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1. At the time of writing, as secured the approval of General Lewis and Colonel Kurshaw, Rhine/Main Operations Officer, to have LIMBER personnel air evacuated to the United Kingdom in the event of hostilities. Personnel at LIMBER involved in this air evacuation do not include those people committed to plan OCRE nor the three enlisted men presently assigned to LIMBER. The three enlisted men in question have already received demolition training and are scheduled to remain at Rhine/Main in order to demolish LIMBER installations concurrent with the general demolition scheme for the Rhine/Main Air Base. Following such demolition it is planned that the three effected enlisted men will evacuate with engineering personnel of Rhine/Main Air Base.

- 2. In order to complete our evacuation planning it is requested that certain points involved be clarified before further implementation is undertaken. Specifically, we believe it desirable to plan for the immediate and/or eventual evacuation of EUCA personnel under all communications categories to JACKAL. It is the undersigned's belief that despite intentions JACKAL will be undermanned to assume its operational burden upon the commencement of hostilities any time in the foreseeable future. Further, it is believed almost essential that at least one responsible EUCA staff member proceed to JACKAL in order to assure the continuity of communications operations present and planned. In order to implement our recommendations in this matter, we require specific directions from the Chief, NACA as to addresses, desired points and methods of contacting JACKAL, etc.
- 3. The majority of EUCA personnel are dispersed within Germany at the present time to such an extent that we shall be unable to undertake a group evacuation in the fact of unexpected and immediate war. However, in the event that an "amber light" is given prior to open warfare, it will be possible for us to evacuate all commo personnel not required under OGRE to JACKAL. In any event, we shall plan to evacuate noncommitted LIMBER personnel to JACKAL under the Rhine/Main evacuation plan.
- 4. It is the undersigned's recommendation that the dispersion of personnel within the European theater be handled through and from London at the time of the

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outbreak of war. By this, I imply that all personnel including EUCA personnel be assigned out of JACKAL to field installations as required by the war's effect on our communications links. It may be, for example, that SMAPE rear headquarters will require a communications team or teams somewhere on the continent during the initial phases of the war. Such a team, or teams, for planning purposes, should be geared to operate independently of Army and commercial communications systems. It is my understanding that clans were underway several months ago to procure trans-Atlantic cable privileges which would permit a direct tie-in for our Organization in London and Washington. Thus, auxiliary links should logically be operated from London to field points on the continent and possibly North Africa as well. As you are aware, propagation path conditions between Northern Europe and Washington are occasionally very poor and even the extremely high power point-to-point radio circuits are often out of service for hours and sometimes days. The London-Washington cable would obviate the complete cessation of communications which would exist if reliance were placed upon field radio links to the States.

- 5. The foregoing paragraphs are pertinent regardless of specific plans involving DAD "rear" headquarters. Should DAD establish a large headquarters at a geographic point other than the United Kingdom, we shall plan to link such a headquarters to JACKAL by means of radio-teletype backed up by manual CW links.
- 6. It is requested that the undersigned be kept advised of operational plans in order to insure that "the message will get through" under whatever conditions may arise.

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