MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Civil Aircraft from NATO Europe in Periods of alerts and war

REFERENCES:
1. LOSTAN 2294
2. LOSTAN 2305
3. LOSTAN 2311
4. LOSTAN 2321
5. SGM-309-57

1. Introduction

By references a., b., c., and d., the Civil Aviation Planning Committee (CAPC) has requested information from Standing Group regarding the evacuation of civil aircraft from NATO Europe in periods of alert and war. An interim reply was forwarded to CAPC by reference e. Standing Group are now requested to forward a decision on this matter in time for the next plenary meeting of CAPC on 13-14 March.

2. Consultation

a. Within the Standing Group. M.T.C.
b. Outside the Standing Group. None to date.

3. Conclusions

The IPT concludes:

a. That a firm decision on this matter should be sent to the Chairman of CAPC by 1 March.
b. That before this decision can be reached, the comments of the Supreme Commanders should be invited, and that these should be in the hands of Standing Group by 17 February.

4. Recommendations

The IPT recommends:

a. That the Steering Committee approve the foregoing conclusions.
2. That the Steering Committee approves the despatch of the message at Enclosure.

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NATO SECRET msg STAND \underline{v296} from SGN.

SUBJECT: SGN decision regarding evacuation of civil aircraft from NATO Europe in periods of alerts and war

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1. SGN is desirous of forwarding a firm decision on this subject to the Chairman CAPC by 1 March. In an interim reply, SGN informed CAPC that "in view of the strategic concept, especially as to the length of the first phase, the Standing Group is now studying the problem as to whether any civil aircraft should be evacuated or all civil aviation should be grounded, except as required by the Military Commanders."

2. Originally it was hoped to discuss this problem with Supreme Commanders in the context of the overall air traffic control problem. However, in view of the time factor, you are requested to comment on the SGN interim statement, and on the specific questions posed in para 5.(3) (2) of LOSTAN 2294 which are relevant to your Command, by not later than 17 repeat 17 February.