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THE REPLY FROM TURKEY TO SACEUR'S
"PLAN OF ACTION - NATO EUROPE"

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2. Within the framework of the reorganization and consistently with the plans envisaging the removal of units to forward positions in their relevant order of battle, deployment areas of several units had been changed and some units and establishments had been abolished.

Steps have been taken to effectuate the necessary modifications on the existing mobilization plans as required by the foregoing changes.

3. The planned inactivation of three F-84G squadrons has been delayed. However, attention is drawn upon the fact that these outmoded aircraft squadrons are far from meeting mission requirements and consequently cannot effectively fulfill their tasks. The modernization of the above mentioned squadrons within the shortest time is considered of the greatest importance.

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6. The studies undertaken by the Turkish General Staff with a view to increase the balanced logistic support for all services in phase with force improvement have been completed. The shortcomings of the existing organization have been determined. The reorganization undertaken in order to overcome these shortcomings provides measures as to the establishment of three Communication Zone Headquarters and one Logistic Support Base Headquarters. The implementation of these measures will be started by the end of October 1961.

Furthermore, plans for the reorganization of logistic support units during 1962 have been achieved; the establishment of these units and their becoming operational have been phased. However, the provision of the great majority of TO&E of these units (vehicules, weapons, equipment) is contingent upon the United States Military aid.

Although the assurance of balanced logistic support is a matter of adequate organization it also depends to a great extent upon the provision of sufficient funds and a required level of personnel both in quantity and quality. Under the light of past experience it appears that these last measures will not be realized on 1 January 1962.

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