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COUNTRY OF LOCATION SINCE
WORLD WAR II, 1948-73. 1973.

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U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS BY COUNTRY OF LOCATION

SINCE WORLD WAR II, 1948-73

Introductory Note

The purpose of this report is to bring together the best available unclassified data as to the numbers of U.S. military personnel stationed in foreign countries during the period since World War II. The authors have been unable to find any one compilation of such information due apparently to security considerations, the division of responsibility among the services and various offices within the services, and the fact that many of the pertinent military records have been retired. It is hoped that these tables, which are the result of a thorough search of statistical records held by the Armed Services historical offices, the Army Library, the National Archives, and various offices in the Department of Defense, will be a useful reference work. In compiling these figures no effort has been made to determine the foreign policy implications or to analyze trends in recent U.S. deployment strategy.

It should be noted that the data presented for years subsequent to 1966 cannot be considered as accurate or complete as those for prior years because the precise numbers and overseas locations of U.S. military personnel for the period after 1966 are still classified.^{1/} Thus, with the exception of statistics for Vietnam, country data presented for the later years represent, in most instances, unclassified "estimates" (round numbers) that have been periodically released in recent years by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Table I, constituting the main part of the report, shows U.S. military personnel strengths in some 30 countries, including the United States.^{2/} These have been

^{1/} This is true for Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps tables showing the distribution of personnel by country. Comparable Army tables, however, have been declassified through 1971 and are available in bound volumes at the General Reference Branch, Office of the Chief of Military History, The Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. See also note on 1969-1973 data on page 20 for explanation of apparent discrepancies between certain totals in Table I.

^{2/} Military personnel strengths in the United States category have been broken down as follows: continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii.

listed alphabetically, under appropriate regional groups, for selected years from 1948 through 1973. The effective dates of the data presented were not selected because they reflect important shifts in American foreign or defense policy but were chosen, for the most part, because these were the dates for which the most complete set of statistics was available.^{1/} Because of an interest in America's involvement in the conflict in Southeast Asia, a separate table (Table II) has been included providing a detailed listing of U.S. military personnel strengths in South Vietnam from the early 1950's up until March, 1973.

To avoid cluttering, footnote reference numbers have not been placed on Table I. Readers wishing to determine the source of any figure on the table should consult the footnote section at the end of the report where sources have been listed by year and location as well as some additional statistical data and explanatory material.

Three charts* have been included to illustrate shifting trends in U.S. deployment strategy since the end of World War II. Charts I and II were prepared from the data on Table I and Chart II from data on Table II.

As for the sources used, the strength figures for 1948 on Table I were compiled from declassified tables prepared by the Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps), and Air Force and were checked against more limited but related tables prepared by the Department of Defense in 1967. The data cited for 1950, 1953, and 1955 through 1966 were drawn exclusively from declassified deployment tables produced by the Statistical Services Center, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

^{1/} Researchers seeking further information on the subject on U.S. military personnel strengths overseas should consult the sources cited, where, in many cases, additional but incomplete data can be found for the years not shown.

* Prepared by Robert L. Bostick, Congressional Research Service.

All figures presented for years from 1969 through 1973 in the worldwide, United States, and outside United States categories on Table I were taken from unclassified statistical tables prepared by the Department of Defense. A small number of exact country figures shown for 1969, which were declassified by the Department of Defense for inclusion in congressional testimony, were taken from the Senate hearings on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad (1969-1970). Only a few of the country strength estimates on Table I were drawn from secondary sources such as the Congressional Record, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, and U.S. News & World Report, and these were invariably reported as having been originally obtained from the Department of Defense. The remaining country statistics, representing official, unclassified estimates, were obtained directly from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Statistics on Table II showing U.S. military personnel strengths in Vietnam from June 1953 to March 1973 were drawn exclusively from declassified and unclassified tables prepared by the Department of Defense. In order to make as much information available as possible, strength figures on Table II have been broken down on an annual basis for the period 1953-1964, on a quarterly basis for the period 1965-1966, and on a monthly basis for the period 1967 to 1973. In addition, all data on Table II have been broken down by branch of service (except for the March 31, 1973 figure). Because U.S. military personnel stationed aboard ships offshore are not included in the Vietnam totals, offshore totals (including Navy and Coast Guard personnel) have been cited in footnote references wherever applicable. To our knowledge, this is the most accurate and complete unclassified summary of U.S. military personnel strengths in Vietnam available.

Table I

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U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS, BY COUNTRY, 1948-1962

| Areas of Deployment | 1948 | 1950 | 1953 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Land-based | 1,259,986 | 1,280,992 | 3,072,607 | 2,558,664 | 2,421,309 | 2,396,152 | 2,230,375 | 2,139,338 | 2,117,705 | 2,110,569 | 2,416,305 |
| Total Afloat & Mobile..... | 184,993 | 179,269 | 482,460 | 376,443 | 385,132 | 399,646 | 370,206 | 364,972 | 358,730 | 373,202 | 391,514 |
| Total World-Wide | +1,444,979 | 1,460,261 | 3,555,067 | 2,935,107 | 2,806,441 | 2,795,798 | 2,600,581 | 2,504,310 | 2,476,435 | 2,483,771 | 2,807,819 |
| Continental U.S..... | 823,805 | 907,880 | 1,942,470 | 1,720,877 | 1,644,778 | 1,641,238 | 1,565,102 | 1,493,438 | 1,485,711 | 1,467,146 | 1,695,471 |
| Alaska..... | 23,575 | 25,312 | 46,830 | 47,683 | 42,297 | 44,149 | 32,628 | 32,033 | 31,846 | 30,817 | 31,887 |
| Hawaii..... | 28,885 | 19,408 | 24,785 | 39,611 | 39,688 | 38,523 | 35,849 | 37,536 | 35,970 | 37,681 | 41,615 |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes First & Second Fleets)..... | 167,948 | 164,797 | 324,294 | 259,630 | 266,849 | 272,739 | 233,420 | 242,300 | 225,405 | 245,084 | 268,901 |
| Total United States | 1,044,213 | 1,117,397 | 2,338,379 | 2,067,801 | 1,993,612 | 1,996,649 | 1,866,999 | 1,805,307 | 1,778,932 | 1,780,728 | 2,037,874 |
| Land-based outside U.S..... | 383,721 | 328,392 | 1,058,522 | 750,493 | 694,546 | 672,242 | 596,796 | 576,331 | 564,178 | 574,925 | 647,332 |
| Afloat & Mobile outside U.S..... | 17,045 | 14,472 | 158,166 | 116,813 | 118,283 | 126,907 | 136,786 | 122,672 | 133,325 | 128,118 | 122,613 |
| Total Outside United States | 400,766 | 342,864 | 1,216,688 | 867,306 | 812,829 | 799,149 | 733,582 | 699,003 | 697,503 | 703,043 | 769,945 |
| Cambodia..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 127 | 73 | 69 | 90 | 102 | 84 | 86 |
| Guam..... | 35,364 | 17,127 | 13,309 | 11,964 | 10,065 | 9,013 | 8,370 | 7,771 | 6,456 | 5,984 | 6,041 |
| Japan..... | 85,611 | 115,306 | 182,441 | 144,416 | 108,195 | 96,902 | 57,918 | 51,367 | 44,793 | 43,171 | 45,355 |
| Korea..... | 33,463 | 510 | 325,270 | 85,452 | 74,552 | 69,823 | 51,949 | 50,287 | 56,146 | 57,943 | 57,344 |
| Laos..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 21 | 23 | 92 | 369 |
| Okinawa..... | 21,970 | 21,248 | 23,004 | 19,936 | 24,800 | 24,865 | 28,771 | 30,147 | 31,864 | 37,271 | 40,864 |
| Philippines..... | 26,535 | 10,043 | 11,744 | 7,448 | 8,583 | 9,512 | 11,737 | 9,308 | 9,762 | 10,802 | 12,086 |
| Taiwan..... | 0 | 11 | 811 | 2,110 | 4,019 | 3,640 | 4,125 | 5,053 | 4,019 | 4,258 | 3,913 |
| Thailand..... | 11 | 17 | 119 | 320 | 444 | 410 | 376 | 327 | 355 | 774 | 2,779 |
| Vietnam..... | 0 | +9 | 138 | 313 | 530 | 730 | 846 | 802 | 767 | 821 | 6,372 |
| Other Countries..... | 12,033 | 6,435 | 14,191 | 6,760 | 11,222 | 8,716 | 12,376 | 5,039 | 4,410 | 2,427 | 2,677 |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes Seventh Fleet)..... | 12,783 | 9,290 | 84,696 | 58,770 | 59,101 | 53,379 | 54,168 | 39,129 | 31,476 | 44,094 | 46,966 |
| Total Asia & Pacific | 227,770 | 179,996 | 655,723 | 337,543 | 301,652 | 277,083 | 230,731 | 199,341 | 190,173 | 207,721 | 224,852 |

