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29 SEP 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: *Earle Wheeler* ✓  
 Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

ATTENTION: C. J. Van Arsdall, Jr.,  
 Rear Admiral, USN  
 Chief, Joint War Games Agency

SUBJECT: The Politico-Military Game,  
 EPSILON I-65 (U)

REFERENCE: JWGA-332-65

1. In compliance with your request contained in reference, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has nominated the following persons to participate in EPSILON I-65:

USA Team -  
 [Redacted] -  
 Control Team -

[Redacted]

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2. In order to facilitate distribution of materials relating to the game, it is requested that all material in the proper number of copies be forwarded to [Redacted] who will distribute the material to the game participants. This will obviate any unnecessary delays in distribution should events require a change in game participants.

3. CIA is pleased to accept your invitation to attend the Senior Review of EPSILON I-65.

/s/ L. K. White

JCS review(s) completed.

L. K. White  
 Executive Director

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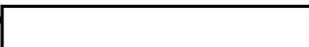
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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Director-Comptroller

**VIA:** Deputy Director for Plans

**SUBJECT:** The Politico-Military Game,  
EPSILON I-65 (U)

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Executive Director-Comptroller; this action is contained in paragraph 5.

2. EPSILON I-65 is an inter-agency political game. It is sponsored by the Joint War Games Agency (JWGA) and will be played during the week commencing 11 October 1965. The scenario has not yet been received, but it is known that the game will be set in a time frame following the upcoming

[Redacted]

3. Representatives of the JWGA have consulted with DDP and DDI experts on [Redacted] and NATO, in order to obtain Agency views on likely events affecting the NATO alliance during the period fall 1965-1970. Agency views will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the scenario for EPSILON I-65.

4. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been requested to furnish three team members to participate in the game. It is proposed that the following persons be nominated to represent CIA: U. S. Team-- [Redacted] DDP/DC/WE; [Redacted] DDI/ONE/WE; Control Team-- [Redacted] DDI/ONE/SR. Each of the above has participated in pre-scenario discussions with JWGA representatives. JWGA has requested that names of nominees to participate in the game be submitted by 27 September 1965.

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5. It is requested that you sign and forward to the JWGA the attached memorandum containing the names of Agency nominees to participate in the game and Agency acceptance of the invitation to attend the Senior Review.

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[Redacted Signature]

Chief, War Plans Staff

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301  
JOINT WAR GAMES AGENCY

JWGA- 332-65

10 SEP 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: The Politico-Military Game, EPSILON I-65(U)

1. (S) As the second exercise of the FY 1966 program of inter-agency politico-military games, the Joint War Games Agency, OJCS, is planning to conduct EPSILON I-65 in mid-October. The purpose of the game will be to examine possible problems arising in Europe between Fall 1965 and 1970 with the principal focus on problems of increasing French intransigence in alliance relationships.

2. (S) Participants will be drawn from U.S. officials in Washington, Paris, London and Bonn (see Attachment). Rank or grade criteria for player nominees are flexible, centering on special knowledge, experience and current responsibilities in the area under examination. Time requirements for participants will be limited to meetings of three to four hours duration on two or three alternate days.

3. (U) During the next month, informal discussions will be conducted by members of the Joint War Games Agency with interested offices to surface major issues, problems and questions for scenario attention and to finalize game format, player assignments and administrative considerations. Informal cooperation in this connection has already been conducted with [redacted] CIA, JWGA's designated point of contact. The names of game nominees would be appreciated by 27 September. The Joint Staff Project Officer for EPSILON I-65 is Lt Colonel Rolland V. Heiser, the Pentagon, Room BC942A (OX 7-9892).

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4. (U) It is tentatively planned to conduct a Senior Review of EPSILON I-65 (using a video tape summary), and to discuss issues arising from the game a few days after

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its conclusion. Attendance at this meeting will be limited as far as practicable to very senior officials or their designated representatives and to game participants. You are cordially invited to attend this Review.

5. (U) The game title, EPSILON I-65 is Unclassified when used without association with a particular subject area. The general focus of the game is SECRET- NOT FOR FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. Discussions during the game will include TOP SECRET material.

C. J. VAN ARSDALL, Jr.  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Chief, Joint War Games Agency

Attachment  
a/s

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*to 4:*

*Will be glad to brief you further if you wish - this is the substance of what we know do date, but we may have additional details by Monday, 27 September, which will be just two weeks before the exercise begins (per your request for an oral briefing two weeks before such games begin).*

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