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DATE: 23 March 1953

TO : Supreme Allied Commander Europe

FROM : United States Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: United States Views on SHAPE Proposals for a Service of Tactical Radio Intercept Intelligence for SACEUR's Command

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered your letter of 24 February 1953, subject: "Proposals for a Service of Tactical Radio Intelligence for SACEUR's Command". They are in agreement that steps should be taken without delay to include in SHAPE war plans provision for a service of intelligence derived from the interception of the enemy's tactical radio transmissions.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff also are in agreement with the principles proposed to govern such planning and with the proposed security regulations described in Annexa A and B respectively to SHAPE/113/53. If the other addressees of SHAPE/113/53 are in agreement with Annexa A and B thereto, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are prepared to authorize U.S. participation in discussions on this matter.

3. The Director of the National Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C., is the authority with whom the Assistant Chief of Staff (I) SHAPE, on behalf of SACEUR, may communicate on these matters.

4. Annex C of SHAPE/113/53 has been referred to the Director, NSA, for study. U.S. views on this Annex will be presented by the representative of the Director, NSA, when discussions are opened on these matters.