| Areas of Deployment | 1948 | 1950 | 1953 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Belgium..... | 241 | 175 | 109 | 116 | 128 | 156 | 139 | 139 | 146 | 152 | 131 |
| Bermuda/Canada/Greenland/ Iceland..... | 6,669 | 7,120 | 25,931 | 28,158 | 29,660 | 31,030 | 27,819 | 28,300 | 23,591 | 24,534 | 22,724 |
| France..... | 1,248 | 802 | 44,950 | 50,661 | 52,257 | 55,268 | 51,528 | 45,930 | 40,611 | 39,695 | 59,678 |
| Germany | 113,254 | 97,820 | 253,983 | 260,623 | 261,977 | 249,937 | 234,889 | 239,861 | 236,413 | 241,797 | 280,472 |
| Greece | 602 | 495 | 546 | 839 | 1,018 | 1,342 | 1,522 | 1,608 | 1,670 | 1,952 | 2,168 |
| Italy | 282 | 111 | 3,797 | 4,502 | 7,159 | 9,990 | 9,608 | 8,714 | 9,325 | 10,070 | 10,096 |
| Netherlands | 13 | 59 | 83 | 376 | 426 | 525 | 472 | 467 | 734 | 836 | 914 |
| Portugal (Including Azores)..... | 552 | 584 | 1,332 | 1,616 | 1,823 | 2,020 | 2,523 | 2,333 | 2,253 | 2,253 | 2,223 |
| Spain..... | 17 | 28 | 41 | 550 | 1,276 | 2,764 | 6,800 | 9,094 | 10,073 | 10,776 | 11,448 |
| Turkey..... | 156 | 445 | 1,044 | 1,945 | 2,970 | 4,210 | 5,580 | 6,528 | 7,258 | 8,766 | 10,346 |
| United Kingdom | 5,976 | 5,208 | 46,797 | 43,546 | 45,663 | 41,839 | 33,372 | 30,529 | 31,796 | 31,954 | 30,926 |
| Other Countries..... | 16,046 | 10,390 | 16,490 | 22,651 | 5,642 | 4,595 | 4,337 | 3,338 | 808 | 632 | 760 |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes Sixth Fleet)..... | 236 | 820 | 40,995 | 42,292 | 46,009 | 34,466 | 67,552 | 52,900 | 63,282 | 57,299 | 42,963 |
| Total North Atlantic, Europe, & Related Areas | 145,292 | 124,057 | 436,098 | 457,875 | 456,008 | 438,142 | 446,141 | 429,741 | 427,960 | 430,716 | 474,849 |
| Ethiopia..... | 111 | 274 | 547 | 802 | 912 | 1,021 | 1,111 | 1,329 | 1,212 | 1,376 | 1,428 |
| Libya | 904 | 940 | 5,366 | 5,393 | 5,045 | 5,539 | 5,531 | 4,538 | 3,960 | 3,730 | 4,117 |
| Morocco | 789 | 1,377 | 10,604 | 12,465 | 10,648 | 11,502 | 11,067 | 10,815 | 8,390 | 7,323 | 7,053 |
| Other Countries | 581 | 5,515 | 5,569 | 1,959 | 2,255 | 2,381 | 2,712 | 2,973 | 2,886 | 2,829 | 1,875 |
| Total Middle East & Africa | 2,385 | 8,106 | 22,086 | 20,619 | 18,860 | 20,443 | 20,421 | 19,655 | 16,448 | 15,258 | 14,473 |
| Panama Canal Zone | 14,238 | 10,716 | 13,510 | 12,141 | 9,531 | 9,251 | 6,725 | 6,720 | 7,626 | 8,104 | 8,388 |
| Puerto Rico | 8,219 | 5,146 | 26,552 | 14,426 | 8,359 | 8,945 | 9,273 | 6,934 | 9,491 | 7,777 | 8,458 |
| Cuba (Guantanamo) | 1,519 | 1,843 | 1,850 | 1,793 | 2,047 | 1,957 | 2,236 | 1,929 | 1,794 | 2,520 | 2,420 |
| Other Countries | 3,854 | 1,774 | 3,596 | 2,784 | 1,885 | 1,833 | 1,825 | 1,858 | 1,842 | 1,919 | 1,744 |
| Afloat & Mobile | 4,026 | 4,362 | 24,835 | 11,607 | 8,220 | 31,849 | 9,675 | 10,680 | 10,399 | 10,220 | 8,818 |
| Total Latin America & Caribbean | 31,856 | 29,841 | 70,343 | 42,751 | 30,042 | 53,835 | 29,734 | 28,121 | 31,152 | 30,540 | 29,828 |
| Land-based..... | 3,237 | 6,864 | 24,798 | 4,374 | 1,314 | 2,433 | 1,164 | 2,182 | 3,602 | 2,303 | 2,077 |
| Afloat & Mobile..... | NA | NA | 7,640 | 4,144 | 4,953 | 7,213 | 5,391 | 19,963 | 28,168 | 16,505 | 23,866 |
| Total Undistributed ++ | 3,237 | 6,864 | 32,438 | 8,518 | 6,267 | 9,646 | 6,555 | 22,145 | 31,770 | 18,808 | 25,943 |

Table I (cont'd)

