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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Strategic Air Command Airborne Alert Indoctrination
Training Program for FY 1965

Attached for your approval is an outline of the Strategic Air Command Indoctrination Training Program for FY 1965. This program is a continuation of that presented to President Kennedy for his approval by Mr. Gilpatric's memorandum of June 13, 1963, and with respect to which Presidential approval was received as noted in a memorandum from General Clifton, dated June 19, 1963.

The concept of operations involves an exercise schedule of 12 aircraft sorties per day, as indicated in the attached program, over the routes outlined on the chart previously submitted to President Kennedy under cover of Mr. Gilpatric's memorandum of May 31, 1962.

Changes in unit participation or routes may be necessary due to presently unforeseen circumstances. As in the past, major changes will be submitted for your approval prior to changes being made. Prescribed and approved safety rules for the appropriate aircraft/weapon system combination will be enforced. Quarterly reports on the effectiveness of these airborne alert operations will be forwarded to you as before.

In addition to the submission of this continuation of the present airborne alert program, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have concurred in certain proposals made by the Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command, which they recommend become effective on October 1, 1964. These proposed changes concern modification in routing as well as an increase in the number of authorized overflights over Canadian Territory in cases of 1/16 and 1/8 force airborne readiness conditions. Enclosure (2) is

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a chart outlining proposed new operational routes which would be utilized under this revised airborne alert program and would replace those indicated in the chart at Enclosure (3). This revision involves a reduction from 8 to 4 routes. In addition, important features of this proposed revision are as follows:

a. Sortie Loading:

	<u>Indoctrination Level</u>	<u>1/16 Level</u>	<u>1/8 Level</u>
North Route	4	14	28
West Route	2	8	16
East Route	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	12	40	80

b. Weapons: Loading of Mk 15/39, Mk 28, GAM 77/Mk 28, and Mk 53 weapons would be similar to that in current operations.

The proposed plan would provide for increased flexibility of route scheduling and would accommodate a better balance between the target system and the application of the alert force. In addition, there would be a longer duration of target coverage from the new Northern Route. It is to be noted that this proposed revised plan would increase from 2 to 4 the number of sorties which daily overflight Canadian territory at the Indoctrination Training Program level. This number is well within the total of 12 daily which has been previously agreed to as the maximum overflight of Canadian territory per day. However, it should be noted that should circumstances develop which would require, as was the case in the Cuban alert operations, an increase in the program to either the 1/16 or 1/8 force readiness levels, total daily sorties on the proposed new Northern Route would be increased to 14 and 28 respectively.

I recommend your approval of the continuation of the SAC Airborne Alert Program through FY 1965 as outlined in Enclosure (1). Subject to your approval, I will request the Secretary of State to obtain Canadian Clear-

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ance for overflight of Canadian territory by SAC aircraft for the first two quarters of FY 1965 in accordance with procedures presently established. It is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in obtaining new approval of the Canadian Government for a continuation of overflight authorizations. In accordance with our existing service-to-service agreements with the Danish and Spanish Governments, no formal clearance or notification is required. However, normal flight plan procedures are followed and informal notification is given to those governments on the embassy level and on a service-to-service basis.

I further recommend your approval of these revisions to the Airborne Alert Plan and route changes as discussed above and as indicated in Enclosure (2), to be effective on October 1, 1964, provided Canadian clearance is obtained. Subject to your approval, I will request the Secretary of State to initiate such consultation with the Canadian Government as may be necessary in order to obtain Canadian approval of these proposed revised procedures.

— Signed
CYRUS R. VANCE

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Document # SAC AIRBORNE ALERT INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM

ENCLOSURE 1

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FY 1965

FIRST QUARTER (1 JULY - 30 SEPTEMBER)

1 JULY - 15 AUGUST

<u>Base/Unit</u>	<u>Daily Sorties</u>	<u>Route</u>
ALTUS/11	2	S
LORING/42	2	S
DOW/397	2	S
WALKER/6	2	N
FAIRCHILD/92	2	N
K. L. SAWYER/410	2	HH

16 AUGUST - 30 SEPTEMBER

BARKSDALE/2	2	S
EGLIN/39	2	S
McCOY/306	2	S
TRAVIS/5	2	N
CLINTON-SHERMAN/70	2	N
GRAND FORKS/319	2	HH

Enclosure 1

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SECOND QUARTER (1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER)

1 OCTOBER - 15 NOVEMBER

<u>Base/Unit</u>	<u>Daily Sorties</u>	<u>Route</u>
CARSWELL/7	2	E
WRIGHT-PATTERSON/17	2	E
SEYMOUR-JOHNSON/68	2	E
GLASGOW/91	2	N
BERGSTROM/340	2	N
WURTSMITH/379	2	N

16 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER

HOMESTEAD/19	2	E
RAMEY/72	2	E
TURNER/484	2	E
LARSON/462	2	W
SHEPPARD/494	2	N
MINOT/450	2	N

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THIRD QUARTER (1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH)

1 JANUARY - 15 FEBRUARY

<u>Base/Unit</u>	<u>Daily Sorties</u>	<u>Route</u>
WESTOVER/99	4	E
COLUMBUS/454	2	E
BEALE/456	2	W
AMARILLO/461	2	N
GRIFFISS/416	2	N

