

Appendix 1

This Appendix has the most important items. First are the spreadsheets that I worked on. The first one is the redeployment chart organized by mission number. The blank ones are ones that I did not have a report for on confirmation of their arrival in the U.S. The next one is the missions listed by date of arrival, then by time. On the last page are all the ones with no reports. Further back in the folder will be a page that gives my educated estimate on when they arrived. The third sheet is the list of when the units closed, arranged by date of closing. The ones below the 502 Avn are ones that, because I am missing reports of movements, was not able to determine with certainty when they closed. Next is the movement summaries. These do not include the ones that said "in the past 24 hours" because those didn't help since they were at different times and had too many discrepancies. This chart does not exactly match all total given on all messages, but is within a percent or two the entire way. The last one is the daily troop movements. The numbers in the confirmed column are one that had reports. The probable others are based on my estimates of when the others arrived. Therefore, the estimated total should be about how many men returned each day. The bar graph shows the flow and the decline in the end. At this point I should mention that all of the times are Texas time--6 hours behind Z time. The next should be a notebook piece of paper. It is my best estimate on when the other flights would have arrived at their destination and how many people were on the flights.

The first number is the mission number. The number after the dash is the estimated number of passengers. An estimate breakdown of officers and enlisted men would be about 2 officers on the 52 person flights, 3 on the 60 person flights, and 4 on the 75 person flights. The next sheet is about the same thing. It was the list I had compiled for Eric if he was going to go back and look for the missing few. The problem with finding some of the mission was, in my opinion, that each one appeared on two different messages. One was about a day or two before the mission and estimated the number of men on the flight and when it was leaving Germany. The one that I had to use was the later one, that actually detailed how many came off the plane and when once it arrived in the U.S. The next printout is the list of media coverage that I was using.

The NYT, Newsweek, Time, and US News have all been copied and are in the press coverage appendix. I included notes in the military publications, but none of them have been copied yet. I also included instructions on how to locate them. Last is an acknowledgment that I wrote. I got the impression that you planned on writing the rest of the report and then putting my name on it. I cannot express enough how much I appreciate that and that you are willing to do so--considering I was just hoping to contribute, let alone get my name in the Archives. Therefore I thought it appropriate that I include an acknowledgment because without the people named I would not have had this chance. I once again want to thank you for putting your trust in me and my ability to do this project.

Appendix 2

This Appendix is the Annual Historical Summary produced by United States Army Europe (USAREUR). This is the planning document for Operation Big Lift.

Appendix 3

This contains all of the Department of the Army incoming messages regarding operation Big Lift. These messages were important to help make connections throughout the research. The first few are about the closing out of Big Lift. Of major note, something that definitely should be used, is message 152145. The bottom paragraph is highlighted, and the Texas time for this document is Nov. 22 at 3:50 AM. This is something I feel should be included in the report. Next is the coding document and is followed by the copy of the time zones.

Appendix 4

These are all of the troop cards I copied at the D of MH. Unfortunately, they do not have the exact arrival times back in the U.S.

Appendix 5

This includes the list of all the troops involved that I could find. However, for all purposes I suggest simply using the one on the unit closing chart. Next is a copy from the directory of troops, which shows the units in the 2nd and notes that it is involved in Big Lift. The rest in this folder is just some misc. materials I picked up at the Dept. of Military History.

Appendix 6

This contains copies of all of the press coverage that I had copied as explained in the printout of the media coverage. Unfortunately, not all of the copiers at the Library of Congress show the technology that our country now possesses, but I tried to make them as readable as possible.

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