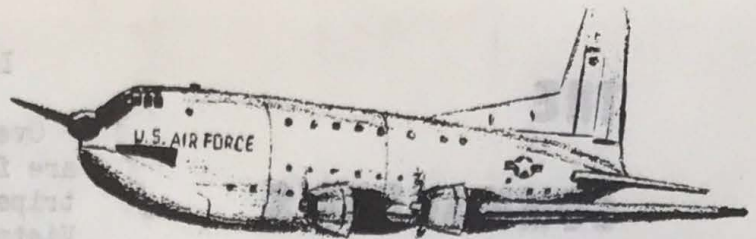


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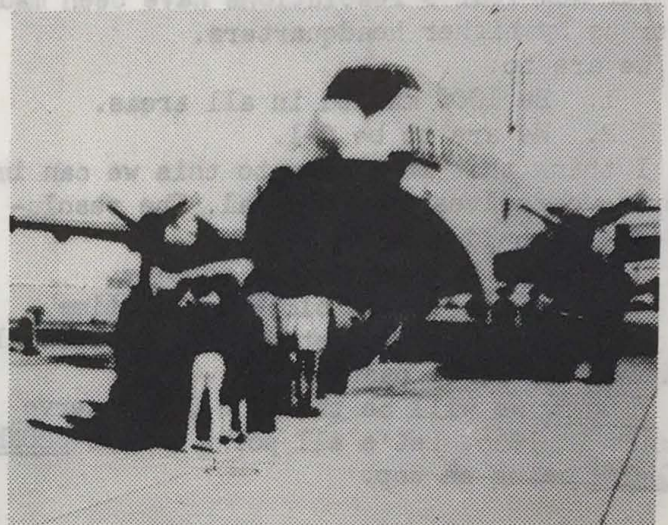
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937th BASICS LACKLAND BOUND



Major Richard E. Miner was recently assigned to the Sooner Group as an A.R.T. Navigator from the 65th TCS at Muskogee. Miner was born in Coweta, Oklahoma and attended The University of Tulsa. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in 1943 and was Commissioned in 1946 at Selmon Field, Louisiana. He was recalled to active duty both during the Korean War and the Cuban Crisis. Major Miner was one of the original members of this unit when it was formed by Col Angelo in 1956 so really this is more like a home coming. Dick it is real good to have you with us again and we wish you the very best.

The 937th set another record last month when we sent 30 new airmen to Lackland AFB for their basic training. They left Sunday afternoon of the U.T.A. aboard "The Wing of Oklahoma City" and arrived Kelly AFB adjacent to the Gateway of Air Force at about 5:30 PM. They were immediately taken to the reception center and were met by their T.I. who broke the spell of their civilian-military transition by barking out "All right hit a double-hustle-hustle- pick em up...." For two of our Information people making the trip covering the event it was their first time to return to Lackland since Basic. They both commented it was like "home coming", but when I asked them if they cared to stay they said it would just have to pass. We were told by persons in charge that Lackland had more going through basic now than at any time since the Korean War. This was due largely to the excellent efforts of Recruiters both Regular and Reserve. The Air Force is the only branch not needing draft quotas to fill our ranks.

THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

ITS NO VACATION!

Our New Year's resolutions have been made for us by higher headquarters.

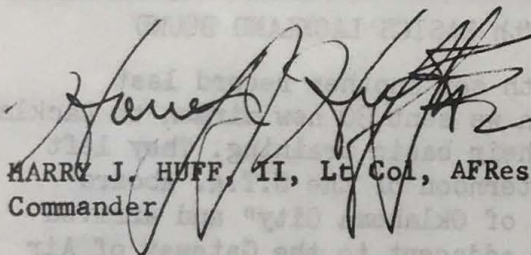
We are to:

1. Be 100% manned in all areas.
2. We are to be C-1.

I think that in adding to this we can improve ourselves a great deal. The resolutions I would add are:

1. All aircraft ready on time.
2. All aircraft block out on time.
3. All OJT completed with the Specialty Knowledge Tests passed.

