

7. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES INCLUDING REASONS FOR CHANGES (Continue on separate sheet)

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a. To pave the way for the phase-down, a recommended transitional unit manning document was sent to the 3084 Aviation Depot Group in February. Headquarters, 3079 Aviation Depot Wing established the transitional manning to prepare for the eventual functioning of "Stony Brook" as a squadron. The first of April would be the target date for paring down to a personnel strength of 133. However, the actual manning of the 3097 Aviation Depot Squadron on 1 April diminished to 110 (3 officers, 96 airmen and 1 civilian). The Quality Control Directorate assigned to the 3084 Aviation Depot Group, Headquarters Squadron Section, consisted of 11 people (3 officers, 5 NCOs and 2 civilians). "Quality" became part of the 3097 Aviation Depot Squadron four weeks later on 26 April, raising the total assigned to 121. (U)

b. During the organizational planning stages for the new squadron manning, it was found necessary to project a training section (not specifically provided for in the Wing proposal). Training, a group responsibility assigned to the Directorate of Personnel, would have to be included in the future structure to compensate for the loss of experienced NCOs and to elevate the incoming Lowry-trained airmen to the proficiency required for weapons work. The Training and Standardization Branch would become a separate branch under the Maintenance and Assembly Division--the source for the one officer and eight men designated to be assigned to training. (U)

c. The shrinking personnel picture continued throughout the latter part of the reporting period with the continual loss of individuals from the 3084 Aviation Depot Group supporting and servicing agencies such as Unit Supply, Air Police, Personnel and Training. (U)

d. Command of both Stony Brook Air Force Station and of the 3084 Aviation Depot Group was transferred from Colonel Gattis E. Parks, 4944A, to Lieutenant Colonel Frank B. Johnson, 11026A, on 9 March, upon the reassignment of Colonel Parks to Headquarters, 57 Air Division (SAC), at Westover Air Force Base. (U)

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8. Administrative Progress and Problems (cont'd)

h. A singular event transpired toward the final weeks of the 3084 Aviation Depot Group. Major General William T. Hudnell, the Commander of San Antonio Air Materiel Area (who would assume command of the remaining AFIC organization when the dissolution of Stony Brook would finally be consumated) and his staff paid a two-day visit to the organization then in existence. General Hudnell and his staff consisting of 15 members of various SAAMA agencies were treated to a detailed briefing on the "before-and-after" story of Stony Brook/3097 Aviation Depot Squadron followed by a tour of all facilities. Then each staff member visited with his opposite number in the 3084 Aviation Depot Group to discuss anticipated problems on agreements, plans, personnel, budget, supply and others. (U)

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