

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Major General John A. Wickham
Military Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Schedule of Significant Military Exercises for
the Next Twelve Months

Your memorandum of April 12, 1974, and the attached proposed schedule of significant military exercises have been reviewed, and the schedule is approved. However, you should note the following restrictions on certain selected exercises:

- The Philippines area exercises should be conducted away from the area of the Muslim insurrection in order to reduce any risk of alleged U.S. interference in that problem. These exercises are: READEX 1-75, SPECWAREX 1-75, and 2-75, MAULEX 1-75, and MABLEX 1-75.
- Korean exercises (FOAL EAGLE, BLTLEX and FREEDOM TORCH II) should be carefully examined by State and Defense in terms of the possible impact each might have upon the South-North talks.
- SMPO PX-51 should be structured in a manner which precludes interpretation as support for any party's position in the various island disputes now taking place in the area. It should also be carefully considered by the Departments of State and Defense in this light.

Each exercise, prior to its implementation, should be submitted for review within the context of prevailing conditions. It is also requested that, where possible, the individual exercises be submitted for White House approval at least six weeks prior to the Presidential cancellation date. This is particularly important with respect to the Korean exercises and SMPO PX-51.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Scowcroft
FROM: Jeanne W. Davis
SUBJECT: Approval of Twelve Month
Schedule of Military Exercises

The NSC Staff has reviewed the attached schedule of significant military exercises for the next twelve months at Tab B, and we have no objections to its approval. However, the self-explanatory memorandum to General Wickham at Tab A will indicate some reservations toward certain selected military exercises.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That you sign the memorandum to General Wickham at Tab A.

Mr. Kennedy concurs.

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