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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. IRVING PERLMETER:

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Mr. Foster and General Bradley commented for background on President Truman's approval for the new U. S. unified command in Europe at a press conference Tuesday afternoon at which the attached press release or fact sheet was made available.

Both emphasized that the changes are primarily a logistical or administrative matter to better coordinate construction and supply for all U. S. forces in Europe. General Bradley cited some present duplication and overlapping, especially in control of supply lines. He mentioned that both Army and Air Force have separate supply lines running across France and that there are instances where Army, Navy and Air Force all have separate groups in Europe at the same time seeking bases in the same area. He mentioned that when General Handy becomes Deputy Commander to General Ridgway in this new setup a successor to General Handy will be named for his present command.

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The AP, UP and INS stories as carried after the session sum up the discussion that lasted the better part of an hour and are attached.

Andy Berding has asked me to pass you this note in anticipation of interest in the subject at the President's press conference Thursday. x 36

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AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE
WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WILLIAM C. FOSTER
3:00 PM (EDT) TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1952

FACT SHEET FOR THE PRESS

1. The President has approved a modification of the existing U.S. military structure in Europe by establishing a U.S. European Command and designating as the unified commander, to be known as "Commander in Chief U.S. European Command (US CINCEUR)," General Matthew B. Ridgway.

General Ridgway will coordinate for all U.S. forces in Europe all U.S. military matters of a logistical or administrative nature which are of joint interest, including U.S. military procurement (both off-shore and local). In addition, he will administer the military aspects of the Mutual Security Program for Europe, including the control and administration of those U.S. military agencies engaged in military assistance activities.

General Ridgway will also:

a. Coordinate, as appropriate, with the U.S. Special representative in Europe on all matters within the cognizance of U.S. CINCEUR.

b. Advise the JCS on military aspects of U.S. policies.

c. Provide for U.S. military representation to all NATO, international, and U.S. national agencies in Europe except as otherwise specified by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. This authority of U.S. CINCEUR includes only the areas designated for NATO plus the U.S. forces in Western Germany. This authority does not include U.S. forces in Berlin, Austria or Trieste. General Ridgway, as NATO commander, has no authority in non-NATO areas.

3. After this announcement General Ridgway will wear two hats; one as the NATO Commander (Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR)); and one as Commander in Chief of all U.S. Forces in Europe (CINCEUR), except Berlin, Austria, and Trieste. These two jobs in no way conflict. This does not change the present arrangement whereby U.S. troops allocated to NATO would operate under NATO commands.

4. The new command will be a unified command under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It interlocks what was formerly three separate U.S. commands: The European Command, now under General Handy with headquarters at Heidelberg; the U.S. Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, now commanded by Admiral Wright with headquarters

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in London; and U. S. Air Forces, Europe, now commanded by General Norstad with headquarters at Versailles. These are now component commands under the new European Command. General Handy's present European Command will be renamed; it has not been decided what the name will be.

5. There is a difference between a JCS specified command and a JCS unified command. Both types operate directly under the JCS; the former consists normally of forces of only one service, whereas the latter normally has forces assigned to it from two or more of the services. The three commands mentioned above will continue as JCS specified commands for the execution of certain missions which would not fall within the purview of General Ridgway as a NATO commander. The JCS specified command (now the European Command) in Germany, for example, will continue to do currently assigned JCS missions with respect to Berlin.

Unilateral service functions of these three commands -- Army, Navy and Air Force administrative matters--will continue to be handled directly with the commander of the service concerned--the Chief of Staff U.S. Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, or the Chief of Staff U.S. Air Force.

6. It is anticipated that a new U.S. headquarters will be established close to General Ridgway. General Thomas T. Handy will be the Deputy U. S. Commander in Chief, Europe, and General Ridgway will, as he has been authorized to do, delegate extensively his U.S. authority and responsibility to General Handy.

7. The personnel of JAMAG, now stationed in London, will become the nucleus of the new U. S. staff. It has not been decided where the new headquarters will be established.

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RIDGWAY

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY GAVE GEN. MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY DIRECT CONTROL OF ALL U.S. FORCES IN NATO EUROPE IN ADDITION TO HIS OVERALL AUTHORITY AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE WESTERN ALLIES.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE DECISION IN A FACT SHEET WHICH SAID THAT RIDGWAY, WHEN WEARING HIS NEW, SECOND HAT WOULD BE KNOWN AS "COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U.S., EUROPEAN COMMAND."

DEFENSE OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING COMMAND STRUCTURE IN EUROPE WAS TO TIE UP A NUMBER OF LOOSE ENDS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY.

RIDGWAY'S NEW RESPONSIBILITY, THE PENTAGON EXPLAINED, WILL EMBRACE ALL AMERICAN FORCES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AREAS IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN WESTERN GERMANY. U.S. FORCES IN BERLIN, AUSTRIA AND TRIESTE WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THE NEW COMMAND.

DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAID THAT GEN. EISENHOWER, THE FIRST SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE AND HIS SUCCESSOR, GEN. RIDGWAY, BOTH HAD OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ALL U.S. FORCES IN THESE AREAS, BUT ONLY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. THIS ARRANGEMENT, THESE OFFICIALS ADDED, LED TO SOME DUPLICATIONS, OVERLAPPIINGS AND WEAKNESSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTROL OF LINES OF SUPPLY. THE NEW COMMAND SETUP IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE COORDINATED CONTROL AND AUTHORITY, THE OFFICIALS ADDED.

