NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

John A. Wickham, Jr.
Major General, U.S. Army
Military Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to General Haig

Attached for the information of your principals is a copy of the President's formal letter to General Haig on his appointment as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

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Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974

Dear General Haig:

The Defense Planning Committee of the North Atlantic Council has appointed you Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, to be effective December 15.

Your responsibilities and authority as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, are contained in the Terms of Reference issued by the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The United States Armed Forces assigned to the U.S. European Command will continue to remain under your operational command to the extent necessary for the accomplishment of your mission.

You are hereby authorized to use officer and enlisted personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees of the U.S. Government on your staff as you consider appropriate in numbers and grades as necessary.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense for their guidance. Hersel R. Ful

Sincerely,

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.,

U.S. Army Commander in Chief European Command APO New York 09128