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To: Secretaries of Delegations  
From: Executive Secretary

Exercise QUICK TRAIN 2/59

The following has been received from the Standing Group Representative:

"1. The aim of this exercise is to evaluate alert reaction time of selected forces and to train units and staffs in procedures for such reaction. It will be initiated, without warning, throughout Allied Command Europe on a day selected by SHAPE between 16th November and 15th December.

2. Participation in the exercise is left to the discretion of the major subordinate commands; SHAPE will not therefore know exactly the extent of participation until after the exercise is completed. All Allied Command Europe forces in the North, Centre and Mediterranean, as well as Strike Force South, and approximately one division each from Italy, Greece and Turkey, will however participate. The exercise will last from 4 to 6 hours only. Only minor troop movements are involved.

3. Address Group 5222 (which includes the Secretary General) will be used with reference to QUICK TRAIN but messages thus received may be disregarded by all authorities not playing in the exercise. This applies to the North Atlantic Council, the International Staff and this office, since these agencies are not playing in exercise QUICK TRAIN.

4. Public information policy for this exercise is passive and no Press announcement will be made.

"Political events scheduled to take place in Europe during December have been considered but in view of the short duration and static nature of this exercise and of the passive public information policy, the political factors are not judged to be adverse."

(Signed) COLERIDGE

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