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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: NORTHAG Brigade Stationing (U)

I have reviewed JCSM-390-75, dated 30 October 1975, and favor the early relocation of Brigade 75 to NORTHAG. A final decision on Option I or II should follow discussions with the FRG, as recommended by the JCS. I request that you proceed with necessary plans based on the hypothesis that initial construction costs related to the relocation would be funded by temporary diversion of uncommitted funds from past US-FRG Offset Agreements.

I recognize that the use of offset funds could cause some delay in the ongoing troop facilities rehabilitation program, and that such funds are insufficient to cover fully the cost of implementing Option I. I, nevertheless, believe it important to begin the relocation of the brigade as soon as possible in the interest of achieving greater NATO force flexibility. On two separate occasions MOD Leber advised us that he would support use of uncommitted offset funds to relocate a brigade to NORTHAG and would work to have the funds replaced. Accordingly, I have sent the attached message to him requesting his support in obtaining FRG replacement of the funds at an early date to minimize adverse impact on the ongoing troop facilities rehabilitation program. I have also alerted Leber to the possible requirement for an additional \$21 million beyond the DM 300 million troop facilities funds depending on option selected.

Please instruct USCINCEUR to proceed with discussions with the FRG military authorities to determine FRG preferences on the two options. He should advise us of his findings so that a decision can be made by mid-December.

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