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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Supreme Allied Command, Europe

SUBJECT: Establishment of Subordinate Allied Commands in Northern European Command

- References:
- a. MC 68/3(Draft)(Referral Note), 18 Aug 65
  - b. SHAPE 2500.1/20, 17 Mar 65
  - c. SHAPE 2500.1/20, 4 Jan 66

1. Reference a was forwarded to the MC/PS for comments or approval.

National replies from Denmark, Germany and Norway are forwarded herewith for your information and consideration.

2. As you will notice, CHOD NORWAY is not prepared at this time to agree with the proposed changes to MC 68/2.

3. At their 692nd Meeting the Standing Group decided that the proposed changes in references b and c should be resolved by you with the MODs concerned.

*[Handwritten signature]*

ERNST FERBER  
Major General  
German Army  
Director

3 ENCLOSURES

- 1. Extract from German Mil Rep ltr No. 554/65, 30 Sep 65
- 2. Ltr from Danish Chief of Defense Staff to Standing Group, 1 Oct 65
- 3. Norwegian Mil Rep ltr to Standing Group, 5 October 1965

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ENCLOSURE 1

SUBJECT: Establishment of Subordinate Allied Commands  
in Northern European Command

Reference: MC 68/3(Draft), 18 August 1965

Extract from the German Military Representative's letter  
No. 554/65, 30 September 1965:

"The German Military Authorities concur with the proposed draft revision of MC 68/2 (Final), with the following reservations:

"The inclusion of purely national commands into the NATO chain of command appears to be of dubious merit.

"COMLANDNON's assigned mission, under certain conditions to receive and employ reinforcements, will become problematic, if, for instance, the reinforcements should happen to be the AMF(L). These reservations are held in abeyance so long as employment of German AMF contingencies in Norway is not contemplated."

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ENCLOSURE 2

CHIEF OF DEFENSE

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Copenhagen

1 okt 1965

To: The Standing Group

Info: Danish Military Representative to the Military Committee  
Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe

Subject: Establishment of Subordinate Allied Commands in Northern European Command

Refs.:  
a. MC 68/3 (Draft) (Referral Note), 18 Aug 65  
b. AFNORTH letter 2200.2(PL), 22 Nov 61 (not to SGN)  
c. SACEUR letter 4030/12-4(1)8, 9 Oct 62  
d. SGM-694-62, 4 Dec 62  
e. AFNORTH O&R 2500.2, 15 Jun 64 (not to SGN)

1 1. The following Danish comments on reference a, enclosure 1,  
2 if forwarded for your consideration.

3 2. Status of COMLANDZEALAND.

4 During the negotiations which led to the establishment  
5 of Allied Command Baltic Approaches (BALTAP) SACEUR stated in his  
6 signal SH 30060/1961 that one of the four subordinate commands to  
7 COMBALTAP should be "Allied Land Forces Zeäland, with a Commander  
8 Allied Land Forces Zeäland (COMLANDZEALAND)."

9 In reference b, which is AFNORTH report to SACEUR on the  
10 conference for establishment of a Baltic Command, it was agreed that  
11 "COMBALTAP, COMNAVBALTAP, COMLANJUT and COMAIRBALTAP should be  
12 granted full allied status and full financial support from inter-  
13 national funds and COMLANDZEALAND full allied status only."

14 Further in reference c, which is SACEUR request for  
15 activation of the BALTAP Command, SACEUR lists "Allied Land Forces  
16 Zealand" as one of BALTAP subordinate commanders. Although  
17 reference d uses the abbreviation LANDZEALAND only and calls it a  
18 National Headquarters in the Allied Chain of Command, it is considered  
19 most appropriate and in the light of reference b to maintain the

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1 status of COMLANDZEALAND as "Allied" less international financial  
2 support.

3 With this status there will be no formal difficulties if,  
4 as foreseen in COMBALTAP EDP, a situation should arise in which  
5 reinforcements from allied forces in the Jutland-Schleswig-Holstein  
6 area would have to be transferred to the operational control of  
7 COMLANDZEALAND. Furthermore, COMBALTAP outline plan for the use  
8 of ACE Mobile Force (Land)(AMF(L)) on the Zealand group of islands,  
9 inclusive Bornholm, gives COMLANDZEALAND operational control of the  
10 force. This should, however, only be done if COMLANDZEALAND has  
11 Allied Status, according to the directives for the employment of  
12 AMF(L).

