Other Elements

Communications Command is likely to remain at current levels. There will also be a continuing need for effective training systems and logistics operations. However, strong efforts will have to be made in the next few years to bring support and administrative personnel numbers down significantly. Headquarters staffs, senior officer ranks, some civilian categories, and base establishments will all need cutting, to fit the reduced size of the new defence establishment.

Overall Personnel Numbers

Canada's defence establishment comprised 85,073 service personnel and 32,893 civilians in early 1991.

The New Model of the armed forces that is developed by 1995 should be on the lines of the Option Two that was discussed earlier regarding the land forces.

In 1995, personnel numbers for the armed forces as a whole would be roughly on the lines indicated in Table IV below, entitled: The New Model for the Canadian Armed Forces.

The changes in the Regular force and in the Militia have already been discussed. Other points to note are as follows: the Rangers would be augmented to strengthen capabilities in the North; the Naval Reserve would be increased because of added responsibilities, including those for operating the new Mine Counter-Measures Vessels; the Air Reserve would also benefit from a small increase, owing to extra requirements in air transport and similar duties; and the Supplementary Reserve would be increased marginally and also strengthened in effectiveness by introducing minimal annual reporting and training requirements. At this time it still amounts to little more than a list of names.