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MEMORANDUM FOR: SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, EUROPE
STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Airborne Operations Center for Allied
Command Europe

Reference: USM-50-66, 1 March 1966

At Enclosure please find copy of reference for your
information.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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Major General
German Army
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL PLANNING STAFF
OF THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Airborne Operations Center for Allied
Command Europe

References: a. SHAPE Ltr 6120/20, 12 Aug 65
b. STAND 7357, 5 Nov 65
c. SHAPTO 3493, 18 Nov 65
d. SHAPTO 3532, 20 Dec 65

The following information is provided on the current status of and plans for the USCINCEUR airborne command element:

a. The current program for the airborne command element facility was approved as an Airborne Command Echelon (AAE) for USCINCEUR by the Secretary of Defense in August 1965 and provides five (5) EC-135H airborne command post configured aircraft to support a continuous airborne alert operation. This facility, manned at all times with a composite battle staff abroad, will be immediately capable of accomplishing the minimum essential general war command and control tasks.

b. At the present time, the AAE facility is equipped with three (3) of the five (5) programmed EC-135 airborne command post aircraft. The assignment of these three (3) aircraft currently provides USCINCEUR with an interim, although improved, alternate facility maintained in a ground alert readiness posture.

c. It is anticipated that a continuous airborne alert posture will be attained in late 1966 when the programmed aircraft modifications necessary to meet USCINCEUR specific mission requirements will be completed.

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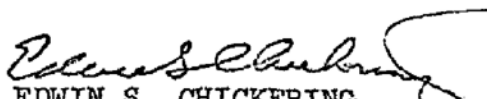
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d. Operational consideration resulting from the replacement of C-118 aircraft with EC-135H jet aircraft necessitated the relocation of the AACE facility operating base from Chateauroux Air Base, France to Mildenhall Air Base, United Kingdom in December 1965.

For the United States Representative:


EDWIN S. CHICKERING
Brigadier General, USAF
Chief of Staff

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