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3 November 2004

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ACTION MEMO

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DepSec Action _____

FROM: General Richard B. Myers, CJCS *RBMyers*

SUBJECT: Niigata Earthquake Assistance

- **Issue.** "Let's see what we can do about the earthquake in Japan. Please see the attached memo from Howard Baker and get back to me with a recommendation." (TAB A)
- **Conclusion.** One C-130 load of plastic sheeting and one C-130 load of Government of Japan (GOJ)-provided relief supplies were delivered on 28 October.
- Four additional C-130 loads of GOJ-provided supplies were planned; however, the second sortie satisfied the relief requirement.
- **Discussion.** Department of State requested DOD humanitarian support to the victims of the 23 October earthquakes in the Niigata Prefecture (130 nm NNW of Tokyo). Assistance is being provided on a non-reimbursable basis.
- Japanese Foreign Ministry conveyed a request for the US Government (USG) to provide and airlift one C-130 load of plastic sheeting for use as temporary shelter for approximately 100,000 displaced citizens and support five C-130 loads of GOJ-furnished relief supplies.
- The Office of the Secretary of Defense approved this action via OSD Executive Secretary memorandum on 27 October.'
- The US Embassy has worked closely with the GOJ to provide additional assistance. No other requests for assistance remain. Relief supplies available to US Forces Japan include:
 - Blankets, tents, bedding, generators, potable water and Meals Ready to Eat.
 - A standard tent camp for 1500 persons.

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- A SEABEE Detachment, a Marine Engineer Battalion (on Okinawa) and Air Force Prime Beef Engineer Units.
- These additional assets can be available on short notice.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize a positive response to future GOJ requests for assistance related to the current Niigata earthquake situation.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Other _____

COORDINATION: TAB B

Attachments :
As stated

Reference:

- 1 OSD Executive Secretary memorandum, OSD 17017-04, 27 October 2004,
“Approval of State Request for DoD Assistance to Japan Earthquake Victims”

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