U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS, BY COUNTRY, 1963-1973

| Areas of Deployment | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Land-based..... | 2,310,850 | 2,301,254 | 2,262,816 | 2,662,373 | 3,090,454 | 2,798,243 | 2,469,456 | 2,077,319 | 2,020,515 |
| Total Afloat & Mobile..... | 388,827 | 386,155 | 392,573 | 431,685 | 369,708 | 268,051 | 245,565 | 245,760 | 232,326 |
| Total World-Wide | 2,699,677 | 2,687,409 | 2,655,389 | 3,094,058 | 3,460,162 | 3,066,294 | 2,715,021 | 2,323,079 | 2,252,841 |
| Continental U.S. | 1,615,325 | 1,611,181 | 1,570,168 | 1,774,136 | 1,919,208 | 1,778,379 | 1,653,738 | 1,472,273 | 1,444,068 |
| Alaska | 31,778 | 32,645 | 30,892 | 29,216 | 30,869 | 29,824 | 27,628 | 25,725 | 24,669 |
| Hawaii..... | 41,018 | 45,714 | 40,184 | 28,695 | 39,139 | 40,439 | 36,013 | 38,218 | 45,503 |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes First & Second Fleets).... | 249,704 | 242,927 | 236,060 | 248,671 | 275,475 | 147,954 | 162,950 | 158,698 | 159,535 |
| Total United States | 1,937,825 | 1,932,467 | 1,877,304 | 2,080,718 | 2,264,691 | 1,996,596 | 1,880,329 | 1,694,914 | 1,673,775 |
| Land-based outside U.S. | 622,729 | 611,714 | 621,572 | 830,326 | 1,101,238 | 949,601 | 752,077 | 541,103 | 506,275 |
| Afloat & Mobile outside U.S. | 139,123 | 143,228 | 156,513 | 183,014 | 94,233 | 120,097 | 82,615 | 87,062 | 72,791 |
| Total Outside United States | 761,852 | 754,942 | 778,085 | 1,013,340 | 1,195,471 | 1,069,698 | 834,692 | 628,165 | 579,066 |
| Cambodia | 79 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 84 | UNK | UNK |
| Guam | 6,213 | 6,008 | 5,716 | 7,613 | 15,000 | 14,000 | 10,000 | 11,000 | 16,000 |
| Japan | 45,807 | 40,372 | 30,521 | 36,251 | 42,688 | 39,000 | 30,000 | 22,000 | 19,000 |
| Korea..... | 57,033 | 62,707 | 61,561 | 52,061 | 56,000 | 60,000 | 43,000 | 41,000 | 42,000 |
| Laos | 26 | 37 | 49 | 18 | 218 | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| Okinawa..... | 41,780 | 44,464 | 34,597 | 35,976 | 45,000 | 55,000 | 45,000 | 43,000 | 38,000 |
| Philippines | 12,501 | 13,776 | 15,391 | 24,925 | 28,000 | 25,000 | 18,000 | 17,000 | 16,000 |
| Taiwan | 3,708 | 3,721 | 3,431 | 7,666 | 10,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| Thailand..... | 3,358 | 4,083 | 5,696 | 20,956 | 49,000 | 42,000 | 32,000 | 46,000 | 42,000 |
| Vietnam | 13,552 | 15,623 | 52,334 | 261,232 | 510,500 | 403,900 | 196,700 | 47,000 | 187 |
| Other Countries | 3,092 | 3,332 | 3,281 | 3,287 | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes Seventh Fleet) | 46,195 | 58,946 | 65,785 | 93,327 | 95,000 | 53,000 | 65,000 | 51,000 | 33,000 |
| Total Asia & Pacific | 233,344 | 253,081 | 278,362 | 543,313 | 851,406 | 700,915 | 448,784 | 286,000 | 215,187 |

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| Areas of Deployment | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Belgium | 118 | 155 | 268 | 294 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Bermuda/Canada/Greenland/ Iceland | 20,364 | 18,090 | 16,143 | 11,877 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 8,000 | +++6,000 | +++7,000 |
| France | 44,007 | 33,588 | 32,236 | 28,401 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany | 264,714 | 263,035 | 262,282 | 236,679 | 225,000 | 215,000 | 215,000 | 210,000 | 229,000 |
| Greece | 2,268 | 2,828 | 2,967 | 2,928 | 3,237 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 |
| Italy | 10,276 | 10,235 | 9,884 | 9,601 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 11,000 |
| Netherlands | 921 | 885 | 1,030 | 958 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Portugal (Including Azores) | 2,249 | 2,130 | 1,906 | 1,963 | 1,850 | 1,850 | 1,850 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Spain | 11,480 | 9,413 | 6,997 | 7,717 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Turkey | 11,082 | 10,669 | 10,217 | 10,366 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| United Kingdom | 27,461 | 25,384 | 19,841 | 19,245 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 22,000 | 21,000 |
| Other Countries | 643 | 685 | 608 | 530 | UNK | UNK | UNK | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Afloat & Mobile (Includes Six Fleet) | 49,675 | 54,319 | 51,214 | 49,584 | 25,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 26,000 | 28,000 |
| Total North Atlantic, Europe, & Related Areas | 445,258 | 431,416 | 415,593 | 380,113 | 319,087 | 304,850 | 298,850 | 301,000 | 322,000 |
| Ethiopia | 1,515 | 1,643 | 1,642 | 1,824 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 1,000 | UNK |
| Libya | 3,572 | 3,832 | 3,645 | 3,092 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Morocco | 5,833 | 1,997 | 1,586 | 1,572 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Other Countries | 1,981 | 1,784 | 1,818 | 1,660 | 3,200 | 6,600 | 1,000 | UNK | UNK |
| Total Middle East & Africa | 12,901 | 9,256 | 8,691 | 8,148 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 4,200 | 3,000 | 1,000 |
| Panama Canal Zone | 9,567 | 11,442 | 11,235 | 11,569 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 10,000 |
| Puerto Rico | 9,550 | 9,434 | 9,775 | 8,883 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 6,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Cuba (Guantanamo) | 2,567 | 3,355 | 3,077 | 3,281 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Other Countries | 1,898 | 1,984 | 1,993 | 7,120 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | UNK | UNK |
| Afloat & Mobile | 17,842 | 9,077 | 10,793 | 14,197 | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| Total Latin American & Caribbean | 41,424 | 35,292 | 36,873 | 45,050 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 20,000 |
| Land-based | 3,514 | 5,011 | 9,845 | 10,810 | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| Afloat & Mobile | 25,411 | 20,886 | 28,721 | 25,906 | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| Total Undistributed +++ | 28,925 | 25,897 | 38,566 | 36,716 | UNK | 34,400 | 37,800 | 17,165 | 20,879 |

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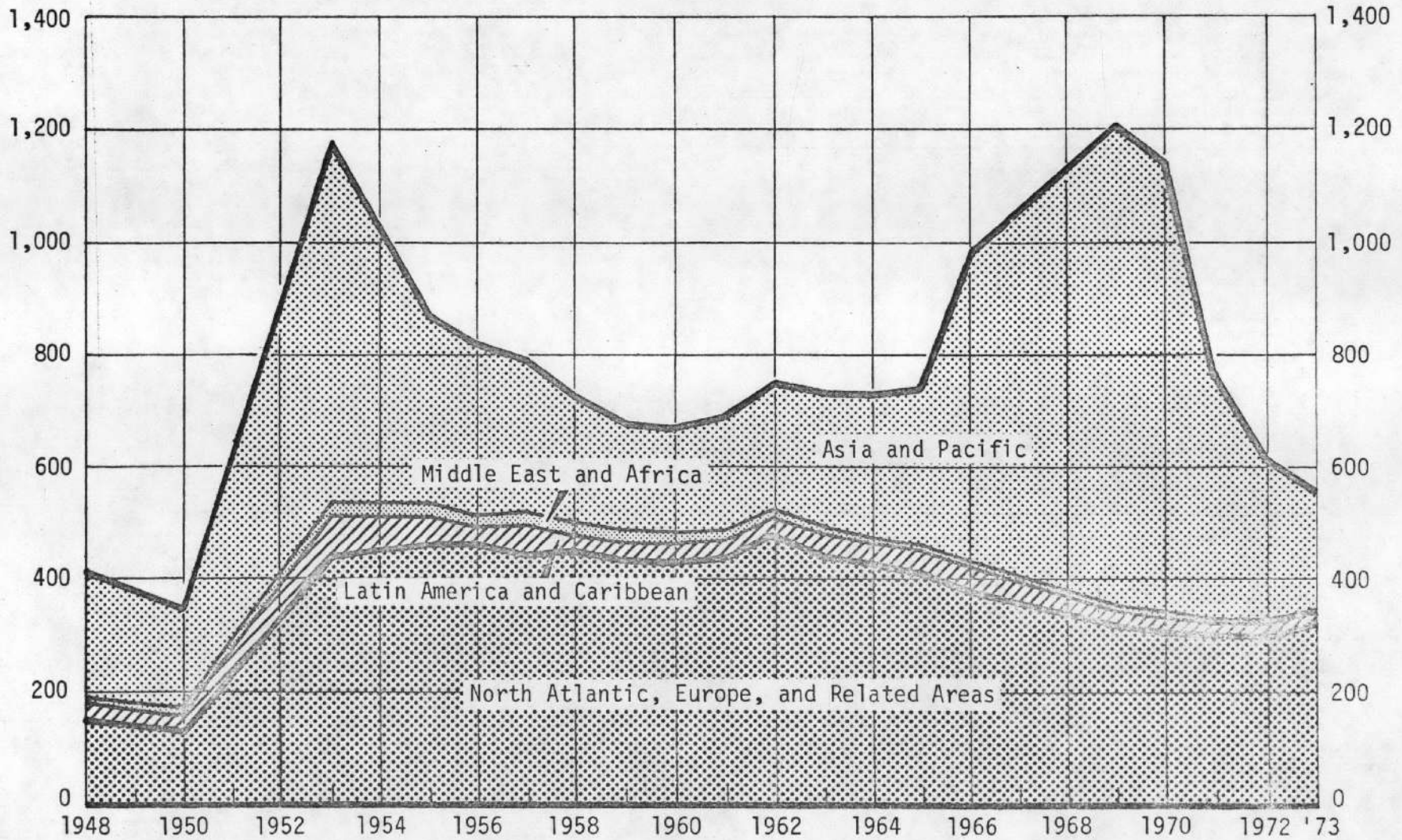
+Post World War II low, March 31, 1948, 1,398,726; Post-war & Korean war peak, April 30, 1952, 3,684,054;
Vietnam war peak, June 30, 1968, 3,547,902.

