

GREEN BERETS FACE A BIG CUT IN FORCES AS POLICIES CHANGE

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Washington, Nov. 15 - The Special Forces, the United States Army's specialists in guerrilla warfare and military intelligence operations, are facing a major cutback in their strength as a result of a basic change of emphasis on what their primary mission should be.

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The other types of mission receiving greater emphasis, Special Forces planners say, are those of special reconnaissance and ordnance.

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The hand-picked teams of ordnance experts could be dispatched by submarine or helicopter into an enemy area to emplace and detonate a small atomic demolition charge next to a high priority target where bombers or missiles might not be accurate enough. Any such mission would be directly controlled by the President, the sources said.

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