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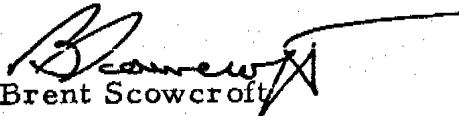
March 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75

Significant military exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75 is approved.


Brent Scowcroft
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION
March 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: JAN M. LODAL *LTB*

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75

General Wickham has forwarded briefs on the significant military exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75, scheduled for the period April 5 - May 2, 1975 (Tab B). The critical date for Presidential cancellation is March 15, 1975.

Key aspects of GALLANT SHIELD 75 are as follows:

-- It is intended to exercise USREDCOM Army and Air Force units.

-- Ground maneuvers and the air campaign will take place at Fort Bliss, Texas. Radar equipment and air defense artillery will be located at the White Sands Missile Test Range. The Air Force will operate from bases in New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona.

-- There will be no nuclear weapon scenarios.

-- GALLANT SHIELD 75 will be the largest USREDCOM joint training exercise in the CONUS during FY 75, and is expected to generate national news interest.

GALLANT SHIELD 75 should be of considerable military training value and have no adverse political implications. Defense has coordinated the exercise with State and the USA. Therefore, I recommend that it be approved.

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Recommendation

That you sign the memo to General Wickham at Tab A indicating that
GALLANT SHIELD 75 is approved.

Clint Granger concurs. *cl*

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

10 MAR 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Significant Military Exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75

Three copies of a brief on the significant military exercise GALLANT SHIELD 75 are forwarded for approval in accordance with NSAM 316. This exercise has been coordinated with the Department of State and the United States Information Agency. They have raised no objections.

A summary of the politico-military scenario for this exercise appears at paragraph 8 of the brief.

The recommended general information policy is set forth in paragraph 14 of the exercise brief.

Please note the critical date for Presidential cancellation is 15 March.

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JOHN A WICKHAM
MAJOR GENERAL, USA
MILITARY ASSISTANT

Enclosure 1
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US READINESS COMMAND

BRIEF OF A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EXERCISE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Name. GALLANT SHIELD 75.
2. Type. JCS-directed, US Readiness Command (USREDCOM)-sponsored joint Army/Air Force large scale training exercise.
3. Aims. To exercise USREDCOM Army and Air Force units, test and evaluate joint operational concepts and doctrine in a field training exercise.
4. Date. 5 April - 2 May 1975.
5. Critical Cancellation Date. 15 March 1975.
6. Political Implications. None.
7. Geographical Area. Fort Bliss, Texas and White Sands Missile Test Range. Air Force operating bases will be Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; Biggs Army Airfield, Texas; Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.
8. Political Military Scenario. Blissland, mythical friendly nation has committed all its forces to halt an invasion by Myton a neighboring country. Blissland is unable to contain the invasion and in accordance with treaty agreements, requests and receives direct military assistance from the US. A JTF is deployed to Blissland to assist in restoring its territorial integrity.
9. Directing Headquarters. HQ USREDCOM.
10. Participating Commands and Major Forces.
 - a. HQ USREDCOM
 - Joint Task Force Headquarters
 - Miscellaneous Exercise Support

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15. General Policy.

a. Diplomatic information - none.

b. Security restrictions - overall exercise details are For Official Use Only. Certain real world classified activities and projects will participate.

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US READINESS COMMAND

BRIEF OF A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EXERCISE

1. Name of Exercise. GALLANT SHIELD 75.

2. Type. JCS-directed, USREDCOM-sponsored joint Army/Air Force large scale training exercise.

3. Aims.

a. To Exercise and Evaluate:

(1) Participating commanders, staffs, and forces in techniques and procedures for:

(a) Strategic deployment of USREDCOM forces and selected Air National Guard and Reserve Forces.

(b) Planning and execution of joint operations.

(c) Planning and utilization of joint electronic warfare (EW) assets to include penetration of air defense networks and disrupting command and control communications.

(d) Integrated signal intelligence (SIGINT) support of tactical commanders in a joint environment and development of joint procedures for SIGINT-EW coordination.

(e) Joint employment of unattended ground sensors.

(f) Employing principles of operations security (OPSEC).

(g) Use of the Joint Interrogation/Exploitation Center (JIEC).

(h) Aerial resupply of unconventional warfare (UW) and conventional forces.

(2) Procedures in airspace management (TAC/TRADOC/FORSCOM Agreement on Airspace Management) to include:

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c. Additional Project Incorporated in the Exercise:

Army Materiel Command (AMC)/Modern Army Selected Systems Test, Evaluation, and Review (MASSTER) special project designed to evaluate the impact of near real time photographic and signal intelligence inputs to the JTF headquarters.