++Indochina (Vietnam, Laos, & Cambodia).

+++Personnel in transient status outside United States.

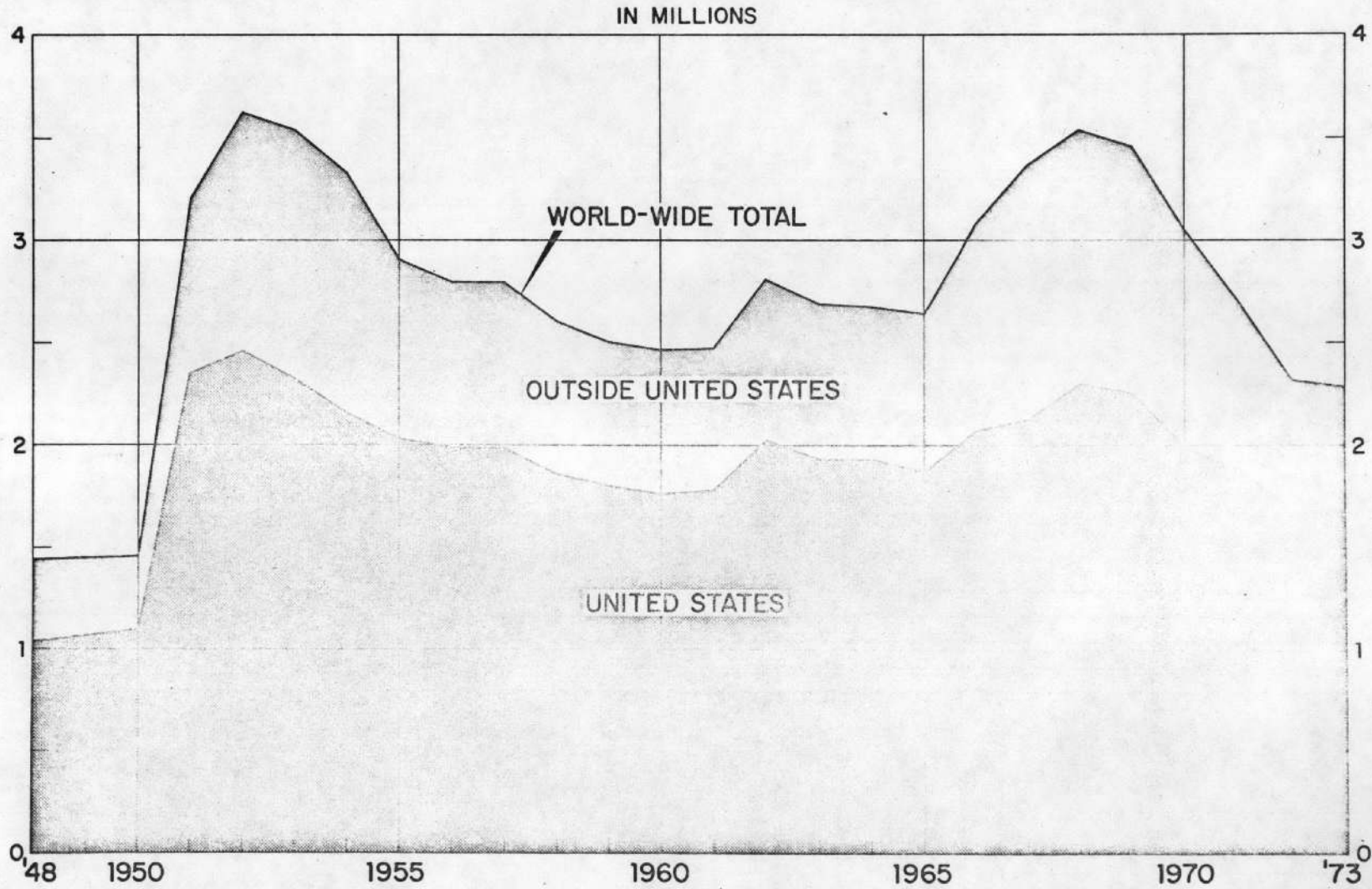
++++Does not include Greenland.

CHART I
U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS, BY REGIONS,* 1948-1973
IN THOUSANDS



SOURCE: See footnote section *Not including United States. See Chart II.

U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, 1948-1973



SOURCE: See footnote section

Table II

U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS IN VIETNAM, JUNE 1953

TO JANUARY 1972 AND MARCH 1973

A. By Year

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1953 | 138 | 1963 | 16,300 |
| 1955 | 313 | 1964 | 23,300 |
| 1956 | 530 | 1965 | 184,300 |
| 1957 | 730 | 1966 | 385,300 |
| 1958 | 846 | 1967 | 485,600 |
| 1959 | 802 | 1968 | 536,100 |
| 1960 | 900* | 1969 | 475,200 |
| 1961 | 3,200 | 1970 | 334,600 |
| 1962 | 11,300 | 1971 | 156,800 |
| | | 1972 | 24,200 |
| | | 1973 | 225 |

*About

B. By Service

Annually, 1953-1964

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Navy</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USCG</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 6/30/53 | 80 | 24 | 34 | NA | NA | 138 ^{1/ 2/} |
| 6/30/55 | 248 | 42 | 7 | 16 | NA | 313 ^{3/} |
| 6/30/56 | 450 | 57 | 4 | 19 | NA | 530 ^{4/} |
| 6/30/57 | 547 | 73 | 91 | 19 | NA | 730 ^{5/} |
| 6/30/58 | 595 | 82 | 150 | 19 | NA | 846 ^{6/} |
| 6/30/59 | 590 | 84 | 110 | 18 | NA | 802 ^{7/} |
| 12/31/60 | 800 | 15 | 68 | 2 | NA | 900+ ^{8/} |

