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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Senator Nunn wrote asking a number of questions concerning the deployment of active and reserve units to Europe in the event of a NATO contingency. We have been considering his questions in the context of the mobilization and deployment study which the SASC requested in its report on the FY 1976 Defense Authorization. We spoke with Senator Nunn and he is content to have his questions answered in the context of that study.

A proposed letter to this effect to the Senator is attached for your signature.

William K. Brehm

Attachment

William K. Brehm

ASD(ISA) concurs. See Tab.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Honorable Sam Nunn
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your letter of February 25, 1976, concerning the deployment of active and reserve forces to Europe in time of crisis. The questions you asked are important, and are among the considerations in the mobilization and deployment study we have undertaken at the request of the Senate Armed Services Committee. If agreeable to you, we will answer the questions in the context of that study, which will be sent to the Committee the first week in April.

Sincerely,



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

February 25, 1976

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

During hearings before the Manpower and Personnel Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, defense witnesses have described a significant change in the plans for deploying forces to NATO in the event of an emergency. These revised plans reflect a shortening of deployment time and an increase in both active and reserve manpower to be sent to Europe in the first 90 days of a contingency. I generally agree that we must be able to move our forces to Europe rapidly in the event of a Warsaw Pact attack.

I would appreciate your analysis of the following questions:

(a) What types of active and reserve units in each Service and component would be deployed for each 10-day intervals for the first 90 days.

(b) How many active, reserve and filler personnel would be deployed from each active and reserve component for the same time periods.

(c) How does the readiness of active and reserve units today compare with this deployment plan.

(d) What types of active reserve and civilian airlift and sealift would be used for each time period and how does the airlift and sealift capacity compare with the demands for movement.

Please relate the analysis of these deployment plans to the charts of the planned buildup in Europe already presented to the Subcommittee.

I would appreciate receiving this analysis by March 15.

Sincerely,

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Sam Nunn

