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FROM : Op-03

Via : Op-09 - *Raz*

SUBJECT: Fleet Commanders' Operations Schedules (C)

Ref : (a) Op-00 Memo ser 0115-59 of 15 Mar 1959

Encl : (1) Navy Readiness Measures in Support of the Berlin Situation (TS-Ltd Dist)
(2) Navy Readiness Measures in Support of the Berlin Situation (TS)

1. In reference (a), you requested a memorandum covering details of operations scheduled by Fleet Commanders in support of the Berlin situation. Enclosure (1) lists all operational measures which have been directed, planned, or prepared for in anticipation of increased readiness and reaction requirements during this critical period.
2. Reference (a) further directs the forwarding of similar memoranda for information to the JCS, SECDEF, SECNAV, and SECSTATE. Because of the extreme sensitivity of specific details associated with special submarine operations in forward areas, and the tenuous nature of certain augmentation possibilities, enclosure (2) is a slightly modified version of enclosure (1) using general language in sensitive and non-specific items.
3. Memoranda forwarding the modified version of enclosure (1) to the JCS, SECDEF, SECNAV, and SECSTATE are attached for your signature.

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NAVY READINESS MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF THE BERLIN SITUATION (16 APR 1959)

FUCOM (USCINCEUR/CINCFLEEM)

1. 24 Mar-1 May (about). East Med Patrol Group (TG 65.9) conducts A/S surveillance north of Egypt on patrol line 32-15N 2800E to 32-15N 33-45E.
2. 23 Apr-23 May. Maximum utilization of this period to improve material condition of all SIXTHFLT units.
3. 4 May. Commence submarine surveillance patrols; BECUNA off Alexandria; ENTENCEDOR off Vlona.
4. 4 May-5 June. SIXTHFLT augmented by 1 AO (black) from CINCLANTFLT.
5. 4-11 May. SIXTHFLT enroute operations and port visits in Eastern Mediterranean.
6. 5 May. COMFAIRELM activates Suda Bay, Crete for ASW Exercises with sufficient P2V aircraft to sustain 2 on patrol if required. 2 WV aircraft will also be stationed at Suda Bay.
7. Early May. Expedite dissemination of Baltic Sea exit surveillance reports.
8. 11-23 May. 1 CVA Group operate in vicinity of Ionian Sea launch area at all times. (S of 38N, W of 30E, E of 19E)
9. 23 May-5 June. 2 CVA Groups operate in vicinity of Ionian Sea launch area. Maximum number of SIXTHFLT ships to be at sea.
10. As required, alert NCSORG.
11. If directed by JCS, SIXTHFLT to be augmented by 1 VPRON.

LANTCOM (CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT)

1. 20 Apr-20 June. Conduct LANTBEX 1-59 in G-I-JRK area with 8 SS and 2 VPRONS. Aircraft operate from Keflavik, Iceland. Submarines on station by 7 May and expected to depart station 8 June.
2. 1 May-10 June. 1 SSN conduct surveillance patrol in W. Cape-Murmansk area. (SWORDFISH)
3. 18 May-13 June. PHIBRON 10 (1 LPH, 3 LSD), with 1 BLT/MAG (vertical lift) embarked, conduct training in ONSLOW BEACH area escorted by CORTRON 10 (L DE). Group to be at sea during critical periods.

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4. 20 May-1 June. SECONDFLT conducts INTTEX 1-59 in area between Norfolk and Bermuda. Forces underway 19 May consisting of: 2 CVA, 1 CVS, 1 CAG, 1 CLC, 1 DL, 24 DD, 1 SSG, 2 SS (TROUSCE equipped), 2 AF, 5 AO, and 1 BUN Det.
5. When directed by JCS, deploy SECONDFLT to the N. Atlantic.
6. If required, sail 3 pre-K-day convoys.
7. If directed by JCS, fully activate G-I-UK barrier. (Full activation involves use of 16 SS)
8. If international situation dictates, relieve SSN on N. Cape-Murmansk patrol by 10 June. (SKATE)
9. If required, station 1 AS in Argentina to support G-I-UK barrier submarines. (FULTON)

