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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: NORTHAG Brigade Stationing (U)

1. (S) Reference a memorandum by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), I-10616/75, 7 October 1975, subject as above, which requested a definitive plan for the movement of Brigade 75 to the Northern Army Group (NORTHAG) area.

2. (S) Two options are proposed for stationing a US mechanized brigade in the Bremerhaven/Garlstedt area of NORTHAG:

a. Option I. Movement of the headquarters and support elements of Brigade 75 to renovated permanent facilities in Bremerhaven in FY 1976, with interim stationing of the brigade's maneuver elements (less one battalion left in Central Army Group (CENTAG)) at Bergen-Hohne until facilities to accommodate all of the brigade's maneuver elements are completed in Garlstedt in the fall of 1977.

b. Option II. Continue temporary stationing of the brigade in the major training areas of CENTAG until all facilities in the Bremerhaven/Garlstedt area are completed in FY 1977.

3. (S) Relocation of the brigade to NORTHAG is dependent upon the readiness of facilities, regardless of the option selected. Detailed movement planning will attempt to minimize dispersal of the brigade. Rotational elements of the brigade with less than 2 months remaining service in Europe will not relocate to NORTHAG. These elements will turn in equipment for transport to NORTHAG and pickup by rotational elements deploying from CONUS.

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4. ✓ Peacetime logistic support and communications will be provided to the brigade through the existing US Army Support Group in Bremerhaven and the brigade's organic support elements. Peacetime command and control will be exercised by the Commander in Chief, US Army, Europe, through the Commanding General, V US Army Corps. Wartime support and command and control will be accomplished as required by the NATO mission of the brigade.

✓ 5. ✓ Costs associated with the options above are \$150 million (Option I) and \$130 million (Option II). Identification of sources of funds required to finance the construction related to the move presents the major obstacle to implementation of the plan. No US appropriated funds are currently available to meet required construction costs. The FRG indicates that temporary diversion of offset funds will be necessary. FRG offset funds remaining in USEUCOM accounts which could be applied to NORTHAG stationing requirements total approximately \$110 million. SACEUR/USCINCEUR highlights the undesirable aspects of such a funding diversion. However, US-FRG discussions on this subject should not foreclose temporary diversion of offset funds if reasonable assurances can be given that there will be no major impact on the rehabilitation program. Diversion of these funds from ongoing troop facilities projects (primarily US Army, Europe) would deprive approximately 44,000 military personnel of renovated billets or modernized dining facilities, with no guarantee at this point that the funds could be recouped. These renovation projects have high troop morale impact and are probably a matter of keen congressional interest. The use of offset funds would delay or possibly terminate the ongoing renovation program, and these funds should not be diverted.

6. ✓ Of the two options considered, Option I can provide for the earliest movement of Brigade 75 to NORTHAG. However, Option I will have an adverse impact on allied training by overcrowding the Bergen-Hohne training area. This option will also impact on command and control of the brigade by dispersing its elements over a wide area for 1 year. In addition, this option requires construction of temporary facilities in Bergen-Hohne which, with other costs, will total approximately an additional \$20 million. Option II has the advantage of minimizing the impact on brigade training and would cost less by delaying movement of the brigade until permanent facilities are complete. The readiness of the brigade would be enhanced by delaying movement until all elements can be relocated at the same time.

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7. (✓) The timing of the NORTHAG move is based on a minimum 24-month planning, design, and construction cycle required for preparation of facilities for the brigade. Critical decision dates, based on a desired FY 1977 closure objective in NORTHAG, are: (a) a decision now either to explore with the FRG its preference for stationing options and the mechanism for funding or to select Option I or II without FRG consultations and (b) a decision prior to 31 January 1976 to identify funding sources so facilities can be completed by the fall of 1977.

8. (✓) The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that:

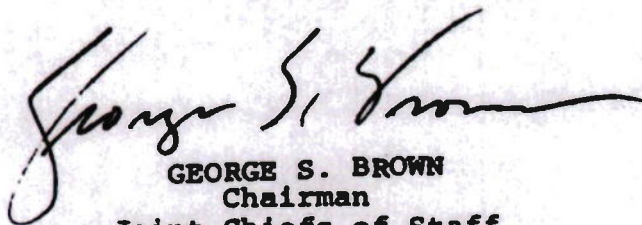
a. Option II be preferred over Option I; however, final selection of an option be deferred until FRG preferences are ascertained.

b. Offset funds not be diverted if their use would have a major adverse impact on troop barrack and dining facility rehabilitation programs. Such proposals should be strongly opposed and should not be selected as an outcome.

c. US-FRG discussions of funding approaches and option preferences be initiated as soon as practicable. These discussions should not foreclose on the temporary diversion of offset funds if it can be shown there would be no major impact on the rehabilitation program.

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For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



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