

NOTE BY UNITED STATES DELEGATION ON MILITARY BUILDUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE BERLIN CRISES

In addition to the matters covered in the August 8 presentation by Secretary Rusk, the US has taken the following specific steps to improve its current military posture:

A.

(1) Terms of service and tours of duty abroad have been extended.

(2) 3,000 personnel have been authorized for immediate movement to Europe to increase mechanization of infantry divisions.

B.

(1) Three US Army STRAC divisions are now combat ready and can be deployed within 30 days.

(2) Three additional US Army STRAC divisions are being brought into combat status by relieving them of training functions and filling TO and E to full combat strength. Untrained inputs to these divisions have been diverted to training centers since July 20.

(3) In addition to the foregoing six Army divisions, two US Marine divisions/air wings are at full combat readiness in the continental US and available for overseas deployment.

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(1) A draft call for 25,000 has been approved for September. Future monthly draft calls will be determined by developments.

(2) The US Army training base capacity will be increased to 134,000 by end of November.

D.

(1) US sea lift in being is being increased by retaining and re-activating ships not previously planned for active fleet.

(2) Work has begun to retain in active service one APA troop transport and to re-activate 22 navy support-type ships to give the US a two-division lift.

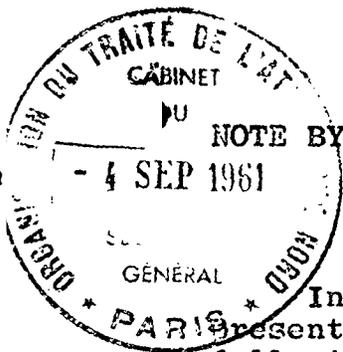
E.

(1) US is activating additional naval units for anti-submarine and other missions as follows:

(A) One CVS, one CVA, one DD and five DDR scheduled for deactivation will be retained.

(B) One CVG and one CVSG will be activated from the reserve fleet by December 1.

(C) 18 ASW squadrons have been alerted for active duty and will report for duty beginning October 1.



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(D) 33 DE will be placed on active duty beginning October 1. Seven additional DE will report shortly thereafter, upon completion of overhaul.

(E) Work has begun to activate 11 fleet support ships by December 1 and ready for service by January 1, 1962.

(F) Increase in aircraft overhauls and provision of kits, weapons and equipment are being expedited to improve readiness of naval and marine forces.

F.

(1) Twelve tactical air squadrons and six strategic bomber wings with associated tanker units previously planned for de-activation will be retained.

(2) Action has been taken to increase supply, equipment and facilities to support the phased build-up of the air units.

(3) The number of aircraft of Strategic Air Command on 15-minute ground alert has been increased from 33 and 1/3 percent to 50 percent of the combat ready force.

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(1) 18 fighter-bomber squadrons, four reconnaissance squadrons and one tactical air control group are being activated from the US Air National Guard.

(2) Six C-97 squadrons and five C-124 squadrons are being called up from the US Air National Guard and reserves.

(3) Preparations in providing facilities, pre-positioning supplies and stocks, arrangements with host countries for bases and facilities are all being expedited.

(4) Plans and preparations are being made to facilitate the rapid deployment of forces from all services in case of need.

As announced in Washington on September 2, four squadrons of US F-100 tactical aircraft are moving to Europe to participate in a NATO exercise. Other tactical fighter and medium bomber units are available for immediate deployment to Europe if needed.

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