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N A T O S E C R E T LOSTAN 7006

SUBJECT IS: XVII SLICE NATO COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME.

REFERENCES: (A) LOSTAN 7005

(B) SHAPE 6100/18-8-63/66, DATED

27 APR 66.

MY SIGNAL REF (A) REFERS TO REF (B) TEXT OF WHICH IS REPRODUCED FOR SGN QUICK REFERENCE.

QUOTE. REFERENCES: (A) SHAPE 6100.17/21, DATED 30 SEP 65.
(B) SGM-31-65, DATED 2 FEB 65.

1. FOLLOWING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SCREENING OF THE SHAPE RECOMMENDED XVII SLICE PROGRAMME (REFERENCE (A)), SGN DIRECTED SHAPE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF A PROJECT PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE PRE-POSITIONED EQUIPMENT CONTROLLED HUMIDITY STORAGE IN GERMANY FOR TWO DIVISIONS AND TEN NON-DIVISION UNITS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY AUGMENTATION OF ACE FORCES BY AIRLIFT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE STUDY MADE BY SHAPE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AFCEAT AND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHOWS:

(A) THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS A VALID MILITARY REQUIREMENT AND IS URGENTLY REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC RESERVES.

(B) THE EQUIPMENT IS AT PRESENT STORED IN GERMANY IN THE OPEN AND COULD NOT BE ISSUED QUICKLY IN A BATTLEWORTHY CONDITION WITHOUT A LONG PERIOD OF WARNING AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF UNITED STATES LOGISTICS CAPABILITY IN EUROPE. UNDER CONDITIONS OF ACTUAL MOBILISATION THIS AMOUNT OF EFFORT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

(C) EQUIPMENT STORED IN CONTROLLED HUMIDITY FACILITIES CAN HAVE ELECTRONIC GEAR MOUNTED, GUNS IN PLACE, VEHICLE LOADS STOWED AND BE POSITIONED BY UNITS. EQUIPMENTS REQUIRE NEGLIGIBLE PREPARATION AT TIME OF ISSUE AND CAN THEREFORE BE ISSUED QUICKLY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING IN A BATTLEWORTHY CONDITION.

3. ON THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY SGN CONSIDERS THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR PROGRAMMING IN SLICE XVII. WHILST REGRETTING THE LATENESS SHAPE THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE PROJECT FOR THIS SLICE. A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE RECOMMENDED SLICE WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

4. IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THIS PROJECT WILL FALL INTO A NEW CATEGORY OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WHICH ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED. NEW CATEGORIES IN THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME WERE ENVISAGED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN ITS MOTION ON THE CONTINUING NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

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AND THE BASIS OF ELIGIBILITY IS ONE OF COMMON INTEREST.
5. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE
CURRENT PROGRAMME IT IS CONSIDERED THAT PROJECTS IN NEW CATEGORIES
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND ON INDIVIDUAL
MERIT. THIS PROJECT IS SUBMITTED ON THIS BASIS AND RECOMMENDED
FOR INCLUSION IN SLICE XVII. THE ESTIMATED COST IS POUNDS 3.054M.
CONSTRUCTION WOULD START IN 1967 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1968. UNQUOTE.
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