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CHAPTER X

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

SECTION I--INSPECTOR GENERAL

(U) The office of the PACOM Inspector General (IG) was established in 1973. The office was principally concerned with matters of an operational nature; it did not infringe on responsibilities of the Service IGs. The PACOM IG monitored and periodically inspected operational areas essential to mission performance in order to provide CINCPAC with an additional means to evaluate the ability of all echelons of the command to accomplish their missions. Further, the IG continued to serve as CINCPAC's office responsive through the JCS to the Secretary of Defense for the evaluation of command and control, joint operations and readiness, and operational security programs within the command. CINCPAC's Director for Personnel continued to serve in the additional capacity of Inspector General throughout 1977.¹

~~(S/FRD)~~ The physical security of stored nuclear weapons and other munitions was a matter of continuing study and interest. From 5 to 11 February an IG team visited the U.S. Naval Magazine at Guam. From 6 to 10 June another team, this time supplemented by an officer from CINCPAC's Operations Directorate, inspected the physical security of nuclear weapons stored in Korea at Camp Ames and Kunsan and Osan Air Bases. (As noted in the Operations chapter of this history, the nuclear weapons storage site at Osan was deactivated later in the year.) A third visit, again with Operations Directorate support, was made to two branch facilities of the Naval Magazine at Lualualei, Hawaii, the West Loch and Waikale branches, on Oahu. From 30 October through 3 November an IG team, again with Operations Directorate support, conducted an inspection of the physical security of nuclear weapons stored at the U.S. Naval Magazine at Adak, Alaska.²

~~(G)~~ Members of the IG staff also observed or evaluated exercises conducted in the PACOM in 1977. From 21 March to 11 April a team served as evaluators for the JCS-directed, CINCPAC-sponsored joint/combined, command post/field training exercise TEAM SPIRIT 77 in Korea. As discussed in the Operations chapter of this history, TEAM SPIRIT 77 was the most comprehensive exercise ever conducted in the PACOM. From 12 to 21 May an IG representative visited FOOD CHAIN VIII, a combined U.S.-Republic of China command post exercise sponsored by COMUSTDC on Taiwan.³

1. CINCPAC Command History 1973, Vol. I, p. 65.
2. IG HistSums Feb, May-Jun, Sep-Oct, and Nov 77.
3. IG HistSums Mar-Apr and May-Jun 77.

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