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**PERSONAL FOR**  
*USACLAN - 20 March 67*

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N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L (LOCOM 7823  
SUBJECT IS: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS - PHASE 2  
REFERENCE: 260/67/5 (REVISED)

PERSONAL FOR COMMODORE BATTLES FROM ADMIRAL VILLANI

1. IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RAISES THE PROBLEM OF THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DRAWING UP OF THE PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS, THE LETTING OF CONTRACTS, THE PRODUCTION INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE GROUND TERMINALS. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GOES ON TO PROPOSE THAT THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE MATTERS, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE DRAWING UP OF THE SPECIFICATIONS, SHOULD REST WITH SHAPE.

2. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EXPLAINS THAT THIS AVOWNS ASKED

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Per Authority JMSM-0462-02  
By *Koukova* Date *18.6.2003*

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BY THE ASG PRODUCTION, LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE SHAPE WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL AND OPERATE THE SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE, THE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OBTAINED BY THE SHAPE FORWARD SCATTER BRANCH WITH THE ACE HIGH SYSTEM IS THOUGHT TO BE OF A SIMILAR NATURE TO THAT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE PHASE 2 SATELLITE PROGRAMME AND SHAPE CAN OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTRE.

3. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS CORRECT AS I KNOW OF NO OTHER EXISTING NATO MILITARY BODY IN EUROPE CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING THE TASK WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF A NUMBER OF EXPERTS WHO WOULD NOT ONLY NEED TO BE SKILLED IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASPECTS INVOLVED BUT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO POSSESS A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF NATO PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. EVEN IF IT WERE DECIDED TO BUILD UP SOME OTHER BODY IN THIS WAY, I DOUBT WHETHER SUCH ADDITIONS COULD BE MADE WITHIN A TIME-SCALE SUITABLE FOR THE PHASE 2 SATELLITE PROGRAMME.

4. THE PROBLEM WILL BE RAISED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF AC/260 WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 3-4 APRIL. IMS/MC VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM ARE REQUESTED BEFORE THIS DATE SO THAT I MAY INJECT THEM INTO THE MEETING, IF SO DESIRED.

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ACTION: NAMILCOM  
DA IN 109915

*release to Director*

AUTHORITY FOR ACCESS TO NATO  
PERSONAL FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED

*SEC/A*

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