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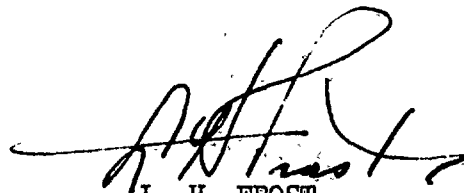
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SUBJECT: 'Y' Participation in Exercise "MEDFLEX INVICTA." (e)

TO: Supreme Commander
 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe
 Paris, France
 ATTN: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

1. This is in reference to SHAPE ID 9139/16, subject as above, of 25 January 1961.
2. The United States appreciates the invitation to participate in exercise "MEDFLEX INVICTA" but will be unable to do so.


 L. H. FROST
 Vice Admiral, USN
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M/R: Although the US is not a member of AFMED we have through the courtesy of ACOS(1), SHAPE, been invited on several occasions to participate in CINCAFMED's annual fleet exercise. In the belief that US participation would introduce an artificiality into the exercise, since in actual wartime the US would not participate, this letter declines the invitation. Coordinated with PROD-04 (Mr. Salas).

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