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NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Subject: International Staff comments on the analysis of the countries' replies provided to you by Saceur in his letter SHAPE 188/61 dated 15-9-61.

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Enclosures: Annexes I to

1. You will find attached the specific comments per country prepared by the I.S. on the analysis given to you by SACEUR in his letter SHAPE 188/61 dated 15-9-61 about the countries' replies to the plan of Action for Berlin.

2. These comments are in general somewhat less optimistic than those of SACEUR, because the I.S. has tried to consider all the implications of the action decided by the countries and in particular the production, financial and economical aspects of this action which are generally not explicitly covered by national replies.

3. Under these reserves, the additional effort consented by nations for the Berlin crisis is in general estimated by the I.S. as very laudable and significant, since it implies sometimes political and financial difficulties courageously overcome. But due precisely to the importance of this effort, it is necessary that the maximum effectiveness be drawn from it, and that other adverse factors may not tend to reduce or cancel its benefic results.

4. I would like to outline these adverse factors and give a quick and broad picture of what can be expected from each nation - Turkey is not involved in these comments, since this country has not yet answered to SHAPE 167/61.