Table II (cont'd.)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Navy</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USCG</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 12/31/61 | 2,100 | 100 | 1,000 | 5 | NA | 3,200 |
| 12/31/62 | 7,900 | 500 | 2,400 | 500 | NA | 11,300 |
| 12/31/63 | 10,100 | 800 | 4,600 | 800 | NA | 16,300 |
| 12/31/64 | 14,700 | 1,100 | 6,600 | 900 | NA | 23,300 |
| Quarterly, 1965-1966 | | | | | | |
| 3/31/65 | 15,600 | 1,300 | 7,500 | 4,700 | | 29,100 |
| 6/30/65 | 27,300 | 3,800 | 10,700 | 18,100 | | 59,900 |
| 9/30/65 | 76,200 | 5,800 | 13,600 | 36,400 | 300 | 132,300 |
| 12/31/65 | 116,800 | 8,400 | 20,600 | 38,200 | 300 | 184,300 |
| 3/31/66 | 137,400 | 12,400 | 32,300 | 48,700 | 400 | 231,200 |
| 6/30/66 | 160,000 | 17,000 | 36,400 | 53,700 | 400 | 267,500 |
| 9/30/66 | 189,200 | 21,500 | 45,500 | 56,500 | 400 | 313,100 |
| 12/31/66 | 239,400 | 23,300 | 52,900 | 69,200 | 500 | 385,300 |
| Monthly, 1967- March, 1973 | | | | | | |
| 1967 | | | | | | |
| Jan | 252,400 | 23,900 | 53,000 | 73,700 | 400 | 403,400 |
| Feb | 259,400 | 24,000 | 55,500 | 74,200 | 400 | 413,500 |
| Mar | 264,600 | 24,700 | 55,800 | 75,400 | 400 | 420,900 |
| Apr | 279,900 | 25,200 | 56,200 | 73,900 | 400 | 435,600 |
| May | 280,700 | 27,400 | 55,400 | 79,500 | 500 | 443,500 |
| Jun | 285,700 | 28,500 | 55,700 | 78,400 | 500 | 448,800 |
| Jul | 293,400 | 29,000 | 55,800 | 79,900 | 500 | 458,600 |
| Aug | 302,700 | 29,200 | 55,200 | 78,700 | 500 | 466,300 |
| Sep | 296,100 | 29,800 | 56,800 | 76,500 | 500 | 459,700 |
| Oct | 306,500 | 30,900 | 55,900 | 73,600 | 500 | 467,400 |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Navy</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USCG</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1967 | | | | | | |
| Nov | 306,100 | 30,300 | 56,700 | 76,100 | 500 | 469,700 |
| Dec | 319,500 | 31,700 | 55,900 | 78,000 | 500 | 485,600 |
| 1968 | | | | | | |
| Jan | 325,500 | 32,400 | 56,300 | 78,200 | 500 | 492,900 |
| Feb | 330,600 | 34,300 | 57,500 | 82,900 | 500 | 505,800 |
| Mar | 337,300 | 35,300 | 58,300 | 83,800 | 500 | 515,200 |
| Apr | 342,900 | 34,600 | 58,700 | 83,000 | 500 | 519,700 |
| May | 355,200 | 35,500 | 59,900 | 84,900 | 500 | 536,000 |
| Jun | 354,300 | 35,600 | 60,700 | 83,600 | 500 | 534,700 |
| Jul | 353,400 | 37,300 | 60,900 | 83,200 | 500 | 535,300 |
| Aug | 353,500 | 38,200 | 61,100 | 84,300 | 500 | 537,600 |
| Sep | 354,200 | 38,400 | 60,900 | 83,900 | 400 | 537,800 |
| Oct | 351,900 | 37,100 | 59,100 | 81,800 | 400 | 530,300 |
| Nov | 358,000 | 37,300 | 59,000 | 81,900 | 400 | 536,600 |
| Dec | 359,800 | 36,100 | 58,400 | 81,400 | 400 | 536,100 ^{2/} |
| 1/31/69 | 365,600 | 35,700 | 59,300 | 81,400 | 400 | 542,400 |
| 2/28/69 | 364,100 | 35,600 | 59,900 | 80,700 | 500 | 540,800 |
| 3/31/69 | 361,500 | 35,500 | 60,800 | 79,900 | 500 | 538,200 |
| 4/30/69 | 363,300 | 36,500 | 61,400 | 81,800 | 400 | 543,400++ |
| 5/31/69 | 361,300 | 35,800 | 61,200 | 81,700 | 400 | 540,400 |
| 6/30/69 | 360,500 | 35,800 | 60,500 | 81,500 | 400 | 538,700 |

Table II (cont'd.)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Navy</u> | <u>USA F</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USCG</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 7/31/69 | 362,200 | 35,500 | 60,400 | 79,400 | 400 | 537,900 |
| 8/31/69 | 342,600 | 34,200 | 59,900 | 72,400 | 500 | 509,600 |
| 9/30/69 | 345,400 | 33,700 | 59,700 | 71,200 | 500 | 510,500 ^{10/} |
| 10/31/69 | 338,700 | 33,500 | 58,800 | 64,400 | 500 | 495,900 |
| 11/30/69 | 331,400 | 31,400 | 58,700 | 56,800 | 500 | 478,800 |
| 12/31/69 | 331,100 | 30,200 | 58,400 | 55,100 | 400 | 475,200 |
| 1/31/70 | 331,200 | 29,700 | 57,400 | 53,800 | 400 | 472,500 |
| 2/28/70 | 332,000 | 29,000 | 55,500 | 50,200 | 300 | 467,000 |
| 3/31/70 | 315,800 | 28,600 | 53,800 | 43,600 | 300 | 442,100 |
| 4/30/70 | 305,100 | 28,300 | 52,200 | 41,700 | 300 | 427,600 ^{11/} |
| 5/31/70 | 306,900 | 27,700 | 51,400 | 41,600 | 200 | 427,800 |
| 6/30/70 | 298,600 | 25,700 | 50,500 | 39,900 | 200 | 414,900 |
| 7/31/70 | 293,600 | 22,600 | 48,200 | 39,300 | 200 | 403,900 |
| 8/31/70 | 294,300 | 22,200 | 47,900 | 35,200 | 100 | 399,700 |
| 9/30/70 | 294,100 | 19,500 | 46,700 | 30,000 | 100 | 390,400 |
| 10/31/70 | 286,400 | 17,400 | 44,100 | 25,000 | 100 | 373,000 |
| 11/30/70 | 268,900 | 16,900 | 43,900 | 25,300 | 100 | 355,100 |
| 12/31/70 | 249,600 | 16,700 | 43,100 | 25,100 | 100 | 334,600 |
| 1/31/71 | 251,500 | 17,000 | 42,200 | 24,900 | 100 | 335,700 |
| 2/28/71 | 245,000 | 16,700 | 40,200 | 22,500 | 100 | 324,500 |
| 3/31/71 | 228,300 | 14,800 | 39,800 | 18,900 | 100 | 301,900 |
| 4/30/71 | 207,800 | 11,100 | 38,900 | 12,200 | 100 | 270,100 |
| 5/31/71 | 197,400 | 10,900 | 37,200 | 4,700 | 100 | 250,200 |
| 6/30/71 | 190,500 | 10,700 | 37,400 | 500 | 100 | 239,200 |

