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MEMORANDUM FOR : Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Attention : Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : CINCHAN's Additional Comments and Recommendations  
in View of the United Kingdom's Reply for Accelerated  
NATO Military Build-up in ACCHAN

- References :
- (a) PO/61/722
  - (b) PO/61/730
  - (c) ACCHAN's Comments and Recommendations, Interim Review 1961, United Kingdom (CINCHAN Ltr No. CH 001138/7 dated 2 Oct 61)
  - (d) PO/61/764, Annex F

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CINCHAN has forwarded the following additional Comments and Recommendations in view of the United Kingdom's plans for accelerated NATO military build-up in ACCHAN:

"1. From reference (d) CINCHAN notes that the United Kingdom has indicated that requirements in references (a) and (b) for phasing forward Category B and Category C forces to Category A could largely be met, but that such measures would have serious repercussions on the training and operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Royal Navy. It is further noted that the United Kingdom would, however, be willing to consider meeting CINCHAN's requirements in part if a request were made to HM Government to do so as a matter of urgency in furtherance of plans for an accelerated NATO military build-up in ACCHAN.

2. CINCHAN regrets that the U.K. is as yet unable to make any preparations for the evacuation of major ports. It is hoped that at least unobtrusive measures will be taken, such as stockpiling charts, books and documents for rapid distribution to merchant ships at major ports and assembly anchorages.

3. Conclusions:

(a) The provisional United Kingdom reply to references (a) and (b) does not change the force numerical status, as given in paragraph 1b of reference (c).

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(b) Taking as a yardstick CINCHAN's requirements in reference (b) to meet an emergency situation in ACCHAN, the following shortfalls still exist in the forces numerical status:

- (i) 8 (by end-1961) or 7 (by end-1962) Category A DD/DE against a surplus of 14 Category B DD/DE/MSO (end 1961).
- (ii) 4 Category A and 4 Category B HPS.
- (iii) 3 Category A MP.
- (iv) MHC/MHI, HPM and support ship capabilities for 8 MCM groups, except for availability of 5 MHC/MHI.

4. Recommendations: It is recommended that the United Kingdom: In view of the need for accelerated NATO military build-up gives urgent consideration to:

- (a) Increase the number of Category A escorts to 15.
- (b) Provide the following units, in addition to those listed in forces numerical status for end-1962:

- (i) 3 Category A MP.
- (ii) 4 Category A and 4 Category B HPS and support ships.
- (iii) MHC, HPM and support ship capabilities for 1 MCM group".

FOR THE STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

  
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