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DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT

**USAF Conducted Security Survey Vietnam, November 1965;
Develops concept of Air Base Ground Defense, and recommends Test Unit be formed**

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USAF Ground Defense Security Survey conducted in Vietnam, November 1965.

Excerpt: 82nd Combat Security Wing (TAC) Training Center Student Handbook – Page 7.

“During the initial involvement of the USAF Security Police units in the Vietnam insurgency, internal security of remote and vulnerable Air Bases was still carried out under the long existing concept of providing internal protection for resources against the covert threat of sabotage.

Internal security for airbases located in forward areas was geared to deter, *capture or destroy a small covert group* that would, by clandestine means, attempt to destroy aircraft or other priority resources.

After the attacks by well-organized and well-trained guerrilla raiding parties on the Air Bases at Đà Nẵng and Biên Hòa, the USAF Security Program was forced to redirect its attention to providing a well- trained, well-armed and well-motivated **combat security force**, capable of engaging and repelling commando type raids by enemy forces before those forces could cause destruction or damage to sensitive base areas.

1965 November: Under the direction of Lt Gen Glenn Martin, USAF Inspector General, a security survey was conducted in Vietnam in **November 1965** and the results of that survey were presented to the Chief of Staff, USAF, with the **recommendation** that a unit of highly trained Security Police personnel be formed to test a newly developed concept of active ground defense at a designated site in the Republic of Vietnam.”

