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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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In reply refer to:
I-12987/75

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Wehrkunde Conference -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

In his letter to you of December 5, 1975, Senator Tower asked that you consider attending the Wehrkunde Conference in Munich, February 21 and 22, 1976, to deliver the American paper, which would deal with American ideas about the development of the Alliance. (Tab B).

I know that your schedule will be particularly heavy during this period. Therefore, unless you particularly wish to take part in the conference (which could be combined with a quick trip to EUCOM Headquarters at Stuttgart at the cost of one more day), I suggest that you express your regret at not being able to accept the invitation because of your schedule. In this event, it would appear appropriate to offer the services of a senior defense official to present a US paper.

As a matter of background, Secretary of the Army Calloway spoke for the United States at Wehrkunde in 1975, Secretary of the Air Force McLucas in 1974, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) Friedheim in 1973, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA Europe and NATO Affairs) Morse in 1971. I recommend signature of the attached response to Senator Tower. (Tab A).

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COORDINATION:

ASD(LA) concurs, *[Signature]*
ASD(PA) concurs, *[Signature]*
Secretary of the Navy concurs, *[Signature]*



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