13 Finally CHIEF OF DEFENSE Denmark recommends; that COM-  
14 LANDZEALAND responsibility for peacetime planning should be listed  
15 in reference a, para 4, as it is the case for certain Norwegian  
16 commands, as follows: "COMLANDZEALAND has in peacetime allied  
17 responsibilities for war planning and the conduct of NATO exercises.  
18 These tasks will be directed by the Commander Allied Forces Baltic  
19 Approaches.

20 3. Missions for COMLANDJUT and COMLANDZEALAND.

21 It is considered that reference a puts too much emphasis  
22 on COMLANDZEALAND support of COMLANDJUT operations while this  
23 support is actually mutual. The actual war plans (COMBALTAP EDP)  
24 would be better reflected if the following changes were made to  
25 reference a, section II.

26 In para 3 k.(1) add: "Be prepared to support on the  
27 Zealand area."

28 Reword para 3 l.(1) to read:

29 "Mission: To repel any airborne and/or amphibious  
30 attack against the Zealand Group of islands and to defend

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1 Bornholm. Be prepared to employ reinforcements from the Jutland  
2 area or to support operations on Funen and the Jutland Peninsula."

3 4. Status of Flag Officers.

4 Reference a does not mention Flag Officer Denmark (FOD)  
5 or Flag Officer Germany (FOG). Although these naval commanders  
6 formally are one level below the land and air commanders listed,  
7 it is considered appropriate to mention them. Thus all the major  
8 headquarters exercising allied operational control in BALTAP's  
9 area, including the one exercising control of the sizable German  
10 Navy, would be listed.

11 5. Mission for COMAIRBALTAP.

12 The BALTAP southern Command boundary and the southern  
13 Air Defense boundary are defined in CINCNORTH EDP. The Air Defense  
14 boundary coincide with the German/Danish Border while the Command  
15 boundary is a further 150 km to the south.

16 This necessitates a change to reference a, section II,  
17 para 3 i.(1), last line, which should read: - missions; and pro-  
18 vide air defense of the BALTAP area North of the German/Danish  
19 border.

20 6. In reference e AFNORTH gave Provisional Definitions of  
21 Status of Headquarters. Chief of Defense Denmark will leave it  
22 to your consideration if definitions for

- 23 (a) Allied in peace and war  
24 (b) National in peacetime  
25 (c) National in peace and war, but in the Allied  
26 Chain of Command in war

27 should be included in MC 68/3.

FOR THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE

(signed) S.B.R. Helsø  
Major General, RDN  
Chief of Defense Staff

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ENCLOSURE 3

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Norwegian Military Representative

Ref: MMW 1407/65/001.05/OAaM/rb

October 5, 1965

Standing Group

Subject: Establishment of Subordinate Allied Commands  
in Northern European Command

Reference: MC 68/3 (Draft)(Referral Note), 18 August 1965

1 1. In response to reference document Chief of Defense  
2 NORWAY has given following comments:

3 a. The command organization in SOUTH- and NORTH NORWAY  
4 is at present subject to reappraisal.

5 b. CHOD NORWAY has recommended to the Ministry of  
6 Defense to inquire into the possibilities of giving, in war-  
7 time, an allied status also to the Land Commander NORTH NORWAY.  
8 MOD has as yet not followed this up pending final discussion  
9 and decision on a report related to this matter by a special  
10 royal committee.

11 c. CHOD NORWAY is at present preparing a paper professing  
12 the desirability of giving an allied status to COMMON already  
13 in peacetime.

14 d. COMMON has repeatedly stressed the nonfavorable  
15 consequences which the present command relationship would  
16 lead to, during a critical period of tension between peace  
17 and war, when the Commander of his aircomponent (COMAIRNON)  
18 is transferred in the chain of command and made directly  
19 subordinate to CINCNORTH for all air operations in war.  
20 CHOD NORWAY is sharing COMMON's concern in this respect  
21 and has approached CINCNORTH regarding this problem.

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1           e. CHOD NORWAY considers that the missions for the  
2 Allied Air forces, COMAIRNON and COMAIRSONOR, as worded in  
3 reference document, are giving too high degree of priority  
4 to the "General War" aspects.

5           2. On the basis of above comments CHOD NORWAY is unable at  
6 the time being to approve MC 68/3(Draft)(Referral Note) as  
7 regards the Norwegian commands.

(signed) R A Tamber  
Rear Admiral

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