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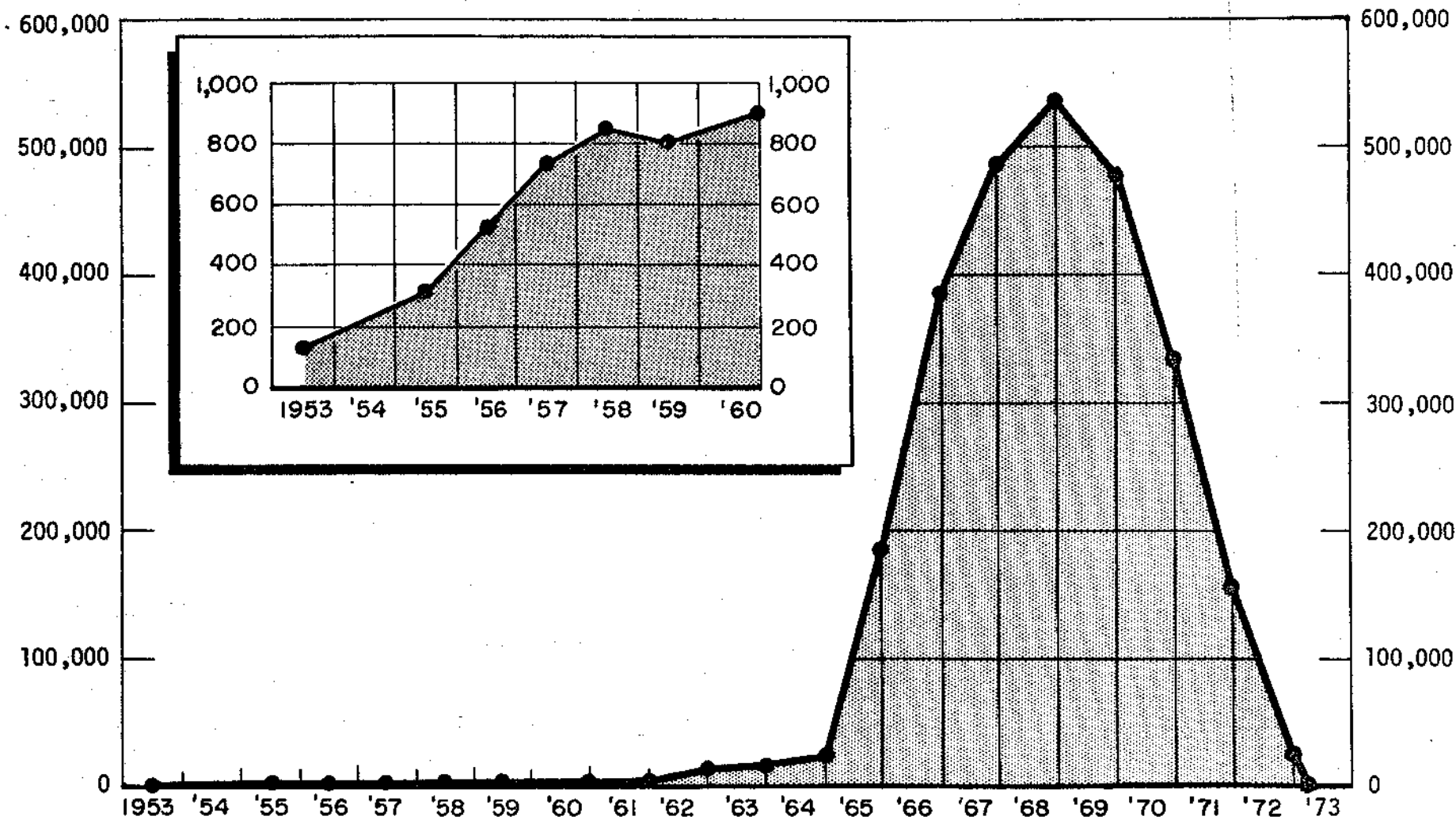
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Navy</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USCG</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 7/31/71 | 178,400 | 10,000 | 36,100 | 500 | 100 | 225,100 |
| 8/31/71 | 170,100 | 10,500 | 34,700 | 500 | 100 | 215,900 |
| 9/30/71 | 167,300 | 10,300 | 34,900 | 500 | 100 | 213,100 ^{12/} |
| 10/31/71 | 153,600 | 9,900 | 32,100 | 600 | 100 | 196,300 |
| 11/30/71 | 137,500 | 9,700 | 30,700 | 600 | 100 | 178,600 |
| 12/31/71 | 119,700 | 7,600 | 28,800 | 600 | 100 | 156,800 ^{13/} |
| 1/31/72 | 99,500 | 6,900 | 26,400 | 300 | 100 | 133,200 |
| 2/29/72 | 88,400 | 5,700 | 25,200 | 400 | 100 | 119,800 |
| 3/31/72 | 69,400 | 5,600 | 20,600 | 400 | 100 | 96,100 |
| 4/30/72 | 45,900 | 3,100 | 17,600 | 1,500 | 100 | 68,200 |
| 5/31/72 | 41,700 | 2,700 | 15,700 | 2,400 | 100 | 62,600 |
| 6/30/72 | 31,800 | 2,200 | 11,500 | 1,400 | 100 | 47,000 ^{14/} |
| 7/31/72 | 30,000 | 2,200 | 12,000 | 1,300 | 100 | 45,600 |
| 8/31/72 | 21,800 | 2,100 | 11,200 | 1,300 | 100 | 36,500 |
| 9/30/72 | 21,200 | 2,000 | 10,800 | 1,300 | 100 | 35,400 |
| 10/31/72 | 18,900 | 1,800 | 10,100 | 1,300 | 100 | 32,200 |
| 11/30/72 | 14,600 | 1,600 | 8,100 | 1,200 | 100 | 25,600 ^{15/} |
| 12/31/72 | 13,800 | 1,500 | 7,600 | 1,200 | 100 | 24,200 |
| 1/31/73 | 12,400 | 1,400 | 6,900 | 800 | 0 | 21,500 |
| 2/29/73 | 6,000 | 600 | 3,300 | 200 | 0 | 10,200 ^{16/} |
| 3/31/73 | | | | | | 225 ^{17/} |

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CHART III

U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS IN VIETNAM, June 1953 to Jan. 1972 And March 1973



SOURCE: See footnote section

Footnotes For Table I1948Notes on data for 1948

- (a) All statistics in the categories world-wide, United States, and outside United States and all country statistics for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps are for June 1948. Statistics for Air Force personnel in foreign countries, however, are for March 31, 1949, as no earlier country breakdown for the Air Force was available. Thus, while total personnel listed in foreign countries amounts to 410,540, the total shown in the outside United States category is only 400,766. The difference between these totals, which is 9774 personnel, is due to the fact that this additional number of Air Force personnel were stationed abroad between June 1948 and March 31, 1949.
- (b) A table prepared by the Department of Defense in 1967 indicates that 184,993 Navy and Marine Corps personnel were afloat and mobile world-wide as of June 30, 1948. Tables prepared by the Navy in mid-1948 indicate that only 17,045 Navy and Marine Corps personnel were afloat and mobile in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific in June 1948. It is therefore assumed that the remaining 167,948 personnel afloat and mobile were assigned to duty with the First and Second Fleets based in the United States. Available information on the number of ships deployed in the Western Pacific, Eastern Atlantic, and Mediterranean suggests, however, that statistics cited for personnel afloat and mobile outside United States are far too low. According to the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Navy for FY 1949 (Washington, U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1950. pp. 208-209), U.S. Naval Forces in the Western Pacific consisted of three cruisers, one and a half destroyer squadrons, one small amphibious group, essential logistic support ships, and miscellaneous small craft. The same report states that Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean were being maintained at the strength of one aircraft carrier, three to four cruisers, one and a half destroyer squadrons, and appropriate amphibious and auxiliary vessels. Although no other source for fleet personnel strengths in 1948 could be located, it is reasonable to assume that more than 17,045 personnel would have been needed to man all the ships assigned to Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in 1948.

