twenty-day period in accordance with a USCINCLANT plan which will permit orderly transfer of responsibility to local authorities. This plan was coordinated with members of your office. Upon the completion of the withdrawal, our authority under Executive Order 12690 will cease.

I am withholding execution of the USCINCLANT plan pending your telephoned confirmation that the coordination mentioned in the preceding paragraph does represent your office's position. Furthermore, I would appreciate your confirmation that approval of the withdrawal recommendation has also been obtained from the White House by your office.

Yours sincerely,

M. P. W. Stone

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