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DECISION ON M.C. 32/2

A Report by the Standing Group
on
SHAPE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Note by the Secretaries

1. At the Third Meeting of their Sixth Session on 19 February 1952, the North Atlantic Military Committee approved the recommendation in paragraph 7, page 3. The message at the Enclosure was subsequently transmitted as MCM-14-52.

2. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of M.C. 32/2.

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REPORT BY THE STANDING GROUP

to the

MILITARY COMMITTEE

on

SHAPE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- References:
- a. SHAPE/LOG/I-166/51, 29 Dec. 51
 - b. STAND 267
 - c. SHAPE/LOG/I-39/52 (SGM-280-52)
 - d. SHAPE/87/52 (SGM-281-52)
 - e. SHAPE 209 (SGM-323-52)
 - f. SACEUR's Recommendation dated 19 Feb. 52 (MCM-13-52)

THE PROBLEM

1. The problem is to complete action on military approval of the SHAPE Current Infrastructure Program.

DISCUSSION

2. The Standing Group, with the concurrence of the Military Representatives Committee, approved on 7 February 1952 in STAND 267 the SHAPE Airfields Program for 1952 (Enclosures to SHAPE/LOG/I-166/51) from the standpoint of military necessity, but recognizing that this program was subject to any change necessary to bring it into consonance with any alterations in the time phased build-up for 1952 forecast in M.C. 26/1.

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3. The Standing Group received on 1 February 1952 the SHAPE 1952-1954⁶⁶ Signals Program (SHAPE/LOG/I-39/52)

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and the SHAPE War Headquarters Program (SHAPE/87/52). Before departure from Washington, there was not time to obtain Standing Group/MRC approval on these programs.

4. SACEUR, in recognition of the fact that budgetary limits may make it impossible to finance immediately their proposed infrastructure requirements based on anticipated build-up of forces scheduled in M.C. 26/1, has subjected his recommended "Third Slice" Program to further detailed screening in light of the probable force availabilities as reflected in SCS force recommendations, in order to determine the minimum essential "hard core" projects which have the highest priority phasing and therefore the greatest urgency for immediate financing to enable initiation of construction in calendar year 1952. The results of this examination are contained in SHAPTO 209 dated 16 February 1952 (SGM-323-52). As a result of the SHAPE review, projects originally planned for construction in 1952-1953 have been rephased and deferred to subsequent years.

5. SACEUR states finally in SHAPTO 209: "In view of the pressing time element in initiating the 1952 infrastructure program in time to take maximum advantage of the best construction months, and the need for expediting airfields construction which has already been seriously delayed, it is urgently recommended that action be taken at Lisbon to approve the recommended 'Third Slice' program and the proposed airfields standards, and provide

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the necessary financial arrangements for implementing at least the 1952 'hard core' highest priority projects for which revised cost estimates are set forth herein."

The Standing Group on 17 February 1952 did approve SHAPE proposed airfields standards and criteria as amended by SHAPTO 207 of 14 February 1952.

6. The action remaining for the Military Committee to take to assist in the solving of the current infrastructure problems at the Lisbon meeting is the approval of SHAPE program as amended by SACEUR's Recommendation dated 19 February 1952 (MCM-13-52).

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that the Military Committee approve the message at Enclosure.

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ENCLOSURE

DRAFT MESSAGE

FROM: MILITARY COMMITTEE
TO: COUNCIL DEPUTIES
INFO: SACEUR
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The Military Committee approves from the standpoint of military necessity the SHAPE infrastructure programs for airfields, signal communications, and war headquarters submitted by documents SHAPE/LOG/I-166/51, SHAPE/LOG/I-39/52, and SHAPE/87/52 as amended by recommendation of SACEUR dated 19 February 1952 (MCM-13-52). Minor further amendments to these programs in accordance with any future changes in the programmed build-up of forces may be made by SHAPE in consultation with national authorities without further approval in each case.

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Enclosure

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