I know we will be the #1 C-124 Reserve unit in 1966. Let's all point to the SOONER GROUP being on top.


HARRY J. HUFF, II, Lt Col, AFRes
Commander

Overseas missions taken by our aircrews are for the most part long hard and grueling trips. Prior to my recent journey to South Vietnam I had visions of a tourist type safari to such exotic places as Wakiki Beach, Manila and Saigon. However, I was in for a very rude awakening. Our average flight legs were about 12 hours, with one exception of a 20 hour leg from Clark AFB to Kwajalein. Our crew rest lasted only 12 hours which gave a person little time to sleep and eat. We did have a 24 hour crew rest in the Phillipines which did give us time to get off base.

Once you enter the MATS system at Travis WESTAF places you on a strict time schedule which only Maint. delays can extend you past the normal crew rest. However, even with Maint. problems, you remain on alert status and do what is commonly called "pounding the ramp". What I'm trying to say is that air crews probably put in longer hours work with less rest than any other members of our unit. That they perform their jobs in a professional manner exceeding regular Air Force. To explain this, Regulars stage their crews and their aircraft to fly straight through with crew changes after each leg. They often have 2-3 days rest between trips. The dedicated men of the 937th flying personnel are certainly to be admired. So the next time you see a returning crew you'll know one thing for sure they are returning dead tired from a mission that has but one thing in mind, that of delivering critical Military cargo rapidly and efficiently to needed destinations.
Capt. Kinkaid I.O.

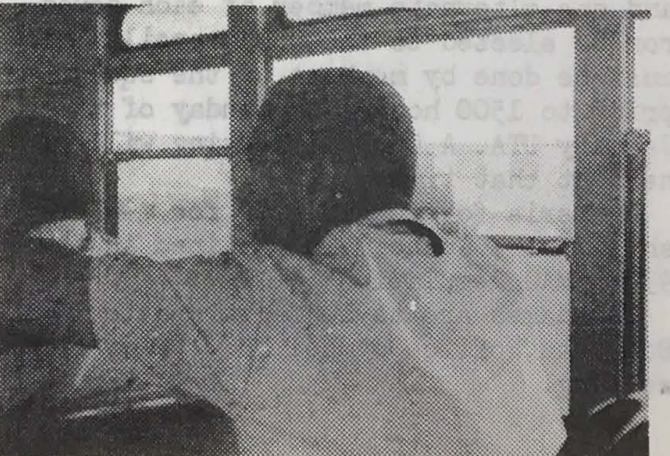
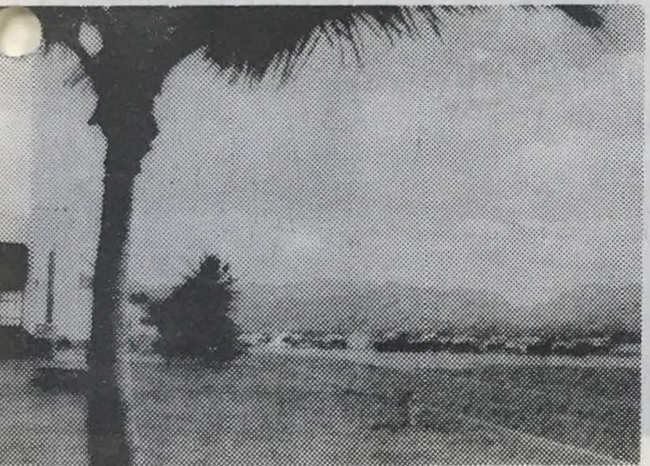
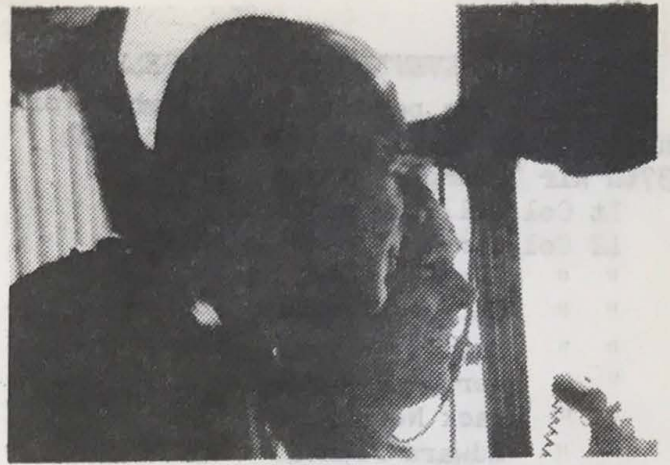
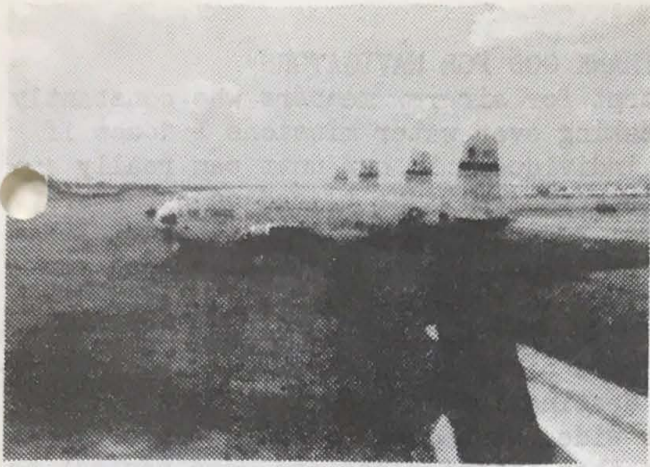
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Lt Col Harry J. Huff, II, Cmdr 937 MAG
Lt Col Herschel V. Harden, Jr., Pers Off.
Captain Don D. Kinkaid, I.O.
Captain Jean E. Cotton, I.O.

