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NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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NATO SECRET

Sir,

Herewith I have the honour to inform you that after the decision taken by the Netherlands cabinet council, the Netherlands Joint Chief of Staff has cabled on September 15th to SACEUR as follows:

- " 1. Netherlands Minister of Defence has decided to extend forthwith period of training for conscripts from 21 to 22 months for officers, nco's and specialists and from 18 to 20 months for other personnel. This concerns assigned army units including support and signal units. Result will be manning level 88 percent by 1 October 1961 and 92 percent by 1 November 1961.
- 2. Netherlands Government also intends to station reinforced 121 light brigade (covering forces) in F.R.G. as from approx. 15 October 1961, provisionally for a period of maximum 3 months. Permission by German Federal Government has been requested."

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

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His Excellency  
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