

NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL



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PM

Subject: Plan of Action SACEUR

Sir,

Further to my deputy's letter of September 16th, I have the honour to submit the following supplementary information on the Netherlands contribution to SACEUR's plan of action.

In document 167/61 SACEUR has recommended an increase of the Netherlands assigned landforces with a sixth brigade. Measures are now in preparation concerning the mobilisable Regimental Combatteam which recently underwent a refresher training. These measures will permit to call up this RCT even before simple alert.

Similar measures are prepared in order to increase in the same way the operational strength of 1 (NL) corps with three tank companies, the necessary logistic units and specialist personnel.

As a result of these measures the total strength will increase with 6500 men.

In order to increase the operational preparedness of the covering forces of 1 (NL) corps, the reinforced light brigade has been stationed at Hohne on the territory of the German Federal Republic as from the 18th October, 1961. In case

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of alert this brigade is ready to take up its wartime mission immediately.

As a compensation for the exercises originally planned at La Courtine in France the brigades of one division are now holding exercises at Hohne in Germany for a period of four weeks. Measures are in preparation in order to enable military exercises being held also on privately owned areas in the Netherlands.

The training level of atomic delivery units has been raised to a very high level, amongst others by on-the-job training with 7th U.S.Army. The delivery of ammunition and radiological measuring equipment has been accelerated. Negotiations with MAAG with a view to obtain other urgently required equipment and stocks are in progress.

The replacement of obsolescent light tanks, communication equipment and small arms is proceeding. The greater part of the equipment for the mechanisation and motorization of the two M-Day divisions has been ordered. Delivery is expected between December 1962 and June 1964. Orders for the remaining part can soon be placed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant



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Permanent Representative.