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Pictures on page 4 legend from left to right. →

1. C-124s' at Hickam awaiting takeoff
2. Cols' Huff & Macauley spotting Clark AFB, P. I.
3. Col Macauley flying right seat.
4. Capt Homich, driver, Col Planta, and Col Huff touring Kwajalein.
5. Hickam's crowded ramp.
6. O-Club pool at Clark.
7. Maj Miner & Airman Smith pounding ramp.
8. Col Huff relaxing at Kwajalein.



ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL SELECTED

The following personnel are members of the Accident Prevention Council of the 937th Air Transport Group:

	Lt Col William Graham
	LT Col Harry J. Huff
" "	Dexter J. Taylor
" "	George Bergmark
" "	Julian Morris
" "	Herschel Harden
" "	Jack Newman
" "	Edward Planta
" "	Geroge Hayden
Major	Jack Sutliff
"	Clair Anderson
"	Donald Carry
"	Jessel Williams
Capt	Warren Klima
"	James Rouser
"	Francis Perry
"	Stanley Alexander
"	Carroll Gregg
"	William Howse
"	James Anderson
"	Duane Ylvisaker

This council will meet in the Intelligence Office, Bldg 1030, Tinker AFB. Meetings will be held at 1000 hours on each UTA Saturday, except the first UTA Saturday of each calendar quarter. On this day the meeting will convene immediately following the Group Commander's Call.

The persons listed above, or their representative, are expected to attend these meetings.

SELECTION OF NCO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Due to the recent reorganization of the Unit, it is essential that one primary and one alternate member of each squadron be elected to the NCO Council. This must be done by members of the squadrons prior to 1500 hours, on Sunday of the January UTA. A Council meeting will be held at that time.

Criteria for eligibility for membership in the Council is outlined in the 937th MAG Regulation 30-2.

