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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 40th Session of the MC/CS - Status Reports

Reference: IMSM-173-68, 11 Apr 68

1. Attached are:

- a. Enclosure 9 to reference for insertion at correct place.
- b. Updated Enclosure 6 to reference for replacement of current enclosure. (para 4 only has been amended)
- c. Additional Enclosure 17 to reference - Status Report on new Agenda Item 2.3b.

2. When detached from enclosures, this cover sheet may be downgraded to NATO UNCLASSIFIED.

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ENCLOSURE 9

STATUS REPORT

ON

REAPPRAISAL OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT POLICIES

(Item 2.1e¹⁰~~(6)~~)

BACKGROUND

1. The intention of SHAPE is to make a reappraisal of national plans for the logistic support of their forces assigned or earmarked to ACE to ensure that such plans can effectively support SACEUR's mission in the 1972 onward timeframe.

PRESENT STATUS

2. The new EDP is likely to be issued in late summer of 1968 and will then have to be studied at subordinate levels before SHAPE's logistic plans can be reappraised. This may be completed about the end of 1968.

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ENCLOSURE 6

STATUS REPORT

on

STUDY ON CAPABILITIES OF ACE FORCES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FORWARD STRATEGY (Item 2.1e(2))

- References: a. SHAPE/33/67, 11 Aug 67
b. MCM-37-67, 14 Nov 67
c. MCM-20-68, 28 Mar 68

BACKGROUND

1. In its Interim Report (reference b) on SHAPE Special Study - Defense Planning 1972 Onwards - Part III, (reference a), the Military Committee considered that the Study provided insufficient rationale on which to base a judgement as to the validity of the "eject" or "hold" capabilities attributed to ACE forces in Annex A, thereto, and that further study would be required. In addition, the Military Committee suggested that a number of aspects of the SHAPE view on forward defense required further study (paragraph 21b, reference b).

2. Consequently, to provide answers to the subject areas identified above, SACEUR has initiated a study on "Capabilities of ACE Forces and Implications for Forward Strategy."

3. The Military Committee Final Report (reference c), on the SHAPE Special Study referred to the SHAPE Study in paragraph 2 above and reiterated the requirement for the additional information.

STATUS

4. The preparation of the SHAPE Study on this subject is dependent on the outcome of a number of associated studies now underway. Present indications are that the target date of end September may be difficult to achieve.

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FUTURE ACTIONS

5. In the processing of SACLUR's study, it is presently planned to issue a preliminary draft Military Committee report on the study to Military Representatives by about 18 October 1968 and to have the final Military Committee report completed by the end of November and submitted to the DPC for approval at the December 1968 Ministerial Meeting. These dates will require revision if the SHAPE Study cannot be submitted by end September 1968.

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STATUS REPORTONTHE DATA OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (DATOR) BOARD

(Item 2.3b.)

BACKGROUND

1. Arising out of the recommendations of a Data Operational Requirements Working Group meeting in January 1967, the Military Committee agreed to the formation of the DATA Operational Requirements (DATOR) Board with appropriate Terms of Reference. The Board met 27-29 March 1968.

PRESENT STATUS

2. Through presentations by Nations and NATO groups, the Board was apprised of the many activities and achievements in automatic data processing throughout the Alliance.

3. Action taken by the Board was as follows:

a. Agreeing in principle to the necessity for a NATO Automatic Data Processing policy, a working group was established to finalise such a document.

b. As a first step toward establishing overall operational requirements for automatic data processing, it was agreed to recommend to the Military Committee that the MNCs be requested to make a study of the information flow within and between their commands indicating the nature, content, intensity and urgency of the information being used and transmitted.

FUTURE ACTION

4. Make recommendations as to the manner in which automatic data processing can improve the processing and distribution of information required by the NATO military structure taking into account the information flow to and from nations.