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SUBJ: EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 83 PARTICIPATION (U)

REFS A: COMAAFCE MSG 031546Z DEC 82 (NC), SAME SUBJ.
B: HQ SAC/DDO MSG 031502Z DEC 82 (C), SAME SUBJ.

1. (U) REF A REQUESTED EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT EXERCISE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS DIRECTED (AMONG OTHER AREAS) U.S. NATIONAL RESOURCES. REF B REQUESTED 7AD REASSESS SAC PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE ABLE ARCHER EXERCISES AND PROVIDE STATUS OF ACTION TAKEN.

2. (A) BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH AAFCE PROJECT OFFICERS, AN APPARENT SHIFT IN EXERCISE OBJECTIVE WILL TAKE PLACE IN FUTURE ABLE ARCHER EXERCISES SUCH THAT MORE CONVENTIONAL PLAY WILL BE STRESSED WITH QUOTE LOW SPECTRUM UNQUOTE NUCLEAR PLAY EXERCISED AS CONVENTIONAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE. WE, THEREFORE, SUGGEST THE FORMAL HQ SAC RESPONSE TO COMAAFCE INCLUDE THE OFFER OF A SAC RESPONSE CELL AT ERWIN FOR AA 83, NUMBERS AND SPECIALTIES TO BE DETERMINED (AND SOURCED) BY 7AD. BASED ON RESULTS OF THAT EXERCISE A DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE AS TO FUTURE SAC PARTICIPATION.

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SUBJ: SAC PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER (UP)

REFS A: COMAAFCF MSG (NC) 031546Z DEC 82, SUBJ: ABLE ARCHER B3 - PARTICIPATION (NOTAL)

B: HQ SAC MSG (C) 131502Z DEC 82, SUBJ: SAME AS REF A (NOTAL)

C: 7AD MSG (S) 231530Z DEC 82, SUBJ: EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER B3 PARTICIPATION (NOTAL)

D: HQ SAC MSG (C) 061492Z JAN 83, SUBJ: EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER

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E: TELECON SHAPE W/7AD, 20 JAN 83, SAME SUBJ. {U}

1. {☑} REF A IDENTIFIED SHORTCOMINGS IN EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 82, ONE OF WHICH WAS INSUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO PLAY CERTAIN US NATIONAL RESOURCES. IT ASKED THAT ADDRESSEES RECONSIDER EXTEND OF ABLE ARCHER 83 PARTICIPATION WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING TRAINING AND IN VIEW OF SHAPE'S INTENT TO CHANGE THE CONCEPT OF FUTURE ABLE ARCHERS TO THAT OF A QUOTE NEW LOW SPECTRUM CONCEPT UNQUOTE. IT ASKED THAT, AS A MINIMUM, INFORMED AND AUTHORITATIVE NATIONAL RESPONSE CELLS BE PROVIDED.

2. {☑} REF B TASKED 7AD TO REASSESS 1983 PARTICIPATION BASED ON REF A. REF C PROPOSED THAT HQ SAC, IN THE FORMAL RESPONSE TO REF A, OFFER A RESPONSE CELL OF 7AD MEMBERS FOR ABLE ARCHER 83 AT ERWIN, SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FUTURE ABLE ARCHER PARTICIPATION. ERWIN WAS SUGGESTED DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO 7AD. REF D INCLUDED THAT RECOMMENDATION IN THE FORMAL RESPONSE TO COMAAFCE. REF E SURFACED AN APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING BY PARTICIPANTS TO AN ABLE ARCHER 83 PLANNING CONFERENCE THIS WEEK AND ASKED THAT WE {SAC} CLARIFY OUR POSITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THAT EXERCISE.

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3. WE PROPOSE THE RESPONSE CELL AT ERWIN CONSIST OF 2 OR 3 OBSERVERS WITH WINTEX 83 EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN B-52 AND KC-135 CONVENTIONAL EMPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES AND TASKING PROCEDURES. ACTUAL FRAGGING OF SAC ASSETS BY THAT CELL WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. THAT DOES NOT PRECLUDE ABLE ARCHER 83 PARTICIPANTS FROM SIMULATING B-52/KC-135 EMPLOYMENT IAW SACEUR OPLAN FANCY GIRL (AS WE UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST) RECOGNIZING THAT A PRIMARY AIM OF THE EXERCISE, IS TO TEST PROCEDURES. THE SAC OBSERVERS DURING ABLE ARCHER 83 WILL ASSESS THE MUTUAL BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM FUTURE SAC PARTICIPATION AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ABLE ARCHER 83 POST EXERCISE REPORT.

