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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SYG Luns' Remarks on the US Reply to the **1975** NATO SUBJECT: Defense Planning Review Questionnaire (DPQ-75) -**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

(U) We have double-checked the US reply to DPQ-75 and do not consider that it is seriously incomplete as suggested by SYG Luns. Neither has USNATO heard of any reactions from NATO authorities to that effect. It may be, however, that Luns was alluding to the DPQ Air Force deployment tables, which expand the commitment of our Air Force into actual overseas basing locations.

-(C) The President approved changes in the original DPQ on 1 December **1975** which restored the two carriers in the Mediterranean and avoided the proposed drawdown of nuclear capable aircraft in Europe and the NATO Guidelines Area. The document was then re-tailored and released NATO recipients of the DPQ were informed at to NATO on 4 December. that time that the Air Force deployment tables would be provided at a later date. The Air Force immediately began to completely rework the overseas basing plan to bring it into line with the Presidential changes. This is a time consuming process, involving the major Air Force commands, which was not completed until this week. The plan has now been finished. released to NATO. and will be available for the examining sessions in Brussels next week.

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