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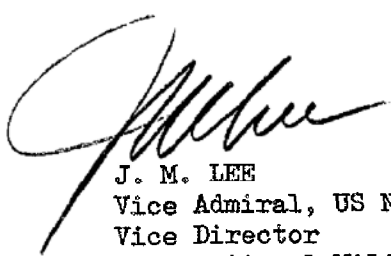
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 1969-73 Defence Planning Review - Trilateral and Multilateral Discussions

- References:
- a. IMSWM-262/5-68, 23 Oct 68, with Corr. No. 1
 - b. IMSWM-262/9-68, 20 Nov 68

1. Trilateral discussions on the Italian and German Country Plans were held on 20 and 21 November 1968, as scheduled in reference b.
2. Reports on the results of these discussions are at Enclosure. They give answers to the questions listed in Enclosure 2 to both references, and include other important points arising from the discussions.
3. Amendments will be issued to the answers to the defence planning questionnaire (DPQ/68) for the two countries to incorporate the resulting changes.



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2 ENCLOSURES: Reports on Italy and Germany

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ITALY

ARMY

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. (Question 1) The reason for the delay in upgrading the 1st Echelon Armoured Division (Div) (CENTAURO) and of reorganizing one Infantry Div. as a mechanised unit is entirely financial.

2. (Question 2) The Italian Representative pointed out that it was cheaper to give a nuclear capability to 155 mm. Howitzers than to 8" Howitzers. Also, the US Military Authorities imposed fewer limitations on the conversion of 155 mm. Howitzers. Therefore, the Italian Military Authorities have decided to limit the conversion of 8" Howitzers to 4 Batteries (Btry) instead of 1 Battalion (Bn) and 5 Btrys. as proposed, and to give a nuclear capability to four 155 mm. Bns. This will then exceed the Force Goal by 2 Bn., but will not be realised until after 1973. As a result, two 155 mm. Howitzer Bns. and four 8" Howitzer Btrys. will have a nuclear capability. Italy has suggested that the NATO Military Authorities should take this into consideration in the preparation of future Force Proposals.

3. (Question 3) a. Both M-Day and 1st Echelon armoured divisions are composed of two armoured and one mechanised regiment. Organigrams will be amended accordingly.

b. Each armoured division has one Bn. of eight 8" Howitzers. A Corrigendum will be forwarded.

4. (Question 4) The low manning level in some units is largely due to financial restrictions. If additional fiscal appropriations can be obtained, especially in view of the present situation in Europe, the improvement of manning levels will receive first priority.

IMPORTANT POINTS

5. Qualitative deficiencies remain throughout the period. The manning level of certain units falls far below the ACE force standards.

IMPROVEMENTS

6. No positive improvements have been offered.

NAVY

7. (Question 1) Active consideration is being given to earmarking more ships to NATO. It was stated that as a rule, the ships retained under national command were the oldest and least effective, while the new SSKs were being retained to allow more time for trials and operational evaluation. It was hoped to give a precise answer as to the number and types of ships which would be allocated to NATO before the Multilateral examination, on 5 December.

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8. (Question 2) An order has been placed recently for 18 Breguet Atlantique to replace the S2Fs. The date of delivery depends on the availability of these aircraft from production, but will not be earlier than 1972. Until the new aircraft are introduced the maximum number of S2Fs that can be maintained will be allocated to NATO.

9. (Question 3) A correction and clarification was given for the figures for HPS in the table of DPQ 68, (Item IIIA, Table 1). This will result in an increase from 8 to 12 shore based HPS allocated to NATO from 1971-73. A detailed corrigendum will be issued.

IMPORTANT POINTS

10. Italy is taking positive steps to improve her contribution both quantitatively and qualitatively.

IMPROVEMENTS

11. In addition to the improvements detailed in paras. 7 thru 9 above, Italy intends to convert an additional 2 FPBs to missile armed FPBGs, making a total of 4 at the end of the period. As these will all be allocated to NATO, this amounts to a significant qualitative improvement.

AIR FORCE

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

12. (Question 1) Reversion to NATO authorised strength for Reconnaissance and All Weather Fighter Squadrons is mainly a question of finance. The intention is to fill the gap with the new F-104S and the new G-91Y, but there is as yet no firm decision as to how many of these new types will be procured. The plans for the G-91Y are very tentative, and a firm answer to the question cannot be given at present.

IMPORTANT POINTS

13. There is a new plan for 1969 to increase the flying hours up to 180 hours/pilot/year. The main emphasis will be placed on the squadrons with a dual capability.

IMPROVEMENTS

14. The squadrons of G-91 and C-119 under national command are to be considered as other forces for NATO. A corrigendum of DPQ(68), Item IVA, Table 1 will be issued.

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GERMANY

GENERAL

1. The German Delegates were unable to answer questions concerning the additional defence measures announced at the Ministerial Meeting on 16 November 1968, but took note of these questions, in readiness for the Multilateral examination.

ARMY

IMPORTANT POINTS

2. No questions were asked. However, during the Trilateral Discussions the following important points have been resolved in response to the questions posed by SHAPE and the International Staff.

a. As regards the discrepancy arising from the conversion of one armoured (Armd) division (Div) to a mechanized (Mech) Div. for the period 1969-73, the German Authorities believe that the original designation of the Armd. and Infantry (Inf) Divs. in relation to the composition of their subordinated Inf. and Armd. brigades is incorrect as in the case of the 10th Armd. Inf. Div. One Battalion (Bn) shown as an Armd. Bn. of the Div. concerned has been planned as a Mech. Bn.

b. The designation of the 293rd Bn. on page 36, Item IIB, of the reply to DPQ 68, should read "Armd. Inf. Bn.".

c. The re-designation of all divisions - except for the Mountain and Airborne Divs. - has been postponed until the full activation of all remaining units has been accomplished.

3. The 20th and 28th brigades have been reflected as not fully activated in Item IIB, page 32 and 36. The question as to when these two brigades will be fully activated and subsequently assigned to NATO has not been resolved pending governmental decision.

4. Because of the envisaged merger of the Army and Territorial Defence forces into "LAND FORCES" no detailed information has been provided beyond 1969. The final structure of the army is still under review.

IMPROVEMENTS

5. No improvements have been offered.

NAVY

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

6. (Question 1) No detailed information could be given concerning the availability of the forces listed under Category B; they will be available within 30 days. The FPBs are put in this category during their docking periods, which will include the conversion of all FPBs to a new weapons system.

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7. a. (Question 2a) The SSCs at present in service have been afflicted by technological defects, which have also set back the construction of the new boats. Training time must also be allowed for. However, if the technical problems are overcome more quickly than expected consideration will be given to phasing more boats forward.

b. (Question 2b) The present HPS are obsolete and must be withdrawn from service. Their replacement is being discussed, but no prediction can be given.

IMPORTANT POINTS

8. There were no important points or improvements.

AIR FORCE

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

9. (Question 1) The reduction from 18 to 15 aircraft per squadron already takes care of the attrition rate for the coming years. After the 88 RF-4E are introduced (starting January 1971) the squadrons will revert to 18 UE.

IMPORTANT POINTS

10. The flying hours/pilot/year will be increased as soon as additional aircraft are available. The reduction is caused by a high ratio of aircraft in the industrial overhaul process and the resulting shortage of operational aircraft available. The planned flying hours are nevertheless sufficient to maintain the state of experience of the pilots.

11. An amendment to the DPQ(68) Table I reflecting the conversion of the Pershing I to Pershing Ia will be provided.

IMPROVEMENTS

12. The envisaged improvements in aircraft establishment are explained in para. 9 above.

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