- (c) U.S. military personnel strength in Korea reached a pre-Korean war peak of 72,360 on November 30, 1945. However, by December 31, 1948, the number had dropped to 13,948. On June 30, 1949, six months later, it reached a post-World War II low of 506. It remained relatively stable at this level until the outbreak of warfare in June 1950, when it rose to a post-World War II peak of 325,270 by June 30, 1953. See U.S. Army. Office of the Adjutant General, Machine Records Branch. Strength of the Army, December 1, 1945. pp. 4-5; Ibid., January 1, 1949. p. 13; Ibid., July 1, 1949. p. 13; U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Statistical Services Center. Deployment of Military Personnel by Country (P24.8), June 30, 1950.

Sources

- U.S. Air Force. Data Services Center. U.S.A.F. Statistical Digest. Command Strength by Command, Continental U.S. and Overseas (Table 10), June 1948. pp. 10-12.
- Ibid. Command Strength Located in Continental U.S. by Operating Location (Table 15), March 31, 1949. p. 25.
- Ibid. Command Strength Located Outside Continental U.S. by Operating Location, by Country (Table 16), March 31, 1949. pp. 26-27.
- U.S. Department of the Army. Office of the Adjutant General, Strength Accounting Branch. Strength of the Army, July, 1, 1948 (as of June 30, 1948). pp. 13-14.
- U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Directorate for Statistical Services. Active Duty Military Personnel within and outside United States (P24.1), June 30, 1948.
- U.S. Navy. Commander, Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Report of Pacific Population, June 23, 1948 (as of June 1, 1948). Includes data on Marine Corps personnel.
- U.S. Navy. Commander, Service Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Report of Atlantic Population, June 11, 1948 (as of June 1, 1948). Includes data on Marine Corps personnel.

1950

Note on data for 1950

Statistics cited for personnel afloat and mobile outside United States, which were drawn from U.S. Navy sources referenced below, appear to be excessively low. However, no other source for fleet personnel strengths in 1950 could be located. For a further explanation of this apparent discrepancy, refer to note (b) on 1948 data.

Sources

U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Statistical Services Center. Deployment of Military Personnel by Country (P24.8), June 30, 1950.

U.S. Navy. Commander, Service Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Report of Pacific Population, July 27, 1950 (as of July 1, 1950).

U.S. Navy. Commander, Service Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Report of Atlantic Population, June 9, 1950 (as of May 31, 1950).

1953, 1955-1966

Source

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., as of June 30 of each year.

Note on data for 1969-1973

Due to the limited availability of country statistics and due to the necessity of having to consult multiple sources for such data for the above years, the effective dates of statistics in the world-wide, United States, and outside United States categories and the effective dates of country statistics do not coincide in every case. The problems entailed in using multiple sources, different effective dates, and round numbers coupled with a near complete absence of unclassified data on the number of U.S. military personnel in the other countries, Latin America and Caribbean, afloat and mobile, and undistributed categories inevitably produced significant discrepancies between the sum of country totals shown and totals given in the outside United States category for the years cited above.

1969SourcesWorld-Wide, United States, Outside United States

U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations. DOD Active Duty Military Personnel by Geographic Location (P23.9), June 30, 1969.

Asia and PacificCambodia

All of U.S. military aid personnel were withdrawn from Cambodia prior to May 3, 1965, when Sihanouk broke diplomatic relations with the United States. U.S.-Cambodian diplomatic relations were not resumed until July 2, 1969.

Guam

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit. (P23.9), footnote "b". See also 1969 data for Latin America and Caribbean.

Japan

U.S. Congress. Senate. United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. Hearings before the Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad of the Committee on Foreign Relations, January 1970. Appendix I. p. 1479 (as of June 30, 1969).

Korea

Congressional Quarterly Service. Global Defense: U.S. Military Commitments Abroad. Washington, September 1969. p. 38 (U.S. Department of Defense source; as of September 1969).

Laos

U.S. Congress, op. cit., October 20, 1969. p. 369. As of September 30, 1969, the number of U.S. Government personnel stationed in Laos totalled 891. Of this total, 558 were direct hire personnel, of which 142 were military, and 333 were contract personnel. In addition, 76 military personnel were in Laos on temporary duty of up to six months for a total of 218 military personnel stationed in Laos.

Okinawa

Congressional Quarterly Service, op. cit.

Philippines

U.S. Congress, op. cit., September 30, 1969. p. 79.

Taiwan

Ibid., November 24, 1969. p. 975.

Thailand

Ibid., November 10, 1969. pp. 616, 618; November 11, 1969.
p. 768 (as of August 1969). See also Congressional Quarterly
Service, op. cit.

Vietnam

Congressional Record, June 16, 1971. S9255 (U.S. Department
of Defense source; as of September 30, 1969).

Afloat and Mobile

Congressional Quarterly Service, op. cit.

North Atlantic, Europe, and Related Areas

Belgium

U.S. military personnel strengths in Belgium are thought to have
remained relatively stable during the period 1969-1973.

Bermuda/Canada/Greenland/Iceland

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information,
Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone
conversation, September 4, 1969 (Canada/Greenland/Iceland only).

France

All U.S. air and ground forces were withdrawn from France by early
1967.

Germany

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 4, 1969.

Greece

U.S. Congress, op. cit., July 9, 1970. p. 1802 (as of September
30, 1969).

Italy

U.S. military strengths in Italy are thought to have remained relatively stable during the period 1964-1971.

Netherlands

U.S. military personnel strengths in the Netherlands are thought to have remained relatively stable during the period 1969-1971.

Portugal (Including Azores)

U.S. Congress, op. cit., July 17, 1970. pp. 2406-2407.

Spain

Congressional Quarterly Service, op. cit. U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 4, 1969. 12,283 U.S. military personnel were stationed in Spain as of September 30, 1968. See U.S. Congress, op. cit., March 11, 1969. p. 2307.

Turkey

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 4, 1969.

United Kingdom

U.S. military personnel strengths in the United Kingdom are thought to have remained relatively stable during the period 1969-1971.

Afloat and Mobile

Congressional Quarterly Service, op. cit.

Middle East and Africa

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 4, 1969.

Ethiopia

Ibid.

Libya

U.S. military personnel strengths in Libya are thought to have remained relatively stable through 1969.

Morocco

U.S. military personnel strengths in Morocco are thought to have remained relatively stable during the period 1969-1971.

Other Countries

3,200 is the difference between 10,000 and the sum of the country totals.

Latin America and Caribbean

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, October 18, 1971 (as of January 31, 1970).

Canal Zone

Ibid.

Puerto Rico

Ibid.

Guantanamo

Ibid.

Other Countries

Congressional Quarterly Service, op. cit.

1970

Sources

World-Wide, United States, Outside United States

U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations. DOD Active Duty Military Personnel by Geographic Location (P23.9), June 30, 1970.

Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

The U.S. military staff in Phnom Penh was composed of only two men when U.S. troops intervened in Cambodia on April 30, 1970. While 31,000 U.S. military personnel participated in the Cambodian operation, all had been withdrawn by June 30, 1970. However, by mid-June prior to the termination of the operation, the number of U.S. military personnel permanently stationed in Cambodia had been increased to 15. Washington Post, June 26, 1970. A1.

Guam

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit. (P23.9), footnote "b". See also 1969 data for Latin America and Caribbean and U.S. News & World Report, December 28, 1970. p. 21 (sources cited: U.S. Department of Defense and Congressional hearings).

Japan

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, October 18, 1971 (as of July 1, 1970).

Korea

Ibid. (64,000 as of January 31, 1970. Ibid.).

Laos

Of the 1,040 U.S. Government personnel stationed in Laos as of March 6, 1970, the total number, military and civilian, engaged in a military advisory or military training capacity numbered 320. Logistics personnel numbered 323. See Congressional Record, August 3, 1971. S12953.

Okinawa

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971.

Philippines

Ibid.

Taiwan

Ibid.

Thailand

Ibid.

