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BUNDESTAG. UK HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT THEY WILL  
CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$4 MILLION FOR LONG-LEAD ITEMS, SO THE  
FINAL GERMAN PROGRAM DIVISION MAY DEPEND ON BROADER  
ALLIED PARTICIPATION. EFFORT TO SECURE SOME FORM OF PARTICIPATION  
FROM SMALLER NATIONS SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED IN CRITICAL PERIODS  
UNTIL NATO FINAL DECISION NEXT SPRING. END SUMMARY.

1. ASSISTANT SECDEF (ISA) ELLSWORTH MET WITH MOD LEBER EVENING  
OF 8 DEC TO DISCUSS FRG POSITION ON AWACS. AFTER CONSIDERABLE  
DISCUSSION, LEBER AGREED TO WRITE A LETTER TO SECRETARY  
RIMS FELD WITHIN A WEEK, COMMITTING THE FRG TO \$4 MILLION FOR  
LONG-LEAD ITEMS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BUNDESTAG, AND  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO GERMANY'S FINAL PROGRAM DECISION. FORMAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT CONSULTATION WITH THE  
BUNDESTAG AND MONEY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FEBRUARY AT THE  
EARLIEST. LEBER INDICATED THAT A BROADER BASE OF ALLIED PARTICI-  
PATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR GERMANY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL  
PROGRAM AND STATED HE NEEDED TO KNOW THE DATE AN ACTUAL  
PROCUREMENT DECISION WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT  
PROCUREMENT PAYMENTS PRIOR TO THE 1980-82 TIME PERIOD WOULD  
CAUSE THE GERMANS PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF AN EXTENSIVE FRG  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

2. WITH FRG PARTICIPATION, UK SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO  
LONG-LEAD FUNDING NOW APPEARS ASSURED (LONDON 18833, 081804Z  
DEC 75). UK MOD OFFICIAL (DODDB) STATED INFORMALLY ON 9 DEC  
THAT THE UK COULD PROVIDE UP TO \$4 MILLION FOR LONG-LEAD ITEMS AS  
NECESSARY. CANADIAN REP (LTC SEXSMITH) SAID INFORMALLY THAT  
CANADIANS ARE TRYING TO FIND \$1/2 MILLION, PERHAPS MORE UNDER  
PRESSURE, BUT DO NOT WANT TO DISCUSS IT OPENLY PRIOR TO  
APPROVAL BY THE PARLIAMENT.

3. MISSION BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EFFORTS BE INTENSIFIED  
TO LINE UP SMALL NATION SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION ALONG LINES  
OF REPTELS. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING NEW ARGUMENTS:

A. GREECE AND TURKEY MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT MONEY SPENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES ON GROUND INTERFACE  
MODIFICATIONS AND O&M MAY COME CLOSE TO, OR EVEN EXCEED,  
THEIR MODEST CONTRIBUTIONS.

B. ITALY MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO PARTICIPATE IN LONG-LEAD  
FUNDING WITH PERHAPS \$1 MILLION AS A GESTURE WHICH WOULD PUT  
HER AMONG THE LARGER NATO POWERS CONTRIBUTING TO THAT EFFORT.

C. BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, AND NORWAY SHOULD BE