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References: A. NAC Document, C-M(60) 24, 9 Mar 60,
 subject: "Logistics in Peace and War" (Memo by FRG).

B. USRO msg POLTO 1853, 18 Mar 60, sub-
 ject: "USRO Comments on German Paper - Logistics in Peace
 and in War".

1. References were forwarded to SECDEF by USRO for
 info and action respectively.

2. Reference B was sent to HQ USEUCOM and requested
 comments from a military viewpoint.

3. In accordance with request contained in reference B,
 reference A has been reviewed in light of developments of

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logistic study groups established by SACEUR.

4. While the proposals appear to have merit and some acceptable concepts which would improve the logistic posture in Central Europe, certain recommendations contravene established principles for national responsibility for logistic support of committed forces. In view of the complexity and significance of the proposals, considerable time will be required to study objectively the entire subject, since the implications of each of the proposals are far-reaching and not necessarily interconnected. In the main, reference A, tends to identify possible areas within overall integration rather than provide a definitive analysis upon which objective decisions could be made at this time.

5. FRG requirements for logistical areas and training facilities are valid and immediate. These problems should be solved by realistic and positive assistance of NATO allies rather than through adoption of logistical integration concepts. Although the integration of logistics is academically sound, implementation is long-range and does not satisfy current FRG requirements.

6. With respect to paragraph 37 of reference A, following comments are offered without restrictions entailed by consideration of presently effective policy guidance.

a. Establishment of logistical center.

(1) If common supply system is established, logistical centers are not required at regional level as normal logistics staffs of those headquarters

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would satisfy this requirement.

(2) If there is not a common supply system, resolution of competing requirements for US assets from SACEUR's regional commands can only be determined at USEUCOM and thus US participation in a joint logistical center as proposed is precluded. Propose US logistic liaison officers without decision authority in lieu thereof.

(3) If common supply system not in effect, concur with establishment at Army Group/ATAF level where logistical decisions must of operational necessity be made without the delay inherent in system relying on consultation with National command.

b. Common stockage, spare parts, reserves and repair parts for advanced weapons. Concur with comments of USRO in Part II, paragraph 2, reference B, provided that military, financial and political considerations, in total, are favorable to the best interests of the US.

c. Integration of logistics in field of telecommunications and electronics. Concur, since compatibility in these areas transcends National interests and boundaries for military reasons.

d. Integrated depot and emergency port infrastructure. Concur with respect to emergency port infrastructure. Concur as to integrated depot infrastructure provided common supply concept is further implemented and provided that the formula for common funding takes into consideration the US expenditures for existing US logistical facilities.

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e. Drawing up long-term plans by NATO. Consider that US presently is supporting long-range plans by participation in implementation of MC 70 and should encourage and support further projection of this document. Concur with development of specific types of equipment by individual countries. Agree that standardization of weapons and equipment is militarily sound when examined without consideration of the economic-political factors involved and US world-wide commitments.

f. Joint requirements and data computation systems and a common mechanical reporting system. Considered a worthwhile objective; however, implementation is dependent upon adoption of common supply terminology and further standardization of supplies and equipment.

g. Joint physical security regulations. Concur with the need within NATO.

h. Coordinated use of all training facilities. Concur that there is a requirement for expanded training facilities for FRG forces which indicates the need for a realistic appraisal and positive action by the NATO alliance.

7. The implications of the proposals are far-reaching. Acceptance of proposals would involve changes in US as well as NATO logistic philosophy, revision of basic documents such as MC 36/1, probable changes in legislation, and a major expansion in NATO common funding. This headquarters agrees in principle to integration for the common good. Until a greater degree of

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standardization in military equipment has been achieved and stockage deficiencies have been overcome, it is premature to integrate National logistic systems.

8. It is emphasized that these comments represent preliminary views of HQ USEUCOM and are not limited by current policy guidance.

9. This is a USEUCOM-US Element SHAPE coordinated message.

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