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COMMENT SLIP

(Agenda Item No. \_27\_)

Subject: Comments on J/AN 40/21/1 (Annual Review of the LORAN Installation Plan (U))

The following are comments of the Director, communications-Electronics, on the subject-named paper:

Concurs, subject to following changes:

a. Page two, paragraph 6, change last line to read:

“Area ALFAv. utilizing funds providing for LORAN expansion.”

b. Page 16, paragraph 5, change to read:

It is requested that those stations planned for the Mediterranean Sea area be re-programmed for early completion by NATO Common Infrastructure Funding. While it is understood that these stations were deleted from SACEUR’s Fourth Slice NATO Common Infrastructure based on insufficient operational justification, the United States does not concur in this decision in view of the currently approved interim LORAN Plan, North Atlantic and Mediterranean; the policy for the use of LORAN by NATO Naval forces and Maritime Air Forces promulgated in 1956. It is considered unacceptable to deprive major NATO Naval Forces in the time of war the use of the LORAN Navigation System in the Mediterranean Sea area.

c. Page 25, paragraph 5a., change to read:

SACEUR, in the SHAPE Radio Navigation Plan of 10 September 1956, stated that there was no SACEUR requirement for LORAN coverage in the Mediterranean Sea. This plan indicates by types and quantities the radio navigational aids that will be required in Europe by NATO Air Forces during the period January 1957/December 1960. The Joint

Chiefs of Staff were informed in 1953\* by the North Atlantic Military Committee that the LORAN System of Long Range Navigation Aids has been accepted as the interim system pending the introduction of other long range aids. In 1955\*\*, the North Atlantic Military Committee promulgated the interim LORAN PLAN, North Atlantic and Mediterranean. In 1956\*\*\*, the North Atlantic Military Committee, Standing Group promulgated the policy for the use of LORAN by NATO Naval and Maritime Air Forces. This policy states that all NATO naval ships down to and including ocean escorts, ocean going submarines and maritime/patrol aircraft should be equipped to use the LORAN system. U.S. Forces in the Mediterranean Sea area in support of NATO forces will require the LORAN coverage indicated in the interim LORAN Plan – North Atlantic, and Mediterranean in time of war. SHAPE's Radio Navigation Plan does not invalidate the LORAN coverage planned for the Mediterranean Sea since it does not ...

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- \* DUSM-66-53 (JCS 141/64)
  - \*\* SGM-261-55
  - \*\*\* SGM-367-56

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