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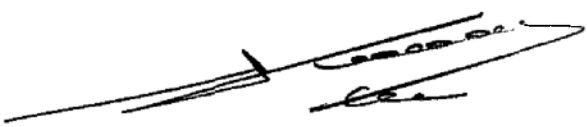
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: Contingency Studies: Inventory of Preventive Measures

The Military Committee at its meeting on 20 March 1969 approved the attached consolidation of the military measures⁽¹⁾ which was requested at the meeting of the Political Committee on 12 March⁽²⁾.

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1 ENCLOSURE
Inventory of Possible Measures

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- (1) MCM-19-69, 27 Feb 69
- (2) AC/119-A(69)23, 10 Mar 69

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INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE MEASURES

a. Arrange visits by senior national and NATO officers, ships and aircraft to NATO countries near the threatened area.

b. Convene special meetings of the NAC/DPC and Military Committee to consider further demonstrative and military preparedness measures.

c. Announce and/or execute national decisions to increase defence efforts.

d. Set up national crisis staffs.

e. Increase overt intelligence gathering (e.g. land, sea and air reconnaissance using visual, photographic and electronic means while operating on/or over international waters and NATO territory).

f. Implement, in addition to other possible measures of the State of Military Vigilance, certain visible measures, such as:

(1) Man war headquarters and communications centres with skeleton staffs (VAA, VCA).

(2) Conduct readiness exercises (tests of units' states of readiness) (VOL).

(3) Increase readiness of earmarked forces and their logistic support forces (VOD).

(4) Control leave (VOQ).

g. Cancel Warsaw Pact visits to NATO ports.

h. Announce and/or conduct special manoeuvres and/or field exercises such as:

(1) Routine, scheduled training exercises which might be adjusted in scope and timing.

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(2) Special pre-planned short notice "exercises" which increase military readiness.

i. Request national authorities to move elements of their naval forces towards the threatened areas and/or authorise the movement and demonstration by Allied naval forces, as appropriate.

j. Alert and/or prepare for deployment of Immediate Reaction Forces in accordance with agreed concepts and policies. At this time these are:

(1) ACE Mobile Force.

(2) STANAVFORLANT.

(3) "On-Call" Allied Naval Force, Mediterranean.

k. Announce that relevant contingency plans, which include the transfer of operational command of certain units to Major NATO Commanders, are being reviewed and up-dated for possible early implementation.

l. Authorise as appropriate, port calls to the threatened country when requested by that country.

m. Authorise as appropriate, at the request of the country concerned, liaison between its military staffs and the Major NATO Commanders.

n. Deploy Immediate Reaction Forces to NATO areas bordering the threatened area in accordance with appropriate contingency plans (possibly under the guise of exercises).

o. Announce the intention to bring or in fact bring certain units (combat, logistic and reserve) up to full strength by implementing appropriate mobilisation and force expansion plans.

p. Alert and/or prepare for deployment of Reinforcement Forces in accordance with agreed concepts and policies. Some of these might be:

(1) US Rapid Reaction Force.

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- (2) Maritime Contingency Force Atlantic designated for support of ACE.
 - (3) UK Mobile Force.
 - (4) UK and US Amphibious Forces.
 - (5) Forces of other nations to be specified in contingency plans.
- q. Alert and/or prepare for deployment of dual-based US and UK forces.
- r. Transfer operational command of certain forces to the Major NATO Commanders.
- s. Make full use of the inherent flexibility of the existing NATO Alert System in the light of the circumstances prevailing at the time.
- t. Defer the release of conscripts.
- u. Restrict the activities of Warsaw Pact attachés.
- v. Withdraw merchant ships of NATO nations from Warsaw Pact nation charters.
- w. Close certain ports and airports to Warsaw Pact nations' ships and aircraft.
- x. Deploy Reinforcement Forces and their logistic support forces in accordance with appropriate contingency plans (possibly under the guise of exercises).
- y. Move and exercise major combat and logistic support units near their Emergency Defence Plan positions.
- z. Implement, as appropriate, measures at the higher end of the spectrum of the NATO Alert System.

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