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TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNING TEAM
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SUBJECT: 1966-End Forces Requirements; Portugal's
Tentative Breakdown

References: a. M/Memo 185-P/61, 29 March 1961 (Circulated
under IPT 197/140/INFO, 30 March 1961.
b. Portuguese MilRep ltr No. 53-P/62, 6 Feb 62

Reference b on the above subject is attached as Enclosure 1
for your information.

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- 1. Portuguese MilRep ltr No. 53-P/62
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary of The Standing Group
FROM: The Portuguese Military Representative

SUBJ: 1966-End Forces Requirements; Portugal's Tentative Breakdown

REF: M/Memo 185-P/61 dated 29 March 1961 (Circulated under IPT 197/140/INFO dated 30 March 1961)

I wish to inform you of the current developments regarding the above subject. These developments were presented by the Portuguese Representative at a meeting with the Annual Review Committee, held during the last week of November 1961;

1. Through the document in reference, the Portuguese Military Authorities concurred with the contribution of 24 M/P aircraft towards the goal of the 1966-end forces requirements. These represented an augmentation of 12 M/P aircraft (one squadron) over the goal accepted for in MC 70.

2. However, later in 1961, Portugal has been forced to fight a subversive war in ANGOIA which has been instigated and supported from abroad by alien elements. This war has forced upon Portugal a very heavy burden.

In spite of the good operational successes realized, it is impossible to foresee a date limit for the end of the conduct of operations, and also, it is impossible to know whether other national territories will become the prey of analogous events.

3. Under these circumstances, the portuguese government has been forced to switch towards Africa the priority of its defence effort, and doing so, they believe that they are contributing to the defence of the western world.

4. For the above reasons, Portugal can not accept the responsibility to organize, all by herself, the 2nd M/P Aircraft Squadron required in the tentative country breakdown for the end-66 forces requirements.

At the same time, as she has the desire to assume the share of responsibility which is her own as a member of the Alliance, she is prepared to accept the commitment to organize this 2nd Squadron, with the understanding that she will

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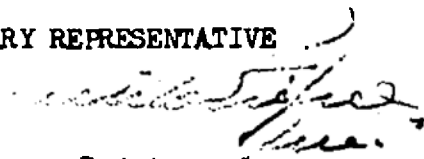
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be responsible for the payment of the expenses related to "Personnel" and "installation of the Squadron". The remaining financial responsibilities e.g. those regarding the "logistical support" (fuel and lubricants, maintenance, spare parts etc.) and "infrastructures" would be financed by common fundings.

THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE


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