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SUBJECT : Amendment to Berlin Contingency Plans

TO : Chairman
Standing Group
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Room 1-E-929, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

REFERENCES : a. SHAPE 70/62, Berlin Contingency
Planning, 24 Mar 62.
b. C-R(62)53, 9 Nov 1962

1972

1982

1. This letter forwards a proposed change to the SHAPE catalogue of Berlin Contingency Plans (reference a). This change consists of an alteration of the outline of BERCON CHARLIE TWO, a two division attack in the Kassel area (paragraph 6b, Enclosure 1, reference a).

2. This change to BERCON CHARLIE TWO is considered a significant modification which, in accordance with reference b, requires approval by the NAC. The proposal is to redesignate the objective salient from the present Kassel area to the vicinity of Eisenach autobahn entrance, including the general line Lengenfeld (NB 8574) - Langula (NB 9968) - Bad Salzungen (NB 8630). The purpose of the change is to relate the operation more closely to autobahn access to Berlin and to permit the NATO character of the operation to be improved by affording a more acceptable balance of forces. This change would also reduce possible political and psychological misunderstandings which could arise as a result of a two-division attack initiated from a sector predominantly associated with German forces. The change, therefore, would improve the chances of proper interpretation by the Soviet Union of the political objective of the operation.

3. Specific changes to reference a to accommodate the foregoing are contained in Enclosure 1.

4. Request appropriate action be taken to secure approval of specific substantive changes shown in Enclosure 1. Subject to such approval SHAPE will publish a revision to reference a which, in addition to including the BERCON CHARLIE TWO modification, will include required administrative updating of the document.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE:

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1 Enclosure:
Proposed change to BERCON
CHARLIE TWO outline, CTS
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