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Description:

This 1980 report, prepared by the Comptroller General, reviews the roles of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, and his unified command structure. This report provides 1) detailed information on the unified command's missions, specific tasks, and functions, 2) the number and grade of personnel assigned throughout the command, 3) the cost to maintain the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, and 4) an assessment of the Commander-in-Chief's, Pacific, role in training and other areas.

The report states, "since the establishment of the unified command structure in 1947, the role of the unified commands has changed considerably-in the Pacific from that of primary responsibility for prosecuting a war to one of providing "support and coordination," a vague term not formally defined by DOD...Until the support and coordination roles of the Pacific unified command are clearly defined and the functions that PACOM can and should perform during a crisis/wartime situation are identified, it is difficult, if not impossible, to ensure that 1) the command is properly sized and 2) functions are being done at appropriate locations within the chain of command."

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