THE PENTAGON FACT SHEET SAID THAT GENERAL THOMAS T. HANDY NOW COMMANDER OF US ARMY FORCES IN EUROPE, WILL BECOME DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE UNIFIED AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS UNDER RIDGWAY. HANDY WILL LEAVE HIS PRESENT HEADQUARTERS AT HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, TO SET UP THE NEW DEPUTY COMMAND AT A HEADQUARTERS CLOSE TO THAT OF GENERAL RIDGWAY'S NEAR PARIS.

THE PENTAGON EMPHASIZED THAT THE NEW COMMAND MACHINERY WOULD FUNCTION IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING TWO OR MORE MILITARY SERVICES BUT THAT SINGLE SERVICE FUNCTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE FROM THEIR CHIEF IN EUROPE DIRECT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

AMONG THE NEW DUTIES ASSIGNED TO RIDGWAY WILL BE THE COORDINATION OF ALL MILITARY MATTERS OF JOINT INTEREST TO THE THREE SERVICES, INCLUDING MILITARY PROCUREMENT. HE WILL ALSO ADMINISTER THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY PROGRAM FOR EUROPE AND PROVIDE FOR U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTATION TO ALL NATO, INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN AGENCIES IN EUROPE, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

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(MILITARY STRUCTURE)

WASHINGTON--(UNITED PRESS-WCNS)--PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS APPROVED A CHANGE IN THE U.S. MILITARY STRUCTURE IN EUROPE, PUTTING GEN. RIDGWAY IN CHARGE OF AMERICAN TROOPS THERE AS WELL AS THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION FORCES, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THIS AUTHORITY INCLUDES ALL U.S. FORCES EXCEPT THOSE IN BERLIN, AUSTRIA AND TRIESTE, THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

PURPOSE OF THE CHANGE IS TO COORDINATE CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY FOR ALL U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE, A SPOKESMAN SAID. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE CHANGE IS STRICTLY OF A LOGISTICAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE.

THE CHANGE WILL GIVE RIDGWAY A UNIFIED COMMAND UNDER THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WHICH FORMERLY WAS THREE SEPARATE U.S. COMMANDS.

GEN. THOMAS T. HANDY HEADED THE EUROPEAN COMMAND WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, VICE ADM. JERAULD WRIGHT HEADS U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON, AND LT. GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD HEADS U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT RIDGWAY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE THREE SERVICES. IN ADDITION HANDY WILL BECOME HIS DEPUTY U.S. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR EUROPE. RIDGWAY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DELEGATE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF HIS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO HANDY.

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BY DARRELL GARWOOD

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, JULY 8--(INS)--PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY CREATED A NEW EUROPEAN COMMAND TO GIVE GEN. RIDGWAY CONTROL OF U. S. MILITARY SUPPLY LINES AND MORE AUTHORITY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

THE ACTION, ANNOUNCED BY THE PENTAGON, DESIGNATES RIDGWAY "COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. EUROPEAN COMMAND" AS WELL AS "SUPREME COMMANDER, EUROPE."

GEN. THOMAS T. HANDY, WHO NOW HAS THE TITLE OF U. S. EUROPEAN COMMANDER BUT WHOSE AUTHORITY IS ACTUALLY LIMITED TO GERMANY, IS TRANSFERRED FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG TO BECOME RIDGWAY'S NUMBER ONE DEPUTY.

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HANDY WILL SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN OR NEAR PARIS AS "DEPUTY U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF, EUROPE." THE PENTAGON SAID RIDGWAY WILL "DELEGATE EXTENSIVELY HIS U. S. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO GEN. HANDY."

RIDGWAY'S NEW AUTHORITY IN U. S. SUPPLY AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS EXTENDS OVER THE NAVY'S EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN HEADQUARTERS, HEADED BY ADM. JERARD WRIGHT IN LONDON; OVER THE JOINT ADVISORY MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP IN LONDON AND THE DIRECTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE MATTERS; AND OVER THE AIR FORCES' EUROPEAN COMMAND HEADED BY LT. GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE U. S. ARMY AND AIR FORCE NOW HAVE SEPARATE SUPPLY LINES RUNNING ACROSS FRANCE AND THAT IN SOME CASES THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE HAVE HAD SEPARATE GROUPS IN EUROPE AT THE SAME TIME ALL SEEKING BASES IN THE SAME AREA. THE OFFICIAL SAID THIS CAUSED CONSTRUCTION TO BOG DOWN FOR LACK OF COORDINATION. THE NEW JOINT AUTHORITY GIVEN RIDGWAY IS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THESE FLAWS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BOTH GEN. EISENHOWER, BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT AND GEN. RIDGWAY HAD RECOMMENDED THE NEW STEPS. RIDGWAY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH PROVIDING U. S. MILITARY REPRESENTATION TO ALL "NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, INTERNATIONAL AND U. S. NATIONAL AGENCIES IN EUROPE EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS."

FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS, U. S. FORCES IN TRIESTE, AUSTRIA AND BERLIN ARE EXCLUDED FROM RIDGWAY'S NEW COMMAND.

HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT HANDY SOON WILL ESTABLISH SINGLE SUPPLY LINES FOR ALL AMERICAN FORCES, AND THAT THOSE IN TRIESTE, AUSTRIA AND BERLIN WILL BE SERVED BY THE SAME LINES.

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HANDY'S PRESENT HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG WILL BE RETAINED FOR DIRECTION OF U. S. FORCES IN GERMANY, BUT WILL BE REDUCED IN SIZE AND GIVEN A NEW NAME. THE NAME AND HANDY'S SUCCESSOR IN THAT POST HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED.

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