4. Dates. 5 April 1975 - 2 May 1975 (employment dates 16 - 23 April 1975).

5. Critical Date for Presidential Decision to Cancel Exercise. 15 March 1975. This brief was submitted late since an airlift funding decision to support GALLANT SHIELD 75 has not been made.

6. Political Implications. None.

7. Geographical Area. GALLANT SHIELD 75 ground maneuver will be conducted on the Fort Bliss, Texas, military reservation. Selected static locations on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) will be used for locating radar equipment and air defense artillery. The air campaign will encompass the air-space over Fort Bliss, WSMR, and designated joint use restricted airspace east of these areas obtained from the FAA. Major operating locations for Air Force aircraft are expected to be:

- a. Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.
- b. Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.
- c. Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.
- d. Biggs Army Airfield, Texas.
- e. Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.
- f. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

8. Politico-Military Scenario Summary. GALLANT SHIELD 75 is designed to provide an opportunity for selected Army and Air Force units, both Active and Reserve components, to operate jointly in a permissive and nonpermissive environment and to

headquarters augmented by other USARRED forces. Air Force forces (AFFOR) headquarters will operate from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, and consist of elements of the 12th Air Force headquarters and other USAFRED augmentation. The actual opposing forces will be controlled by exercise director headquarters and will consist of one airmobile brigade reinforced with an armored cavalry squadron and two and one-half tactical fighter squadrons. Employment phase of the exercise will be divided into two parts:

- a. The CPX portion will begin at 1200 hours, 16 April 1975. It is designed to exercise Joint Staff procedures, communications nets, and provide intelligence information that will develop the tactical situation. JTF ground forces will conduct an actual move from their forward assembly areas to relieve Blissland forces along the forward edge of the battle area.
- b. The FTX portion will begin at 0600 hours, D-Day, 18 April 1975. JTF ground operations will include offensive, defensive, and retrograde operations in both permissive and non-permissive air environments. Ground operations will integrate all available assets to include EW, SIGINT, unattended ground sensors, aerial resupply, CAS, and integrated fire support. UW forces will provide direct action missions in support of the JTF. Air operations will include CAS, deep interdiction strikes, air defense operations integrated with ground air defense artillery, strategic airlift escort, airmobile assault escort, reconnaissance, and aerial resupply. Particular emphasis will be placed in support of data collection required by the CAS Validation Study.

Upon completion of the exercise on 23 April 1975, forces will redeploy to home stations.

9. Directing Headquarters. Headquarters, US Readiness Command (USREDCOM).

10. Participating Commands and Forces.

- a. Headquarters, US Readiness Command.
 - (1) Exercise Director Headquarters.
 - (2) Joint Task Force Headquarters Nucleus.
 - (3) Army Aviation Support Element.
 - (4) Weather Detachment.

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(2) Major Opposing Ground Forces:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| AMBL BDE HQ | 101 ABN DIV (AMBL) |
| 2 INF BN | 101 ABN DIV (AMBL) |
| 1 ARMORED CAV SQDN | 3 ACR, FT BLISS, TEX |
| 1 AIR CAV SQDN | 101 ABN DIV (AMBL) |
| 1 AVN BN ASSAULT (-) | 101 ABN DIV (AMBL) |
| 1 FA BN (-) | FT CAMPBELL, KY |
| 1 BTRA AFA | FT CAMPBELL, KY |
| CMBT SPT AND CMBT SERV SPT | |

(3) UW Forces:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| SPECIAL FORCES GRP (-) | FT BRAGG, NC |
| 10 SFOD | FT BRAGG, NC |
| 5 ARMY SECURITY AGENCY TEAMS | FT BRAGG, NC |
| 150 INDIGENOUS FORCES | RESERVE COMPONENTS |

d. JCS: Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE).

e. DAF: USAF Security Service Element.

f. DA: USA Special Security (SSO) Detachment.

g. USN: Element for EW support (2EA-6B).

h. Strategic Air Command: Aerial refueling support as required.

i. Military Airlift Command:

(1) Airlift for deployment and redeployment of exercise participants.

(2) Air rescue and recovery support.

(a) 2-HH-53 - 39 ARRW

(b) 1-HC-130 - 39 ARRW

(3) Aerospace audio visual service.

(4) Air weather service.

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14. Recommended General Public Information Policy. GALLANT SHIELD 75 is the largest USREDCOM joint training exercise scheduled to be conducted in the CONUS during FY 75 and is expected to generate national news interest. This is encouraged and will be fully supported by the US Readiness Command Public Affairs Office.

15. General Policy Concerning:

a. Diplomatic information: None.

b. Security restrictions: Overall exercise details are For Official Use Only. During the play of the exercise, exercise material will be classified for training purposes, to be declassified after the exercise. Certain real world classified activities and projects will participate in the exercise, e.g., BONUS PRIZE.

16. Additional Remarks. None.

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