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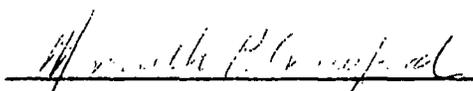
Research Memorandum

A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE ROLE OF AIR POWER IN
GUERRILLA AND COUNTERGUERRILLA OPERATIONS

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Studies of guerrilla warfare indicate that conventional armies have experienced very little success in utilizing advanced technology and mechanized means against guerrillas. Much of the doctrine on the use of air power in guerrilla and counter guerrilla operations will develop as a result of trial-and-error experiences in Viet-Nam and in future areas of conflict. It would be a mistake, however, to neglect the many historical lessons and studies already in existence, a number of which are applicable to today's guerrilla wars.

Air power has been used and misused in most modern guerrilla wars--from the "Banana Wars" to the present Viet-Nam situation. The task ahead is to carefully study all existing historical data, integrate the information with current experiences, and from these results, formulate a realistic operational doctrine. The following bibliography is a step in that direction.

This bibliography lists 70 references which deal with various aspects of air power in guerrilla and counter guerrilla operations.* The most commonly known roles of air power in such operations are troop and equipment movement by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft; close air support; psychological warfare; and deployment of parachute forces. Other activities covered in this bibliography are observation, reconnaissance, survey, intelligence; command, liaison, communications, infiltration and exfiltration of operatives; and air installation security measures.

The items are listed alphabetically under three general headings: books, articles, and documents. Many of these references were written as a result of firsthand experiences or observations, and some of the items are products of original thinking after substantial research. A brief annotation has been added where the title of an item does not clearly indicate the main subject of its contents.

*It must be assumed that a bibliography such as this one is incomplete. It is not possible for an author to uncover all of the existing related material. Individuals who are familiar with additional items are cordially invited to submit these to the HumRRO Library using the address listed on the title page. All additional items will be incorporated into future printings of this Research Memorandum.

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