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First Secretary of the Central Committee
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Comrade W. Gomułka
Warsaw

I hereby present a report on the implementation of the decision of the Warsaw Treaty member-states adopted at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee on 17 March 1969.

Respectfully,

I. Iakubovski

Marshal of the Soviet Union

REPORT

On the Implementation of the Decision of the Warsaw Treaty member-states Adopted at the Meeting of the Political Consultative Committee on 17 March 1969.

One of the decisions adopted by the participants at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee on March 17, 1969, was the creation of military institutions in accordance with the guidelines for the Unified Armed Forces.

I hereby report the following:

1. Thanks to the firm support from the Central Committees of the communist and workers' parties and the governments of the Warsaw Treaty member-states and to the work carried out by the ministries of national defense and the Unified Command, the Staff and the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces were established and began operating on November 25, 1969.

All issues relating to the establishment of the Staff and the Committee on Technology were resolved by the Unified Armed Forces and the ministries of national defense in a spirit of close cooperation and complete mutual understanding.

The level of personnel is as follows:

- Approximately 90 percent of the officers working for the Staff and the Committee on Technology have received higher military education;

- The generals, admirals, and officers from the armed forces of all the Warsaw Treaty member-states are members of Marxist parties. They have had good experience in practical work for the armed forces and general staffs. This should make it possible for the Staff and Committee on Technology to address more effectively the need to improve the combat readiness of the Unified Armed Forces. The Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Chairmen of the Committee on Technology from each country have been selected from among the generals and officers who have served as deputy chiefs of staff or in other positions of authority in their national armies.

All members of the Staff and of the Committee on Technology have begun working with great enthusiasm and dedication.

The Staff and the Committee on Technology are located in the capital of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Moscow, in a building on Leningradskii Prospect that provides all the necessary conditions for work.

The Soviet government has provided the Staff and the Committee on Technology with the required number of transport vehicles. It has also provided telephone and telegraph

connections to the general (main) staffs of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, along with an internal line to all the necessary communication centers in Moscow.

Housing with all the modern conveniences has been provided to the generals, admirals, officers, and their families in Moscow. Each family has received an individual apartment whose size was determined in accordance with the requests of the ministries of national defense.

The decision of the Warsaw Treaty member-states to establish a Staff for the Unified Armed Forces and a Committee on Technology has thus been implemented.

2. The Military Council was created in accordance with the Statute for the Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces adopted by the Warsaw Treaty member-states. It has eleven people on the staff:

-- Chairman of the Military Council – I.I. Iakubovskii, Marshal of the Soviet Union – Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces;

-- Members of the Military Council, or deputy Supreme Commanders the Unified Armed Forces:

Army General S. M. SHTEMENKO – Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces;

Colonel-General A. SEMERDZHIEV – First Deputy Minister of Defense of the People's Republic of Bulgaria – Chief of the General Staff of the PRB;

Lieutenant-General Csémi KÁROLY – First Deputy Defense Minister of the People's Republic of Hungary – Chief of the PRH General Staff;

Colonel-General H. KESSLER – Deputy National Defense Minister of the German Democratic Republic – Chief of the General Staff of the NPA¹ of the GDR;

Division General T. TUCZAPSKI – Vice-Minister of National Defense of the People's Republic of Poland – Chief Inspector of Training at the PRP Ministry of National Defense;

Colonel-General M. NICULESCU – Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Socialist Republic of Romania;

K.S. MOSKALENKO, Marshal of the Soviet Union – Deputy Defense Minister of the USSR;

Lieutenant-General K. RUSOV – Chief of Staff of the ČPA² – Deputy Minister of National Defense of the ČSSR;

¹ National People's Army.

² Czechoslovak People's Army.

P.F. BATITSKII, Marshal of the Soviet Union – Supreme Air Defense
Commander of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States – Commander of the USSR
Air Defense Forces – Deputy Minister of Defense of the USSR;
Lieutenant General I.B. STEPANIUK – Chairman of the Committee on
Technology of the Unified Armed Forces – Deputy Supreme Commander for
Armaments of the Unified Armed Forces.

The first meeting of the Military Council took place on December 9-10, 1969, in Moscow.
The following questions were on the agenda:

- a) The results of operational and military training of the Unified Armed Forces in 1969 and targets for 1970.
- b) The draft Statute on the Service of Generals, Admirals and Officers on the Staff and the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces;
- c) The creation of the Unified Armed Forces Staff and the Committee on Technology;
- d) The work plan of the Unified Armed Forces Military Council for 1970.

3. The Committee of the Ministers of Defense, created by the decision of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, has begun its work.

The first meeting of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense will take place on 22-23 December 1969 in Moscow. It has been agreed that the following issues will be on the agenda:

- a) The condition and plans of the aggressive NATO bloc;
- b) The current state and direction of future development of the ground and air forces of the Unified Armed Forces;
- c) The creation and operation of the Unified Armed Forces' Staff and the Committee on Technology;
- d) Preparation and arrangement of future meetings of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense.

4. The Statute on the Unified Air Defense System of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States (In Peacetime) adopted at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee builds upon the common experience of the allied countries' air defense forces. It confirmed the effectiveness of the unified air defense system and will be implemented.

5. The plan for major activities relating to operational and military training for the Warsaw Treaty member-states' armed forces for 1969 has been fulfilled.

Over the course of the year, in keeping with the plan of the Unified Armed Forces Command, approximately fifty joint events were conducted with the participation of ground, air defense and air forces, and allied navies.

Additionally, a number of field training and command post exercises, war games, and training sessions were conducted in accordance with the plans of the national commands of all the Warsaw Treaty member-states.

In 1969, the further development of all branches and arms of service was steadfastly pursued; methods of command for joint military operations by coalition forces were being perfected; and camaraderie-in-arms among the soldiers of the fraternal armies grew stronger.

Plans for major events and guidelines for the operational and combat training of the Unified Armed Forces were developed and approved for 1970. More than fifty joint events have been scheduled for the new academic year. These events will involve the participation of all branches and arms of service. They are aimed at practicing interoperability, along with developing and strengthening the fraternal connections and friendship among the peoples and the armed forces of our countries.

Respectfully,

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[Translation from the Russian by Julia La Villa Nossova]