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At General Norstad's request there is transmitted below for your information a message he has just sent to the Chairman, JCS, as well as to the UK and French Chiefs of Staff, on the subject of tripartite demonstrations of determination re Berlin:

measures that might be taken within the competence of the Tripartite Powers, tending to convince the USSR of the seriousness and determination of the Western Allies regarding Berlin. As a general observation, it seems imperative that the present Allied posture of strength and readiness in Europe be noticeably enhanced. I believe this condition is essential to the success of any additional courses of action.

"2. A committee composed of French, British and US flag
officers has assembled a list of actions that could be taken
by the Tripartite Powers to help persuade the USSR of our
determination. (Attached Annex). These actions are intended to

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meet the following criteria: (1) Enhance actual strength and readiness; (2) Be realistic; (3) Be significant; (4) Be sustainable over a period of time; (5) Be within Tripartite capabilities to execute, or to cause to be executed.

"3. When such actions should be executed, and in what combinations, are questions that depend for their answer on circumstances that may exist at any given time. It is clear, however, that maximum effect can be achieved only by shrewdly combining and carefully coordinating related groups of these action, and executing such groups at a properly chosen time. The effectiveness of any of these steps or groups of actions may be sahanced by the creation of an appropriate NATO context or atmosphere.

"4. Some of the suggested actions would entail public alarm and would increase The risk of war; some would not. It is believed that these characteristics become self-evident on examination of the various actions. Moreover, you will wish to consider whether it is possible to enhance the effectiveness of such military measures by domestic actions indicating the readiness of the mations to accept the risks of war.

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" ANNEX

- " 1. US Second Fleet to proceed to war stations, exercising from UK ports and in Norwegian Sea.
- 2. SSK Patrols in Iceland-Faerces' gap to be intensified.
- 3. Sixth Fleet to conduct carrier operations in Central and
 Eastern Mediterranean.
- 4. Active patrolling by Italian light forces in Straits of Otranto to maintain surveillance of Albanian ports, with particular attention to submarine activities.
- 5. Turkish forces with US and UK culmarines to conduct exercises in Black Sea and along Turkish coast within terms of Montreux Convention.
- 6. Exercise 'Freshwater' to proceed as planned, possibly increasing air porticipation to THEES maximum air reconnaissance effort.
- 7. Exercise anti-submarine benefiers at Struits of Gibraltar and in the Turkish Streits, with visible patrolling.
- 8. Control radio traffic over whole area to suggest increased alart.
- 9. Augment US Fleet Marine Porce a Mediterranean.

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- 10. Call attention to plans for evacuation of non-eccabattants by partial exercises.
- 11. Tighten control of frontiers, ports and airports.
- 12. Partial or complete evacuation of hospital patients to the rear.
- 13. Take further action to pre-stock airfields.
- 14. Bring units up to strength in men andequipment and assume an alert status, including mensures necessary to protect against surprise attack.
- 15. Exercise demolition and mining plans.
- 16. Resolve, at least temperarily, special veapons storage problems affecting readiness.
- Arrange for temporary storage of weepons in additional delivery units.
- 18. Cancel routine out-of-area exercises, and increase in-place exercises.
- 19. Cancel or reduce leaves, courses, etc.
- 20. Rebabilitate French # units in Germany.
- 21. Improve state of readiness of BAGR and RAF/Germany to include movement of combat service support units, and

Strategic Reserve from UK to Continent.

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- 82. Review plano for sobilization of industry.
- 23. Produce and stockpills appropriate ways and issue on a limited scale.
- 24. Deploy Northern Task Force wholly or partially to BACR area.
- 25. Deploy tripartite force to DETAINTADE area.
- 26. Deploy to ACE compensatory replacements for the Tripartite Force, by tactical airlast in the case of the US.
- 27. Increase Civil Defense Readiness.
- 28. Improve mobilization preparadness and initiate mobilization for certain categories.
- 29. Arrange to implement plans for protestion of vulnerable points against sabotage.
- 30. Review preparations for rationing.
- 31. Increase border patrol activity and surveillance.
- 32. Increase 'Information' programmes in units.
- 33. Assemble key Tripartite commanders at Faris for readiness conference.
- 34. Intensify atomic training of Tripartite forces.
- 35. Rotate two squadrons of US F-104s (with Sidewinders) to Central Europe.
- 36. Rotate F-100 force of 3 squadrons to Central Europe.
- 37. Deploy C-130 aquadron to Central Europe.

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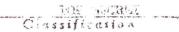
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- 38. Similar and simultaneous anyement and reinforcement of British and French Air Forces in coordination with 35-37 above.
- 39. Establish Air Courier Service between Paris and major
 Tripartite headquarters in Europe and UK.
- 40. Execute squadron dispersal.
- 41. Expedite HAM runway work.
- 42. Review plans for mobilization of Observer Corps.
- 13. Intensify and coordinate reconneissance activity (electronic and visual).
- Wh. Auguent and very pattern of detertable communications activity.
- 45. Reinforce ADIZ measures and extend them to the Austrian border."

 Department informed of transmission this message to Geneva
 and other addressees.

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