

CHAPTER 6

- A system of command and control of deployed elements of the SAF when required.
- Limited administrative and logistical support for deployed elements of the SAF when required.
- Intelligence and operations security support and electronic warfare advice to deployed elements of the SAF when required.
- A Special Forces operational base and forward operational bases when major elements of the SAF are deployed.

■ Outside the United States, the Special Forces group is assigned to the major US Army command and is under the operational control of the overseas unified command. CONUS-based Special Forces groups are assigned to US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and when required will be under the operational command of a US-based unified command. Whether operating as a separate organization or as the major element of a designated SAF, the group trains its detachments to meet area requirements for MTTs. Detachments, MTTs, and command and control elements are placed under the operational control of the Chief, MAAG, when deployed to the host country. Mission requirements vary from assistance by individual advisors to the support and assistance from an entire Special Forces group. See FM 31-20 for doctrine for Special Forces operations.

CIVIL AFFAIRS. The CA unit of the SAF provides professional and technical assistance and advice to US and indigenous officials, agencies, and military forces to strengthen the host country's social, economic, and political posture.

■ The CA unit is structured according to the requirements of the SAF. It can range in size from a platoon to a battalion with appropriate headquarters and staff elements and functional teams drawn from TOE 41-500. As an example, a CA company can be organized with a company headquarters, 1 to 10 platoon headquarters, and the required number of language and functional teams to operate in the four broad functional categories of government, economics, public facilities, and special functions. A CA unit may be structured to provide any of the following skills:

■ **Governmental functions**

Civil defense

Labor

Legal

Public administration

Public education

Public finance