PACOM (CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT)

1. 23 April. THETIS BAY sails to augment SEVENTHFLT; ETA Yokosuka ⁷ ~~10~~ May.
2. Commence submarine surveillance patrols:
 - Off VAADIVOSTOK BUGARA 1-29 May
 BREAM 2 May-6 June
 - Off PETROPAVLOVSK BLUEGILL 30 April-6 June
3. 1 May. WESTPAC submarine force level temporarily augmented to total of 8 submarines.
4. 1 May. COMSEVENTHFLT maintains 1 CVA at sea at all times during month of May.
5. Delay in inactivation of 2 AOGs authorized:
 - NEMASKET (AOG-10) scheduled for 4 May.
 - NATCHAUG (AOG-54) scheduled for 18 May.
6. About 15 May. Maximum number of ships materially ready by this date.
7. 15-18 May. Load for SEATO exercise SADDLE UP. This exercise scheduled for N. Borneo area period 8-13 June. US forces: 1 CVNA, 1 CVA, 1 DESRON, 1 AGC, 2 APA, 1 LSD, 3 LST, 1 AOG, 1 RLT with RLT HQ embarked in amphibious lift.

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18 May-5 June. Conduct large scale amphibious exercise TWIN PEAKS in EASTPAC with PHIBRON 3 and 5 combat loaded.

9. About 27 May. Maximum number SEVENTHFLT ships at sea.

10. About 27 May. Station major SEVENTHFLT units as follows:

- BON HOMME RICHARD	35N, 145E
- RANGER	Buckner Bay-Japan area
- SHANGRI-LA	Taiwan
- HUK Group	Taiwan-Sasebo area

11. About 27 May. Position mobile logistic force for maximum support of SEVENTHFLT.

12. About 27 May. Disperse SEVENTHFLT tenders to provide one each in Kobe, Buckner Bay, and Taiwan.

13. Late May. Conduct a US-GRC combined Air Defense Exercise BLUE SKY.

14. About 27 May. Conduct FIRSTFLT exercises with COMFIPSTFLT embarked.

15. About 27 May. Complete accelerated overhaul of DESDIV 212.

16. If required, turn PHIBRON 7 around to augment SEVENTHFLT. (PHIBRON 7 commences return to CONUS week of 14 May).

17. As required, load EASTPAC CVAs with nuclear weapons and embark air groups.

18. As required, increase air, surface, and submarine surveillance.

19. If required, deploy naval force to MIDEAST derived from forces participating in exercise SADDLE UP. Forces available: 1 CVNA, 1 CVS, 1 DESDIV, 1 APA, 1 LSD, 1 AKA, 1 AD, 1 AF, 1 AO, and 1 BLT embarked.

20. If required, remainder of PHIBRON 1 ships:

(a) Augment MIDEAST support force to RLT level, or

(b) Redeploy MAG 11 to Taiwan.

21. 1 June. If required, SEVENTHFLT submarine force to be augmented for total of 9 submarines.

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NAVY READINESS MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF THE BERLIN SITUATION (16 APR 1959)

EUROPEAN COMMAND

1. 24 Mar - 1 May (about). East Mediterranean Patrol Group (Task Group 65.9) conducts anti-submarine surveillance north of Egypt on patrol line 32-15N 28-00E to 32-15N 33-45E.
2. 23 Apr - 23 May. Maximum utilization of this period to improve material condition of all SIXTH Fleet ships.
3. 4 May. Intensify Mediterranean anti-submarine surveillance.
4. 4 May - 5 Jun. SIXTH Fleet augmented by 1 oiler from CINCLANTFLT.
5. 4-11 May. SIXTH Fleet enroute operations in Eastern Mediterranean.
6. 5 May. Commander Fleet Air Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean activates Suda Bay, Crete for anti-submarine exercises with capability for maintaining 2 patrol aircraft on patrol if required. 2 airborne early warning aircraft also assigned.
7. Early May. Commence expeditious dissemination of Baltic Sea exit surveillance reports.
8. 11-23 May. 1 Attack Carrier Group operates in vicinity of Ionian Sea at all times. (S of 38N, E of 19E, W of 30E).
9. 23 May - 5 Jun. 2 Attack Carrier Groups operate in vicinity of Ionian Sea. Maximum number of SIXTH Fleet ships to be at sea. Naval Control of Shipping Organization alerted.

