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Reference: Your telegram SH 42233 dtg 26 12 27 Nov 1966 on
"nuclear capability for non-US forces equipped with
155 mm how".

1. In view of the plans to reorganize the structure of 1(NL)-
Corps in order to increase the efficiency and to eliminate
unnecessary echelons the following changes have been made.
2. The brigades of 1(NL)Corps, with logistic elements under
command, are to a large extent capable to operate independently,
so that for purposes of logistic support a command echelon
between corps and brigades is no longer a necessity.
As regards fire support there is, on the one hand, the need to
increase the conventional fire support for the brigades - for
instance the calibre of the brigade artillery will be raised from
105 to 155 mm - while on the other hand it is desirable that the
means for the delivery of nuclear fire support should be
concentrated at corps level.
3. These factors have led to the decision to revise the corps
structure by abolishing the organic division echelon as far as the
logistic and the fire support are concerned.
In its new form the army corps will consist of six M-day
brigades (the missing 12 Armoured Infantry Brigade will have a
M-day status by the middle of 1968) and a number of corps troops.
The corps commander will have at his disposal two M-day divisional
tactical headquarters, each for the operational command of two or
more brigades and supporting corps troops. The existing division
troops, either in their present form or after having been re-
organized, will be transferred to corps level.
These changes are expected to be completed by the middle of
1968.
4. The division artillery has been the first element of the
division troops to be re-grouped and concentrated at corps level.
Since the need was already making itself felt to replace, in the
near future, the HJ rocket launchers and the possibility is now
presenting itself to obtain, under certain conditions, an
allocation of nuclear capacity for 155 mm how (as stated in the
telegram at reference) it has been decided to re-organize the

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nuclear delivery means and units at the same time, within the framework of the re-grouping of the artillery.

a. 19 and 49 FA battalions (mixed div art battalions)

(1) Of these battalions, each consisting of one rocket launcher battery HJ (2 launchers) and one battery 8 "how (4 pieces), the two rocket launcher batteries (4 HJs in total) were discontinued as per 1 October 1967.

(2) As per the same date 19 FA battalion was re-organized to become a corps artillery battalion 8 "how with a conventional as well as a nuclear capability.

In this battalion the two batteries 8 "how from 19 and 49 FA battalions have been incorporated. In a nuclear capacity these batteries can operate independently.

19 FA battalion is now stationed at 't Harde (army camp).

b. 14 and 44 FA battalions (div art battalions 155 mm how).

(1) As from 1 December 1967 14 FA battalion has been placed under the command of 12 Armoured Infantry Brigade.

(2) 44 FA battalion, stationed at 't Harde (army camp).

(a) In anticipation of more definite proposals on the subject of your telegram at reference it is considered to allocate to this battalion both a conventional and a nuclear task.

(b) As from 1 December 1967 this battalion has been placed under the corps artillery commander, for the time being as a conventional battalion.

At a later date the battalion is to be re-organized so that the howitzer batteries will be able to operate independently in performing nuclear tasks.

c. 109 and 119 FA battalions (corps art battalions HJ) will be maintained as M-day units.

Of these battalions, each consisting of one launcher battery (4 launchers), 109 has been moved to Steenwijkerwold (army camp).

5. After the above mentioned re-organization will have been completed the position with respect to the nuclear delivery units will be as follows.

a. Army camp Steenwijkerwold:

109 and 119 FA battalions HJ, 4 rocket launchers each.

b. Army camp 't Harde:

(1) 19 FA battalion 8 "how, consisting of 2 batteries (4 hows each).

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(2) 44 FA battalion 155 mm how, designed for a nuclear task.

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