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MEMORANDUM FOR The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
 The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
 The Assistant Secretary of Defense (I&L)
 The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)
 The Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA)
 The Assistant Secretary of Defense (M&RA)
 Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control
 Systems
 Director, Planning and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Headquarters, USEUCOM

I have reviewed the 29 April 1976 Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum (copy attached) concerning relocation of Headquarters, USEUCOM, and its essential support elements from Stuttgart, Germany, to the vicinity of SHAPE in Belgium. The relocation and consolidation of USEUCOM headquarters will, I believe, improve our Defense posture and achieve efficiencies in our Defense program. There is more at issue than a simple relocation; what is primarily involved is the establishment of an adequate headquarters, with sound communications and other support for ourselves and our Allies, that would ensure the necessary direction of our forces in wartime and make the most efficient and economical use of resources in peacetime.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is directed to establish a Task Force to examine the headquarters requirements for SACEUR/CINCEUR, including the necessary manpower, communications, intelligence and other support requirements, and provide to me by 1 November 1976 a plan for the establishment of a consolidated headquarters in the vicinity of SHAPE. Each addressee is to appoint a representative to the Task Force, and to provide other support as necessary.

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SIGNED
 DONALD RUMSFELD

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