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For Director Joint Staff and info J-3. This is the 34th Weekly
Activity Report. This msg in 1 part.

PART I. JSTPS Activity:

(A) The 30th Policy Committee meeting was held on 25
April. Minutes of this meeting will be forwarded when available.
The NSTL Division gave a presentation on assurance of delivery in
regard to amendment number 1. It was pointed out that contributing
reasons for the amendment were force changes (SAC and SACEUR),
intelligence changes (updating and January conference), and concept
of employment (SAC 50 per cent alert). Guidelines for determining
assurance of delivery of the LHE SIOP-62 original plan were reviewed
and examined for possible changes in preparing amendment number 1.
In amendment number 1 it was shown that there will be less than one
percent change in the total number of DGZ's. The SIOP-62 original
plan was based on about 3200 weapons. This figure in amendment number
1 will be approximately 3240 weapons. Consequently, the NSTL sees no
appreciable change in the ration of weapons to DGZ's. There is
essentially no change caused by recategorization or shift in relative
worth. In the ALPHA list, while the points are different, the point
spread is comparable. In handling the changes caused by the increased
ground alert force, the NSTL proposes to follow the same procedure as
in the original plan. They will cover the whole spectrum, with emphasis
on the top DGZ's, and optimize for weight versus worth. It is estimated
that amendment number 1 for the alert force application will have an
average overall assurance of 80 percent for 684 objective DGZ's plus
41 defenses for 725 total alert force DGZ's. The recommendation of
the NSTL was:

(1) Approve proposed assurance for the alert force.

(2) Recognize the proposal as being within current guide-

The policy committee agreed with the recommendation with the exception

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that the CINCLANT representative maintained for the record the position he had taken in the original laydown of the plan, that 97 percent assurance is too high and that 90 percent should be the maximum figure. This is not registered as a formal dissent. The CINCPAC representative did not object. But stated that he could not indicate complete concurrence until he could check with CINCPAC, who had evidenced considerable interest in assurance figures. For the purpose of proceedings with the work on the amendment, the recommendation can be considered approved. A second presentation concerned the optimum-mix DGZ list and how it is served. It was pointed out that it consists of an ALPHA list, a separate BRAVO list, the identification of co-located installations as either ALPHA or BRAVO, and the manual merging of the two lists to form the single DGZ list. After the list was manually merged, the CINC representatives coordination was sought, and the list shapes up as follows:

(1) For the alert forces 684 ALPHA and BRAVO merged, 20 ALPHA defenses, 21 pure defenses, for a total of 725 DGZ's using 1706 weapons.

(2) For the total force 953 ALPHA and BRAVO mixed, 82 other BRAVO DGZ's, and 25 pure defenses, for a total of 1060 DGZ's. (1035 without defenses).

(B) A volume of minor changes has made it more efficient to revise certain documents at the present time than to make extensive pen and ink changes. A decision has been reached to revise appendix I to Annex C by the week of 8 May, but th make no changes to or revise appendix II to that annex at this time. Appendix II is useful only in planning and analysis, ACD amendment number 1 will result in a completely new set of documents not later than 1 July.

(C) On 27 April the DSTF signed and sent to the JCS his proposed JTD, which is his 9 January submission revised to incorporate guidance received from the JCS on 22 March.

NOTE : Advance copy delivered to JCS

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