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Subject is Syria and the Middle East reference
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1. As indicated in Para 3 of reference, forwarded
herewith at annex is the information furnished by Turkish
representative subsequent to council meeting 21 October.

2. The figures appearing in parentheses in Paras 3,
6, 7, and 9 of this annex, indicate the figures announced
to the council but which were not recorded in the written
statement.

Annex.

1. Information regarding the Syrian Armed Forces
is being transmitted by the relevant Turkish authorities to
SHAPE through the Turkish NMR.

2. The number of the personnel on active duty in
the Syrian Armed Forces was about 60,000. This figure, with
the new recalls, may now be 80,000.

3. Land Forces: 6 Infantry Brigades (7)*
1 Desert Brigade 4 Armoured Brigades (5) 1 Parachute Battalion
1 Commando Battalion 1 Shore Protection Battalion 12 Artillery
Battalions 6 AA Artillery Battalions

And other Logistic and non-organic Support Units.

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4. These arms and equipment are stored in the following depots:

A) Ammunition depots: 27 on the slopes along the Qutelfe-Nebek Road 1 in Kara 1 in Taife 1 in Aleppo 4 in Damascus 1 in Kuneitra.

B) POL depots: 1 in Aleppo 1 in Hama 1 in Badias 1 in Harasta 3 in Damascus 1 in Kuneitra.

C) Equipment and Arms depots: 1 in Damascus-light arms depot 1 in Harasta-gun, tank, light machine gun, vehicles and radars 1 in Katana-1 in Palmyra-heavy arms, guns 1 in Hama-equipment, probably for Air Force 2 in Damascus-for all purposes.

D) Repair shops: 1 in Damascus-heavy maintenance, tanks 2 in Damascus-heavy maintenance, vehicles 1 in Damascus-heavy maintenance, anti-aircraft artillery 1 in Damascus-heavy maintenance, guns 1 in Palmyra-heavy maintenance, guns 1 in Palmyra-heavy maintenance, tanks and vehicles.

5. Arms and equipment deliveries are made by the Soviet authorities through the Port of Latakia. The deliveries have been accompanied by large numbers of Soviet experts.

6. Turkish military experts believe that the existing land forces with Soviet military advice could be re-organized as follows: (6 Infantry Brigades) 6 Mechanized Brigades 1 Armoured Brigade 1 Tank Brigade 1 Mechanized Desert Brigade 1 Shore Protection Brigade note: These forces are in addition to the logistic and non-organic support units shown above.

7. Air Forces: The existence is known of 36 MIG 15 and 17 (60-80) and 24 Meteor VIII Aircraft (18) and about 50 training aircraft of different types. In addition it is believed that 50 jet bombers IL 28 are planned for delivery to Syria. In Syria there are 4 main jet airfields-Aleppo, Damascus, Hama and Basin El Aboud-and 3 auxiliary airfields-El Sahra, Dumeir and Resape. 2 additional jet airfields are being constructed.

8. Radar installations: 3 radar stations in Damascus 1 radar station in Silenfe 1 radar station in Latakia 1 radar station in Aleppo. 1 high-power station is being constructed in Hama.

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9. Naval forces:

A) (36 patrol boats) (10 MTB's) (6 landing craft) (2 submarines) (1 shore submarine) (9 torpedo boats).

B) The Port of Latakia is being expanded and new bases are being built in Minetul-Beida and Elu-Veida.

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