The names are to be forwarded to TSgt Bourbeau, office symbol DCO, prior to the meeting.

"THANK GOD FOR NAVIGATORS"

Except for aircrew members who constantly are making over water missions I doubt if many individuals in our unit can really appreciate the reliance placed on our star gazers. Recently while in route to Viet-Nam we were 12 hours out of Hawaii headed for Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, some 3,000 miles from Hickam. We were in clouds the last part of this leg and looking for an island destination some 4 miles long and 900 yards wide. We had no Radio contact because of weather interference and were navigating only by dead reckoning. With only 1 hour extra fuel past our expectation of arrival time and with the other nearest air strip some 800 miles away we had to find (Kwaj). All of a sudden we had a break in the clouds and dead ahead was those beautiful lights of the Kwajalein Air Base. I know this is routine for Major Miner and Capt Homich but gentlemen my hats off to your fine professional ability.



L/COL HARDEN ENLISTS SON

L/Col Herschel Harden, Staff Personnel Officer, swore in his son Jimmy Harden into the 937th last month. The recruiting effort of the Col. was largely responsible for the enlistment. L/Col Harden is also in charge of the Recruiting Program for the unit.

Airman Harden, 21, graduated from Midwest City Highschool and is now a sophomore at Northeastern A&M College. He will leave for Lackland on 6 February returning to the unit sometime in June.

GROUND TRAINING INFORMATION

1. All personnel scheduled to take a Specialty Knowledge Test (SKT) during the January UTA will report to Classroom Nr 2 at 1030 hours Saturday, 15 January 1966 for test counseling. Anyone who may be scheduled for another meeting at above time will contact Capt Sizemore in Room 205 (Ground Training) for a special counsel period no later than 1300 hours, Saturday, 15 January 1966.

2. The Air Force Specialty Knowledge Test (AFSKT) will be administered in the following career fields during the January UTA. Airmen will be tested in Bldg Nr 200 at 0800 hours, Sunday, 16 January 1966. Bldg 200 is located east of Parking Lot Nr 2 which is just east of the flag pole and Fire Station Nr 1.

3 Level: Any career field.

5 and 7 Level: 23, 30, 32, 34, 40, 53, 55, 57, 58, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 75, 77, and 92.

The AFSKT will be administered during the February UTA in the following career fields: USAF Supervisory Examination, 36, 42, 43, 44, 61, 63, 64, 71, 90, 91 and 98.

3. The OJT Supervisor's Meeting will be held in Classroom Nr 1 at 1330 hours, Saturday, 15 January 1966. ALL OJT Administrators and OJT Supervisors will attend this meeting. Commanders, Trainers, NCOICs and OICs are encouraged to attend.

4. General Military Training (GMT) is a calendar year requirement. All personnel will need to requalify on Small Arms, Physical Fitness and attend all sessions of GMT during Calendar Year 1966.

5. All personnel, other than aircrew members, whose birth date falls during the months of October, November or December

will take the test during the January UTA. The test will be given on the hangar floor (Bldg 1030) as scheduled below:

(OTHER THAN AIRCREW MEMBERS)

15 January 1966

1330 hours	18 - 24 years old
1400 hours	25 - 29 years old
1430 hours	30 - 34 years old
1500 hours	35 - 39 years old
1530 hours	40 - 44 years old
1600 hours	45 years and above.

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0830 hours	18 - 24 years old
0900 hours	25 - 29 years old
0930 hours	30 - 34 years old
1000 hours	35 - 39 years old
1030 hours	40 - 44 years old
1100 hours	45 years and above.

