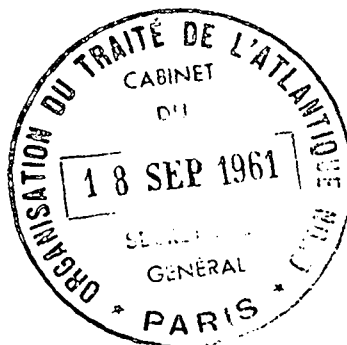


UNITED STATES DELEGATION
TO THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL



September 18, 1961

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Dear Colleagues:

On September 9, 1961 the U. S. Department of Defense announced the immediate reinforcement of United States Forces in Europe.

The attached note supplements this announcement and defines more exactly the distribution of these new troops within the U.S. Forces in Europe and the tentative time-schedule for their arrival.

Sincerely

Byron P. Mansell
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Secretary of Delegation

Enclosure:

As stated.

TO: NATO Delegations

cc: Lord Coleridge

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OF U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE

On September 9 the U.S. Department of Defense announced that the Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, with the approval of the President, has directed that 40,000 additional army troops be sent to Europe in the immediate future to strengthen our combat and combat-support forces in that theater.

These reinforcements will bring the Seventh Army and other United States units committed to NATO to full combat strength, and will provide additional combat, combat-support and logistical units for our army forces in Europe.

The following information supplements the Defense Department announcement:

1. The press release language of "additional combat" units refers to units only up to combat size which would reinforce larger units already in Europe (i.e., the U.S. is not sending additional divisions to Europe within this movement).
2. The majority of the 40,000 troops are logistic and other support units.
3. The 40,000 troops include 3,000 previously announced by the Army and listed in the note of September 4, 1961 from the U.S. Delegation. These 3,000 men are to be sent to the Seventh Army in Germany to permit the reorganization and mechanization of the three infantry divisions there.
4. The arrival of these troops in Europe is expected to be as follows:
 - A. Non-divisional units totalling approximately 15-16,000 personnel are scheduled to arrive no later than 1 November 1961.
 - B. Additional units totalling approximately 1-2,000 personnel will arrive by 15 December.
 - C. Individual replacements will arrive as follows:
 1. The 3,000 personnel to mechanize the infantry divisions, mentioned above, will arrive by 15 December.

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2. Approximately 17,000 to provide fillers for forces in U.S. Army, Europe, are scheduled to arrive - 12,000 by 31 October and the remaining 5,000 by 15 December.

3. Up to 2,000 personnel to bring the non-divisional units of paras. 4 A & B up to full strength will arrive by 15 December 1961.

5. Travel of dependents of military personnel to Europe will stop completely on October 9, 1961.

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