Vietnam

Congressional Record, June 16, 1971. S9255. (U.S. Department of Defense source; as of July 31, 1970).

Afloat and Mobile

U.S. Department of the Navy. Bureau of Personnel. Telephone conversation, November 11, 1971 (as of June 1970).

North Atlantic, Europe, and Related Areas

Belgium

See 1969. See also U.S. News & World Report, December 28, 1970. p. 21 (sources cited: U.S. Department of Defense and Congressional hearings).

Bermuda/Canada/Greenland/Iceland

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971 (as of July 1, 1970).

France

See 1969.

Germany

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971 (as of March 31, 1970).

Greece

U.S. military personnel strengths in Greece are thought to have remained relatively stable during the period 1970-1971. 3000 U.S. military personnel were stationed in Greece as of March 31, 1971. See U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, March 31, 1971.

Italy

See 1969.

Netherlands

See 1969.

Portugal (Including Azores)

U.S. Congress, op. cit., July 17, 1970. pp. 2406-2407.

Spain

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971 (as of March 3, 1970).

Turkey

Ibid.

United Kingdom

See 1969. 20,000 U.S. military personnel were stationed in the United Kingdom as of March 31, 1971. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., March 31, 1971.

Afloat and Mobile

U.S. Department of the Navy, op. cit.

Middle East and Africa

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, September 9, 1970 (as of March 31, 1970).

Ethiopia

U.S. Congress, op. cit., June 1, 1970. pp. 1912-1913. See U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, April 27, 1970.

Libya

The United States had withdrawn from all its military installations in Libya by June 30, 1970. A few U.S. military personnel (about 10), however, are still stationed in Libya. See U.S. Congress, op. cit., July 20, 1970. pp. 1992, 1997.

Morocco

U.S. Congress, op. cit. p. 1985.

Other Countries

6,600 is the difference between 10,000 and the sum of the country totals.

Latin America and Caribbean

Canal Zone

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971 (as of July 1, 1970).

Puerto Rico

Ibid.

Guantanamo

Ibid.

Other Countries

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., April 27, 1970.

Undistributed

U.S. News & World Report, December 28, 1970. p.21 (sources cited: U.S. Department of Defense and Congressional hearings).

1971

Sources

World-Wide, United States, Outside United States

U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations. DOD Active Duty Military Personnel By Geographic Location (P23.9), June 30, 1971.

Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Christian Science Monitor. October 15, 1971. p. 3. See also U.S. General Accounting Office. Problems in the Khmer Republic (Cambodia) Concerning War Victims, Civilian Health, and War-Related Casualties. Washington, February 2, 1972. pp. 59-60.

Guam

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, September 30, 1971.

Japan

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., November 29, 1971.

Korea

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Laos

U.S. personnel strengths in Laos during the period 1970-1971 remained relatively stable. Congressional Record, August 3, 1971. S12953.

Okinawa

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., November 29, 1971.

Philippines

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Taiwan

Ibid. In the U.S.-Chinese Communique issued on February 27, 1972 at the end of President Nixon's visit to China, the United States promised to "progressively reduce" its military presence on Taiwan "as the tension in the area diminishes" with the "ultimate objective of the withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan" but no specific dates were given. See New York Times, February 28, 1972. p. 16.

Thailand

Ibid.

Vietnam

See data on Table II for Oct. 31, 1971.

Afloat and Mobile

U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Defense Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, November 9, 1971.

North Atlantic, Europe, and Related Areas

Belgium

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Bermuda/Canada/Greenland/Iceland

Ibid.

France

See 1969.

Germany

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Greece

Ibid.

Italy

Ibid.

Netherlands

Ibid.

Portugal (Including Azores)

U.S. military personnel strengths in the Azores and Portugal have remained relatively stable during the period 1969-1971. See U.S. Congress, op. cit., July 17, 1970. pp. 2406-2407.

Spain

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Turkey

Ibid.

United Kingdom

Ibid.

Afloat and Mobile

Ibid.

Middle East and Africa

Ethiopia

Ibid.

Libya

See 1970.

Morocco

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Other Countries

U.S. News & World Report , January 3, 1972. p. 19 (source cited: U.S. Department of Defense).

Latin America and Caribbean

Canal Zone

U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.

Puerto Rico

Ibid.

Guantanamo

Ibid.

Other Countries

U.S. Congress. House. Cuba and the Caribbean. Hearings before the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 10, 1970. pp. 92-93. See U.S. News & World Report, January 3, 1972. p. 19 (source cited: U.S. Department of Defense).

Undistributed

These personnel are stationed in other countries, including 3,000 in Antarctica. See U.S. News & World Report, January 3, 1972. p. 19.

1972Source

U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations. U.S. Military Strength Outside the United States, June 30, 1972.

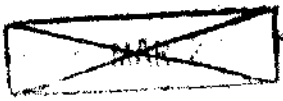
1973Sources

Information, except for Vietnam, from U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations. U.S. Military Strength Outside the United States, June 30, 1973. U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam from U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Information. Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, October 3, 1973.

Footnotes For Table II

- 1/ As of October 31, 1945, 44 U.S. Army personnel were stationed in Indochina (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia). See U.S. Army. Office of the Adjutant General, Machine Records Branch. Strength of the Army, November 1, 1945. pp. 6-7. By March 31, 1946, the number of Army personnel in Indochina had dropped to 14. See Ibid., April 1, 1946. pp. 6-7. A review of subsequent Strength of the Army reports indicates that all Army personnel had been withdrawn from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia by April 1946. U.S. military personnel were not again sent to Indochina until 1949-1950. The ensuing American military buildup was very gradual at first. Official records show, for example, that only nine U.S. military personnel were stationed there on June 30, 1950. See U.S. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Statistical Services Center. Deployment of Military Personnel by Country (P24.8), June 30, 1950. During the two-year period 1950-1952, the number increased only slightly, rising to 63 Army personnel by April 1952. See U.S. Army, op. cit., p. 13. In subsequent years, however, the buildup of American military personnel strength occurred at a much higher rate.
- 2/ U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., June 30, 1953.
- 3/ Ibid., June 30, 1955.
- 4/ Ibid., June 30, 1956.
- 5/ Ibid., June 30, 1957.
- 6/ Ibid., June 30, 1958.
- 7/ Ibid., June 30, 1959.
- 8/ Statistics covering the period 1960 through March, 1973 were prepared by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Directorate for Information Operations, U.S. Department of Defense.

- 9/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of December 18, 1968: Navy, 35,000; Coast Guard, 700. See U.S. Department of Defense. Directorate for Information, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Telephone conversation, October 18, 1971. Note: Personnel offshore are not included in Vietnam totals.
- 10/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of September 4, 1969: Navy, 35,000; Coast Guard, unknown. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 4, 1969.
- 11/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of April 22, 1970: Navy, 21,000; Coast Guard, 800. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 18, 1971.
- 12/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of September 16, 1971: Navy, 13,000; Coast Guard, 150. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., September 30, 1971.
- 13/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of December 13, 1971: Navy, 13,000; Coast Guard, 150. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., January 15, 1972.
- 14/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of June 30, 1972: 39,700. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., August 30, 1973.
- 15/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of December 31, 1972: 27,900. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., August 30, 1973.
- 16/ U.S. military personnel offshore as of February 29, 1973: 24,100. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., August 30, 1973.
- 17/ The last contingent of U.S. military personnel stationed in Vietnam, except for 210 assigned to the U.S. Embassy (160 Marine Guards and 50 personnel authorized to be assigned to the Defense Attache Office - 28 Army, 7 Navy, 12 Air Force, 3 Marine) and 15 members to the Joint Four Party Military Team, were withdrawn on March 29, 1973. See U.S. Department of Defense, op. cit., October 3, 1973.



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