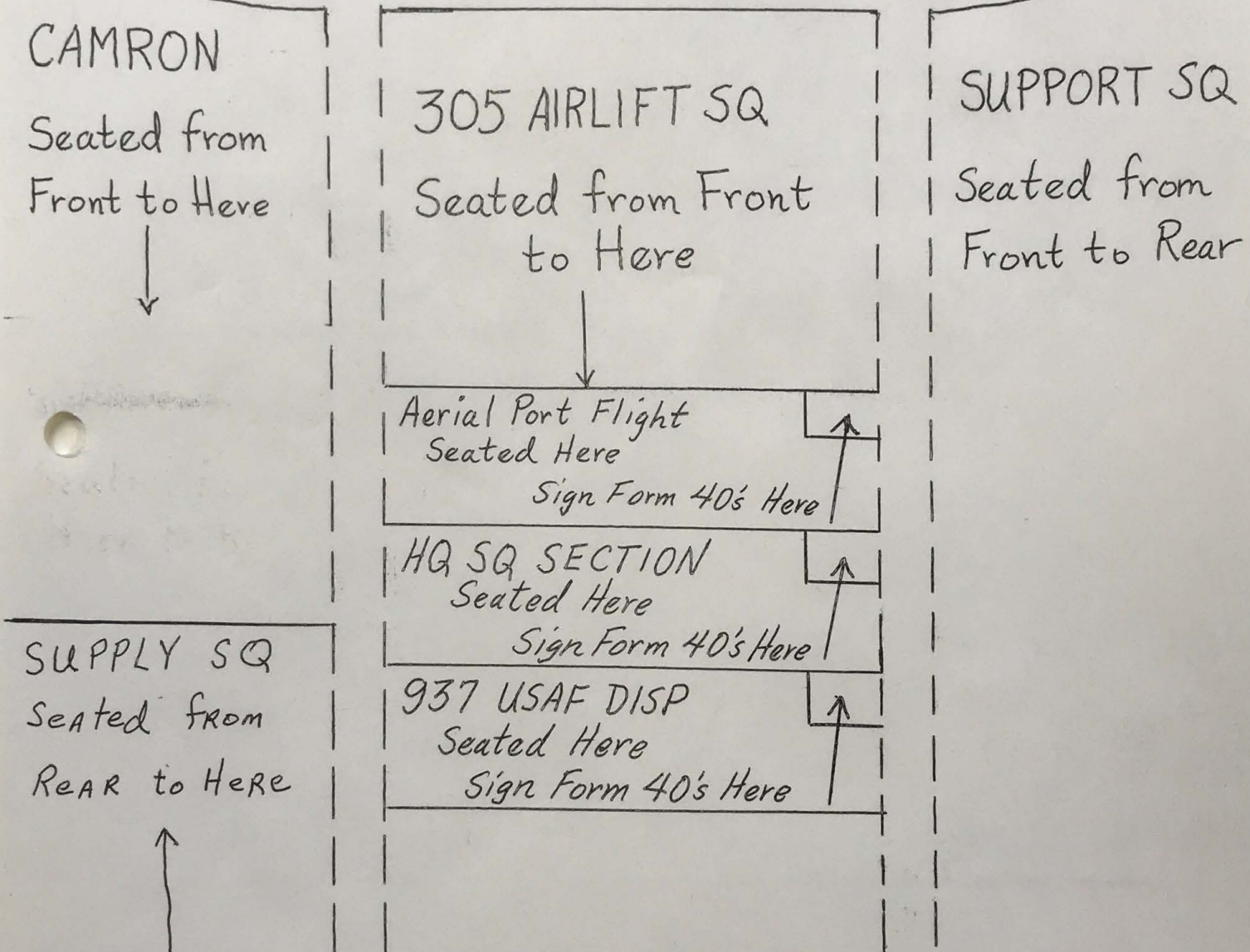
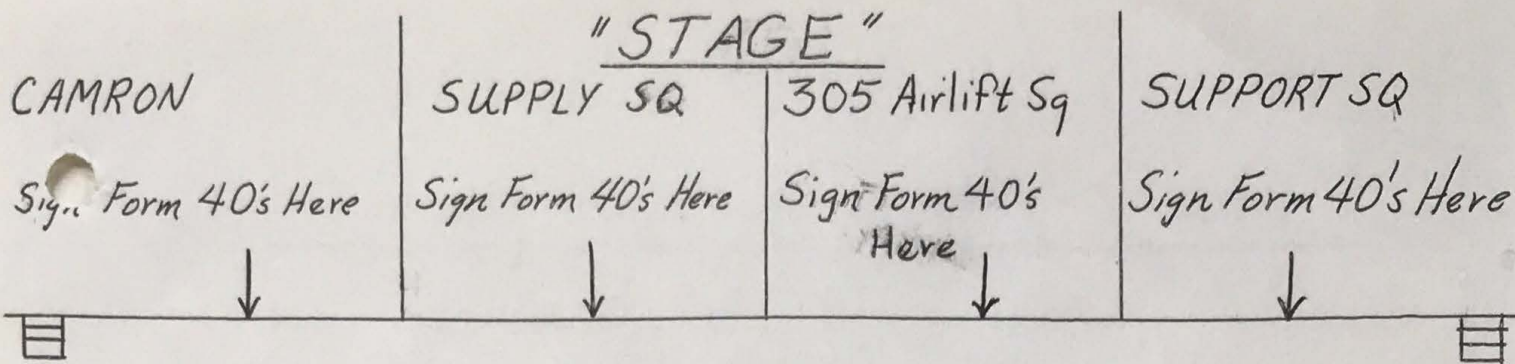
6. Flying status personnel are scheduled to take their physical fitness test as scheduled below. You may have taken the test during the past few months but this is a calendar year program and the test is due again. The test will be given on the hangar floor, Bldg 1030.

