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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CINCHAN's Contingency Operation Plan (Surveillance and Maritime Presence - CHANCOP ONE)

- References: a. CHEL. 1534/6, 10 June 1968
- b. MCM 76-68, 24 September 1968
- c. MCM 88-68, 31 October 1968
- d. CHEL. 1080/17, 18 November 1969 (Limited Distr.)

1. CINCHAN has forwarded, reference d, to MODs Belgium, Netherlands and United Kingdom, three contingency plans for surveillance of ACCHAN area in times of tension and in the event of limited aggression occurring in adjacent sea areas. He has requested these MODs to study the plans and to indicate the forces they wish to allot to NATO for implementation of these plans.

2. The contingency plans were prepared in accordance with directions given to CINCHAN by reference c, on the basis of reference a, "A study of the consequences of the new strategic concept (MC 14/3) in the ACCHAN area", adopting the procedures laid down in SACLANT's Maritime Contingency Forces Concept and observing the guidance contained in the Military Committee's report thereon (reference b). Once earmarking of forces is agreed, detailed operation orders will be issued by CINCHAN.

3. The three contingency plans have been sent to NATO Headquarters for information and copies have been distributed to the MilReps of the nations directly concerned. Attached for your information is a summary of CINCHAN's Contingency Operation Plan (CHANCOP ONE).

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Summary CHANCOP ONE

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## ENCLOSURE I

### SUMMARY ON CINCHAN's CONTINGENCY OPERATION PLAN

#### (CHANCOP ONE)

1. Three plans (Alpha, Bravo and Charlie) have been prepared to reflect three differing levels of surveillance intensity in periods of tension in ACCHAN area (English Channel and southern North Sea) and in adjacent sea areas:

a. Surveillance Plan Alpha . Sweeping of the ACCHAN area with MPA from Netherlands and UK during daylight hours to detect enemy surface forces and shipping.

b. Surveillance Plan Bravo . The plan extends Plan Alpha by providing additional MPA patrols to give immediate warning of additional enemy surface forces and shipping entering the area during daylight hours.

c. Surveillance Plan Charlie. Complete surface and sub-surface surveillance of the ACCHAN area by MPA and ASW escorts from Netherlands and UK. The ASW escorts will, in addition, be available as a NATO Maritime Presence, either in a deterrent role or to shadow WP forces.

2. The plans are drawn up on the basis of forces planned for earmarking to CINCHAN by the end of 1970. The allocation of ASW escorts is based on most being in Category A, the balance being made available from Category B escorts as rapidly as possible. When any other types of maritime aircraft or new DDEs become available (i.e. Belgium's DDEs from 1972 onwards), the provision by each country will be reviewed.

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