4. {U} FURTHER QUESTIONS MAY BE REFERRED TO LT COL KINDER, RAMSTEIN EXT 6677/7113.

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SUBJ: SAC PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER B-52 [U]

AND KC-135 PLANS DURING AA 83 [U]

REGRET LATE RESPONSE TO YOUR MSG 110930Z FEB 83, SAME SUBJECT.

BASED ON A REASSESSMENT OF SAC COMMITMENTS DURING THE ABLE ARCHER TIME FRAME (CRISEX 83), OUR EXPECTED HIGH LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE CRESTED EAGLE/DENSE CROP BY THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING ABLE ARCHER, AND OUR UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE EXTENT OF CONVENTIONAL PLAY IN ABLE ARCHER 83, WE PROPOSE THAT TWO OBSERVERS DEPLOY TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR THE EXERCISE. THESE OBSERVERS WILL BE KNOWABLE IN BOTH B-52 AND KC-135 EMPLOYMENT PLANS AND PROCEDURES AND WILL ASSESS LEVEL OF FUTURE SAC PARTICIPATION BASED ON EXERCISE RESULTS.

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DEPENDING ON THE SCENARIO, ANOTHER OPTION (REQUIRING CONUS AUGMENTATION) WOULD BE TO DEPLOY SIX ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, TWO TO EACH MSC, TO OBSERVE THE EXERCISE IN EACH REGION AS WELL AS FROM SHAPE. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS. 7AD POÇ IS LTC KINDER, RAMSTEIN EXT 6677/7113.

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(U) THIS IS MSG IS QUOTED FROM 7AD MESSAGE TO BAF AND IN SAC QUOTE.

REF: SHAPE MSG (NC) 021632Z JUN 83, SAME SUBJ.

1. (U) 7AD SUPPORTS SHAPES VIEW EXPRESSED IN REF MSG FOR BAF AND TANKER OBSERVERS TO AUGMENT TO SHAPE, MSC, 2/4 ATAF, AND KC RAOC STAFFS FOR SUBJECT EXERCISE (14 PERSONNEL). REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE, UNDERSTANDING THAT DUE TO CRISEX PARTICIPATION, THE HQTRS PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO BOMBER PERSONNEL AND THE TANKER REPRESENTATIVE. MORE WINTEX-83 EXPERIENCED TANKER PERSONNEL MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM OUR UNITS.

2. (U) AS COMAASCE IS AWAITING FIRM LEVEL OF OUR PARTICIPATION FOR THEIR OPORD, AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. 7AD POEs ARE LTC MAXWELL/MAJ ERBACHER, Ext 6311, SECURE 6309. DECLARATION.

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SUBJ: EXERCISE ABLE ARCHER 83 AUGMENTEE REQUIREMENTS (U)

REF A. 7AD/DO MSG 07124DZ JUN 83 {C} {NOTAL}.
B. HQ SAC/DO MSG 01154Z JUL 83 {C} {NOTAL}.
C. COMFIVEATAF MSG 19070Z JUL 83 {NC} {NOTAL}.

1. (C) REF A WAS A REQUEST TO HQ SAC FOR 14 SAC PERSONNEL TO ACT AS OBSERVERS DURING ABLE ARCHER 83. THIS PLACED TWO INDIVIDUALS EACH AT SEVEN LOCATIONS; INCLUDING FIVE ATAF. REF B IS THE ANSWER TO SHAPE TO THAT REQUEST AND IS QUOTED IN PART. QUOTE.

APPRECIATE THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ABLE ARCHER 83; HOWEVER BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL AT THE LEVEL SUGGESTED BY 7AD. SAC WILL SEND A TOTAL OF NINE

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OFFICERS EQUALS ONE BOMBER AND ONE TANKER PLANNER AT FOUR LOCATIONS (SHAPE, AFNORTH, AFCENT, ERWIN) AND AF SOUTH AND ONE TANKER PLANNER AT UK RAOC. UNQUOTE.

2. WE REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCATION DURING ABLE ARCHER 83. OUR PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO OBSERVERS AT MSC LEVEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE NEED FOR FUTURE SAC PARTICIPATION IN ABLE ARCHER. SHOULD SAC DECIDE TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE ITS PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE ABLE ARCHER EXERCISES, WE WILL GLADLY WELCOME YOUR INVITATION TO LOCATE AT FIVE A/TAF. DECLAS ON: OADR.