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1400 hours	18 - 24 years old
1430 hours	25 - 29 years old
1500 hours	30 - 34 years old
1530 hours	35 - 39 years old
1600 hours	40 - 44 years old
1630 hours	45 years and above.

AIRLIFT

All personnel who are to be Air Lifted Sunday of UTA to Lubbock or Amarillo will submit the appropriate information, name, rank & Serial No, to Operations Section 3268, by 1200 hours, Sunday of UTA. This information is necessary for the accurate passenger manifest.



FORM 40's WILL BE SIGNED AND PERSONNEL SEATED PRIOR TO 0800 HOURS

GROUP COMMANDERS CALL BASE THEATRE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY UTA

SATURDAY 15 Jan 66

0800 - 1030	Group Commander's Call and General Military Training	Base Theater
1030 - 1130	AFSKT Counseling	Classroom 2
1230 - 1400	Small Arms Training (Air Police)	Base Range
1330 - 1400	OJT Supervisor's Meeting	Classroom 1 & 3
1330 - 1600	Physical Fitness Test (See Schedule for Age Groups)	Hangar Floor
1645	Retreat - CAMRON	
1715	Officers Call	TAFB Officers Club

SUNDAY 16 Jan 66

0800 - 1200	Testing (AFSKT)	Bldg 200
0830 - 1100	Physical Fitness(See schedule for age groups)	Hangar Floor
0830 - 1030	Small Arms Training (Air Police)	Base Range
1000 - 1100	Management Analysis	Classroom 2
1400 - 1630	Physical Fitness (Aircrew Members) (See Schedule for Age Groups)	Hangar Floor
1400 - 1630	Classification & Promotion Board	Classroom 2
1500 - 1530	NCO Council Meeting	Classroom 1
1645	Retreat - Supply Sq	

FOR ALL OFFICERS:

A check of membership in 937 ROA Officer's fund indicates 36 memberships are in arrears. It is requested that all officers verify their status of membership with Lt. Shaffer. Bring your dues notice as soon as you receive it so we can keep you current. This is the only way we can be sure it is paid and not paid twice.

TRANSPORTATION:

The transportation Section during the January UTA and thereafter will provide shuttle bus service between bldg 761 and hangar 1030 on the hour and the half-hour except during lunch when service will be on the quarter hour. (from 1030 to 1230)