ATLANTIC COMMAND (CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT)

1. 20 Apr - 20 Jun. Conduct Atlantic Barrier Exercise 1-59 in Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom area with 8 submarines and 2 patrol squadrons. Aircraft operate from Keflavik, Iceland. Submarines on station 7 May - 8 Jun.
2. 1 May. Intensify Atlantic anti-submarine surveillance.
3. 18 May - 13 Jun. Amphibious Squadron 10 (1 Amphibious Assault Ship, 3 Dock Landing Ships) with 1 Battalion Landing Team/Marine Air Group (vertical lift) embarked conduct training in ONSLOW BEACH area escorted by Destroyer Escort Squadron 10 (4 Escort Vessels). Group to be at sea during critical periods.
4. 20 May - 1 Jun. SECONDFLT conducts Intertype Exercise 1-59 in area between Norfolk and Bermuda. Forces underway 19 May consisting of: 2 Attack Carriers, 1 ASW Support Aircraft Carrier, 1 Guided Missile Heavy Cruiser, 1 Tactical Command Ship, 1 Frigate, 24 Destroyers, 1 Guided Missile Submarine, 2 Submarines (TROUCE equipped), 2 Ammunition Ships, 5 Oilers, and 1 Beach Jump Unit Detachment.

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5. As circumstances may require, CINCLANTFLT is prepared to deploy SECONDFLT to the N. Atlantic, augment Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom surveillance and support forces, and initiate naval control of shipping.

PACIFIC COMMAND (CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT)

1. 23 Apr. THETIS BAY (Helicopter Assault Carrier) sails to augment SEVENTHFLT arriving 7 May.

2. 1 May. Intensify Pacific anti-submarine surveillance.

3. 1 May. Augment WESTPAC submarine force level to total of 8.

4. 1 May. COMSEVENTHFLT maintains 1 Attack Carrier at sea at all times.

5. 15 May. Complete material readiness preparations for maximum number of PACFLT ships.

6. 15-18 May. Load for SEATO exercise SADDLE UP. This exercise will take place in N. Borneo area period 8-13 June. US forces: 1 Helicopter Assault Carrier, 1 Attack Aircraft Carrier, 1 Destroyer Squadron, 1 Amphibious Force Flagship, 2 Attack Transports, 1 Dock Landing Ship, 3 Tank Landing Ships, 1 Gasoline Tanker, 1 Battalion Landing Team with Regimental Landing Team Headquarters embarked in amphibious lift.

7. 18 May - 5 Jun. Conduct large scale amphibious exercise TWIN PEAKS in EASTPAC with Amphibious Squadrons 3 and 5 combat loaded.

8. About 27 May.

(a) Maximum number of SEVENTHFLT ships at sea.

(b) Position major SEVENTHFLT combatant units generally as follows:

- BON HOMME RICHARD	35N, 115E
- RANGER	Buckner Bay-Japan area
- SHANGRI-LA	Taiwan area
- Hunter Killer Group	Taiwan-Sasebo area

(c) Position mobile logistic support force for maximum effectiveness.

(d) Disperse SEVENTHFLT tenders to Kobe, Buckner Bay, and Taiwan.

(e) Conduct United States-Chinese Nationalists combined Air Defense Exercise BLUE SKY.

(f) Maximum number FIRSTFLT units at sea conducting training exercises.

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(g) FIRSTFLT Attack Carriers alerted with Air Groups embarked.

9. Additional measures to improve readiness have been authorized:

(a) Inactivation of 2 oilers has been delayed.

(b) Overhaul of Destroyer Division 212 has been accelerated.

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