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MEMORANDUM FOR : Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

SUBJECT : Berlin Contingency Planning

- References : (a) SHAPE/70/62, 24 March 1962
- (b) SHAPE/70-A/62, 10 Sept. 1962
- (c) SGPO 74/62

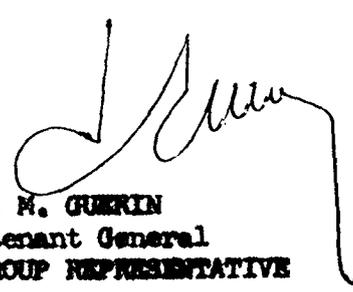
1. Further to ref. (c), the Standing Group has now authorized release of SACEUR's Berlin Contingency Plans (ref. (b)) to the North Atlantic Council. The Standing Group has asked me to invite your attention to the followings:

(a) In regard to paras 3 and 4 of the covering letter to ref. (b), SACEUR advised the Standing Group as follows:

"In regard to forward deployment of forces, SACEUR on 6 April 1962 directed CINCENT to prepare plans for establishing an effective forward defence in Central Region. As a first step, establishment of strong covering forces was directed and is now in effect. Further, on 28 May 1962, CINCENT was directed to revise his EDP to require his forces even at this time to move forward to conduct a mobile defence in case of threat rather than moving rearward as required by CINCENT's EDP, then in effect. This directive recognised problems concerned with execution of forward defence except using forces now in being with their present peacetime dispositions. It further recognised that full effectiveness of this concept will not be attained until End-1966 force goals have been achieved."

(b) In regard to Plans HERCON Alpha 1 options X, Y and Z (sub-paras 4b, 4c and 4d of ref. (b)) and HERCON B 1 (sub-para 5a of ref. (b)), these plans were developed at the request of the Standing Group. The Standing Group concurs in these plans and with SACEUR's appraisal of them in para 7b and para 8 of ref. (b), noting that the new Alpha plans are predicated upon initial use of conventional weapons.

2. Two copies of ref. (b) have been provided for distribution to each delegation as well as six copies for the International Staff.



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