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SUBJECT: Corrigendum to SHAPE 167/61 Plan of Action: NATO Europe

TO: Secretary General
 North Atlantic Council
 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
 Place du Marechal de Lattre de Tassigny
 Paris 16, France

1. It is requested that the subject document be amended as follows:

a. Replace French Land Forces and Air Force tables by the attached corrected copies dated 23 August 1961.

b. Land Forces:NORWAY - Land Forces Table.

Under Actual Strength, amend Total M-Day Units, "3,942" to read "3,947"; Total Major Combat Formations (-HQ) "2,818" to read "2,809"; and Total 1st Echelon "3,098" to read "3,089". Under Additional Personnel proposed by 1 Jan 1962 amend Total M-Day Units "1,850" to read "1,852" and insert "749" against Total Major Combat Formations (-HQ) and Total 1st Echelon.

c. Naval Forces:

- (1) DENMARK - Cover sheet containing SHAPE recommendations. In subpara d. amend "two (2) DE" to read "three (3) DE".
- (2) GREECE - Navy Table. In LST/LSM/LCT line, amend "35" to read "25" throughout.
- (3) ITALY - Cover sheet containing SHAPE recommendations. In subpara c. amend "three (3) DD/DE" to read "one (1) DDG and one (1) DE"

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d. Air Forces:

- (1) NORWAY - Air Force Table. Under U/E of additional Squadrons/Aircraft and personnel proposed for 1 Jan 62 amend "/8" on Transport line to read "/2; amend total "-/21" to read "-/15".
- (2) UNITED STATES - Air Force Table. Under Present Status of Squadrons/Aircraft, amend total U/E "34/799" to read "41/799".

2. It is further requested that removed pages be destroyed by burning or reducing to pulp.

3. Additionally, it is requested that when the above changes have been accomplished and posted, this corrigendum be attached to the basic document.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE:

2 Encl

1. France - Land Forces (2 pages)
2. France - Air Force (1 page)


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Role	Present Status of Squadrons/ Aircraft and Assigned Personnel of Major Units			Additional Squadrons/Aircraft and Personnel Proposed for 1 Jan 62			Additional Squadrons/Aircraft Required During 62			Remarks
	U/E	Type	Personnel	U/E	Type	Personnel	U/E	Type	Personnel	
FB/Strike	6/144	F84F								
FB/Attack	4/60	F100		-/15	F100		-/25	F100		
LWSR(S)							2/40	Mystere IV		
Recco	3/59	RF84F								Requirement for 1 Jan 62 is 3/48 RF84F which should be modernized with 2/36 Mirage by end 62.
LWSR(R)							1/20	Mirage III R		Assumed that Mirage III can be used in LW(R) role
AWX	2/53	F86K		2/24	Mirage III		4/48	Mirage III		2/53 F86K to be re-formed as 2/24 F86K and 2/24 Mirage III to be introduced and 2/24 F86K to be modernized with 2/24 Mirage III (Total 6/72 Mirage III) during 1962.
IDF	4/40	Mystere IV								No requirement for IDF after end 61.
Transport	3/48	Noratlant								
SAM				2	NIKE					
Totals	22/404		17,200	2/39		1,200	7/133		Nil	

Logistics

Only 2 days supply of 2.75" rockets are on hand, no SIDEWINDERS or fragmentation bombs are available, only 2 days supply of 275 gallon droppable fuel tanks are on hand and there is a critical shortage of F100 spares.

Training

- Increase aircraft combat ready rate (now 63%) to at least 70%
- Increase combat crew ready rate (now 83%) to MC 55/1 standard of 100%
- Bring NIKE battalions to full operational status.

Manning

- Man C&R units for 24 hour a day operations.

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- a. Increase balanced logistical support in phase with force improvement of combat units.
- b. Operational reserves of equipment and ammunition are generally adequate to meet the 30-day interim level, but deficiencies still exist, particularly in the case of armoured personnel carriers, transport vehicles and communications equipment.
- c. Procurement of modern equipment to support the type-59 Divisions, though planned, should be expedited.

III. OTHER

- a. Raise the manning levels of M-Day units to at least 90% of war authorized strength and insure immediate availability of mobilization increment to bring units quickly to 100% strength.
- b. In addition to existing M-Day units, required M-Day units should be reorganized as type-59 Divisions as rapidly as possible.
- c. Assist in the provision of training areas for other NATO countries for Brigade and Divisional type exercises.
- d. Take immediate steps to overcome the shortage of technicians.

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I. PERSONNEL

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Existing Units	Actual Strength (% of War Auth Str)	Additional Units/ Personnel Proposed by 1 Jan 1962		Additional Units/ Personnel Proposed during 1962		Remarks
M-Day		Units	Personnel(1)	Units	Personnel(1)	
Total Major HQ's	1,873 (75%)	-	567			(1) Additional personnel needed to reach at least 90% manning for M-Day units and 65% manning for 1st Echelon units.
3rd Div (59-Type Inf Hvy)	12,899 (71%)	-	4,360			(2) One (1) Brigade is located in Metropolitan France (6th Mil Region).
1st Div (59-Type Arm Hvy) (2)	12,468 (65%)	-	4,138			
13 Mech Bde	5,171 (104%)	-	-			
		1-2/3 Mech Div (3)	28,765 (4)	1 Mech Div (5)	17,259	(3) The additional 1-2/3 Mech Divisions, properly deployed, would bring the French Land Forces up to the M-Day requirement of 4 Divisions.
Total Major Combat Formations	30,538 (77%)		37,263		17,259	(4) Does not include current strength of 11th Light Infantry Division (See remark #6).
Non-Organic Support Units	14,272 (76%)		2,572			(5) M-Day strategic reserve located in France.
Total M-Day (6)	46,683		40,402			(6) This total does not include the 11th Light Infantry Division at 100% strength (9,197 men) which is located in Metropolitan France and which is earmarked for assignment to ACE on M-Day.
1st Echelon						(7) Although these Divisions are presently located in Algeria, it is assumed that some or all of them would be redeployed to Europe should the situation deteriorate seriously.
In Europe						
15th Div (=13 Mech Bde)	7,320 (51%)					
15th Mech Bde	3,138 (57%)					
Not in Europe						
7 Divisions (7)	76,443 (97%)					
In Europe						
Total Major Combat Formations	10,458 (54%)					
Total Non-Organic Support Units(In Europe)	12,036 (30%)					
Total 1st Echelon	98,937					