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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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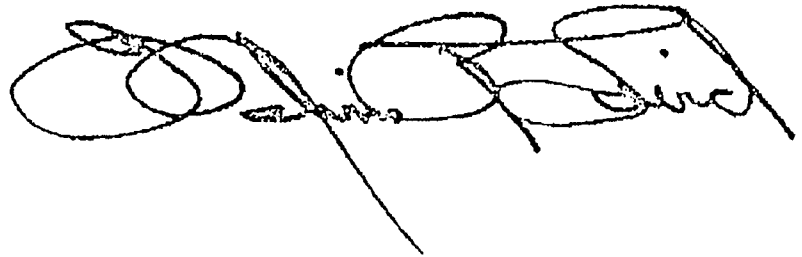
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Additional Actions for US Military Readiness
Tests - Worldwide

1. ~~(TS)~~ As a follow-on to actions currently underway to comply with the desires of higher authorities to test our military readiness, attached at Tabs are proposed actions which will continue the operation through 30 October 1969.
2. ~~(TS)~~ The proposed actions incorporate recommendations received from the CINCs and remain in the parameters directed (discernible to the Soviets but not threatening).
3. ~~(TS)~~ With your concurrence we are prepared to start implementing actions phased over the next 15 days. These actions will be initiated so as to reflect an increase in intensity of signals received by the Soviets.
4. ~~(TS)~~ These proposed actions will be subject to continue review for budgetary implications, cumulative impact and relation to detected reactions.
5. ~~(TS)~~ Detailed timing and coordination of the several actions delineated in this paper are being developed and will be forwarded.

EARLE G. WHEELER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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1. On 27 October, implement SEAGA in the SHOW OF FORCE option for the Eielson Orbit-East only, with nuclear weapons. This orbit provides for six B-52s and does not require Canadian overflight.

2. To prevent the loss of critical items of combat crew training, authorized to perform selective flying training during the period 17 through 23 October. Flights to be held to the minimum commensurate with critical requirements. Resume stand down on 24 October.



3. Place maximum feasible number of additional aircraft in the highest state of maintenance readiness to include loading of weapons.

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1. Enhance SIOP Naval Forces at Sea
 - a. Maximum Feasible SSBNs at Sea
 - b. Operate TF 71 in Sea of Japan
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3. 
4. Increase Readiness of Tac Air/Air Defense Aircraft and Missiles.
5. Increase Surveillance of Soviet Shipping enroute to NVN and in CINCAL area.
6. Increase US Local Security and Anti-sabotage Measures in ROK and Japan.
7. Increase PACOM Intelligence Watch.
8. Selective Augmentation of Primary Command Centers and Selective Activation of Alternate Command Centers.
9. Conduct Exercise FOCUS LENS 22 Oct-1 Nov. as Now Planned
10. Authorize Flying Training to Meet Critical Requirement 17-23 October.

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USCINCEUR

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1. Occupy border observation posts.
2. Selectively increase border surveillance.
3. Increased readiness tests within caserns and bases.
4. Temporary Restricted Area (TRA) along West German border.
5. Increase surveillance of Soviet Military Liaison Mission.
6. Increase intelligence gathering along West German border.
7. Stand-down communications radiating for test or training only.
8. USCINCEUR will be authorized to perform selective flying training during the period 17 through 23 October 1969. Flights will be held to the minimum commensurate with critical requirements.

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1. Within budgetary restrictions:
 - a. Sail NEWPORT NEWS from Brest, France, on 17 October as now scheduled. Proceed to rendezvous with YORKTOWN hunter killer group.
 - b. Cancel YORKTOWN hunter killer group port visits; conduct emergency sortie on 17 October to rendezvous with NEWPORT NEWS. Standdown all flight operations; maintain maximum deck alert.
 - c. Direct USS FORRESTAL and USS F. D. ROOSEVELT to set EMCON and make high speed 400-500 mile transit towards southeast; transmit several messages; then reset EMCON. Time at your discretion. Standdown flight operations on 24 October. Maintain maximum deck alert.
2. Execute emergency back load and sortie as soon as possible of CARIB Amphibious Squadron.
3. Standdown all VP aircraft flight operations at Argentia, Land, and Azores.
4. Authorization to perform selective flight training during period 17-23 October. Flights will be held to minimum commensurate with critical requirements.

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1. Continue increased alert (100% on one hour or less) majority of forces until further directed.
2. Deploy ADC COLLEGE TAP interceptors to Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo, and Stewart AFB, New York for four days.
3. Increase the Air Defense Interceptor deployment to the two Western Alaska bases.
4. CINC is authorized to perform selective flight training during the period 17-23 October, but hold to minimum commensurate with critical requirements.

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1. USCINCSO will place in effect security measures at military installations and facilities within the Canal Zone, and will enforce minimal communications to CONUS and to the Latin American MilGroups.

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CINCAL

1. Increase the air defense interceptor deployment to the two Western Alaskan bases.
2. After deployment, maintain maximum ground alert of air defense forces at all bases.
3. Increased alert posture should be supported by appropriate Communications Security.
4. CINC is authorized to perform selective flight training during the period 17-23 October, but hold to minimum commensurate with critical requirements.

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CINCSTRIKE

1. Authorization to perform selective flight training during period 17-23 Oct. Flights will be held to minimum commensurate with critical requirements.
2. Return selected units to home stations. (Brigade of 32d Abn at Eglin AFB, Special Forces units engaged in training in West Virginia and Puerto Rico.)
3. MIDEASTFOR will accomplish following within budgeting restrictions.
 - a. USS VALCOUR with COMIDEASTFOR aboard will make rapid unscheduled departure from Port Bahrain and steam in Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.
 - b. Cancel COMIDEASTFOR scheduled visits to Pakistan and Afghanistan due to quote operational requirements unquote.
 - c. Have USS RICH depart Djibouti early due to quote operational requirements unquote, and steam in Gulf of Aden.
 - d. Have USS FURSE visit Mombasa briefly for refueling on 16 Oct and then depart immediately due to quote operational requirements unquote. Upon departure Mombasa, have USS FURSE join the USS RICH in Gulf of Aden.
 - e. Superimpose on all operations a degree of in port security, readiness, and EMCON not normal in routine visits.
 - f. Remain in port for minimum time during refueling visits.

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