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SUBJ: PROPOSED CHANGE OF DATES FOR EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 87 (U)
REFS: SHAPE 081431Z JAN 87
1. (U) CONCUR WITH ALTERNATIVE DATES OF 6 TO 10 NOV 87 FOR EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 87 AS PROPOSED IN THE REFERENCE.
2. (U) THE IMPLICATIONS OF SELECTING 16 TO 20 NOV 87 HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO CINCENT BY USCINCEUR.
3. (U) THE TIMING OF US NATIONAL FALL EXERCISES IS A MATTER THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED IN NATIONAL CHANNELS. WE HAVE HAD CONTINUING DIFFICULTY WITH SCHEDULING JCS FALL EXERCISES BECAUSE OF COMPETING MAJOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCES, HOLIDAYS, AND CINC/NATO EXERCISES (E.G., ABLE ARCHER). A STANDARD TIMEFRAME SHOULD ELIMINATE SUCH PROBLEMS. WE ARE PROPOSING, THEREFORE, THAT THE JCS FALL EXERCISE (MOBILIZATION) BE CONDUCTED FROM THE LAST FULL WEEK IN OCTOBER TO THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER OF ODD-NUMBERED CALENDAR YEARS. THERE ARE NO ALTERNATE YEAR JCS-SPONSORED FALL EXERCISES. THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IS WITH PROUD EAGLE 90. IT WOULD RUN FROM 23 OCT TO 3 NOV 89. EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 89 IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO START ON 1 NOV 89 AND WOULD HAVE TO BE SLIPPED BACK SLIGHTLY. THERE APPEARS TO BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT. REQUEST SHAPE CONCURRENCE ON THE CHANGES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 89 AND THE PROPOSED SCHEDULING STRATEGY FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS.
4. (U) JCS POC IS [redacted]
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