SUBJECT - SAFETY OF FLIGHT EMERGENCY MESSAGE IMMEDIATE GROUNDING ALL 7-165 UH-1 AIRCRAFT WITH THIN WALL MASTS INSTALLED. (UH-1-8408) TO 35-1320-242-20-9 CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF THIN WALL MASTS (NSN 1415-00-073-6203, P/N 204-040-364-92, NSN 1415-00-615-6032, P/N 204-040-344-11).

1. SUMMARY - A COMMAND DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO GROUND ALL UH-1 SEELIS HELICOPTER WITH THIN WALL MASTS INSTALLED. AIRCRAFT WILL STAND ON RED STATUS UNTIL THICK WALL MASTS ARE INSTALLED.

UH-1/NM AND CH-1/NM THIN WALL MASTS NSN 1415-00-073-6203, P/N 204-040-364-92 WILL BE REPLACED BY THICK WALL MASTS NSN 1415-00-255-5294, P/N 204-040-364-15. UH-1/NM THIN WALL MASTS NSN 1415-00-615-6032, P/N 204-040-344-11 WILL BE REPLACED BY THICK WALL MASTS NSN 1415-00-148-0333, P/N 204-040-344-103.

2. PURPOSE OF MESSAGE - GROUND UH-1S UNTIL THICK WALL MASTS ARE INSTALLED.

3. PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION - UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE THE CONDITION STATUS OF THE SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WILL BE CHANGED TO A RED STATUS UNTIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS MESSAGE ARE MET.

4. ACTION - REPLACE THIN WALL MASTS WITH THICK WALL MASTS ON ALL 7-165 UH-1 AIRCRAFT EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. EFFECTED AIRCRAFT ON A RED STATUS ARE ALLOWED TO PERFORM NORMAL GROUND RUNS AND MAINTENANCE CHECKS AS REQUIRED.

6. REQUISITIONING PROCEDURE - OR THICK WALL MASTS BECOME AVAILABLE, THIS COMMAND WILL ADVISE MISSION COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT REQUISITION BY FAX TO COMMAND, WITH DESERVING NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE COMMANDS. THIS COMMAND WILL USE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE PRIORITY DESIGNATOR 15. THICK WALL MASTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH MISSION COORDINATOR. A SMALL QUANTITY OF MASTS WILL BE HELD BY MISSION TO FILL MISSION REQUIREMENTS. MISSION REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE USED TO FILL CHANGE OUT REQUIREMENTS. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. GEORGE MAIDENHEDER, PRODUCTION, NSN 692-3533 OR COMMERCIAL 314-264-3405 OR MR. ROY JOHNSON, NSN 692-3533 OR COMMERCIAL 314-264-3503.

7. RETENTION AND RECORDING - RECORD ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE IN TM 5A-750. THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE APPLICABLE