1 FEBRUARY - 31 MARCH

LORING/42	2	E
BLYTHEVILLE/97	2	E
ROBBINS/465	2	E
DYESS/96 -	2	W
MATHER/320	2	N
GRAND FORKS/319	2	N

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FOURTH QUARTER (1 APRIL - 30 JUNE)

1 APRIL - 15 MAY

<u>Base/Unit</u>	<u>Daily Sorties</u>	<u>Route</u>
EGLIN/39	2	E
K. I. SAWYER/410	2	E
KINCHELOE/449	2	E
ELLSWORTH/28	2	W
FAIRCHILD/92	2	N
MINOT/450	2	N

16 MAY - 30 JUNE

CARSWELL/7	2	E
McCOY/306	2	E
DOW/397	2	E
TRAVIS/5	2	W
WALKER/6	2	N
WURTSMITH/379	2	N

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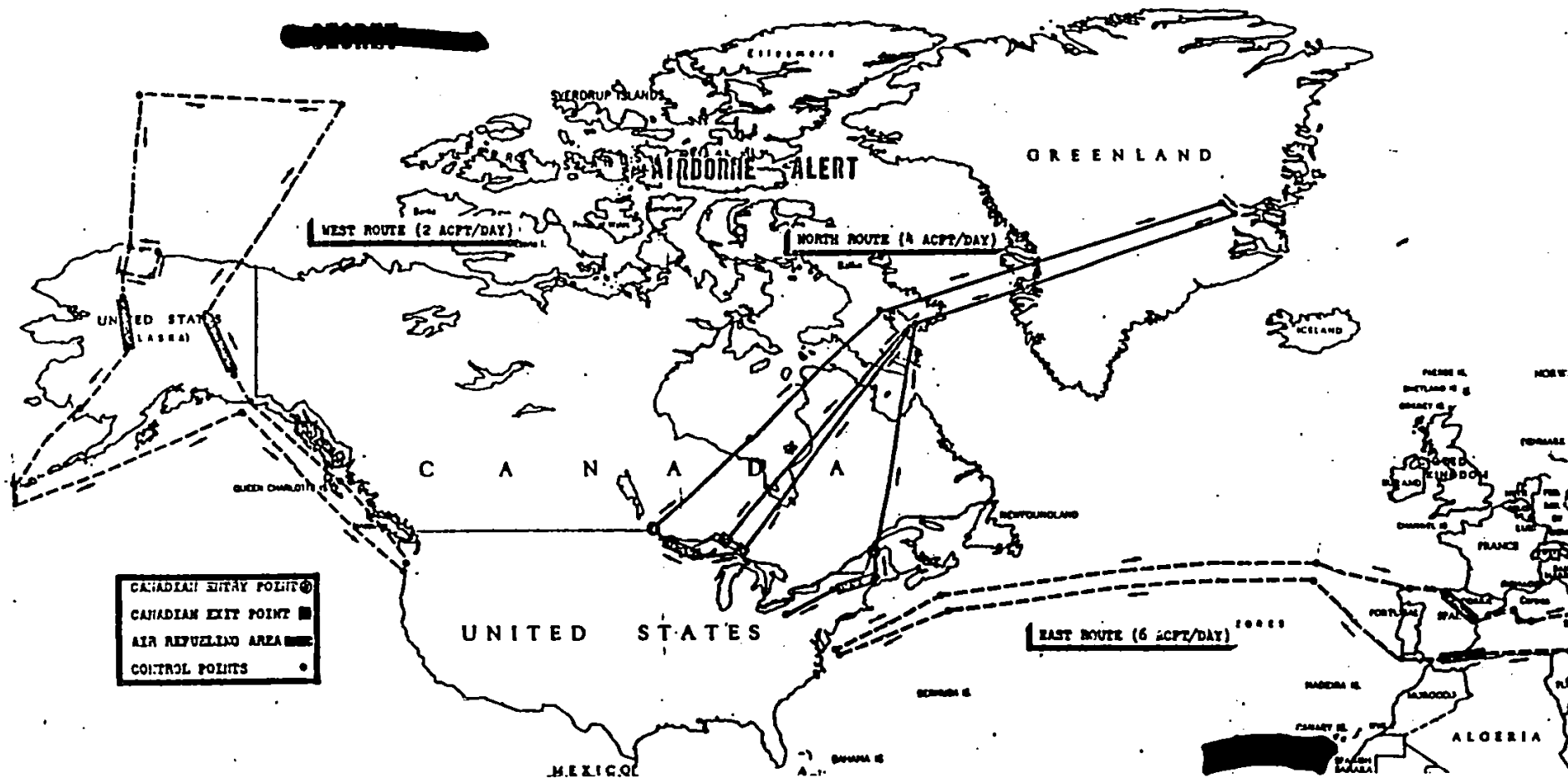
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SAC AIRBORNE ALERT

12 B-52 AIRCRAFT PER DAY:
6 FLY SOUTHERN ROUTE
4 FLY NORTHERN ROUTE
2 OVERFLY CANADA ON "HARD HEAD" ROUTE

GOV'T. OF CANADA HAS APPROVED UP TO 12 SORTIES PER DAY. AGREEMENT IS RENEWED SEMI-ANNUALLY. OPERATIONAL DETAILS ARE COORDINATED BETWEEN SAC AND RCAF.

CHROME DOME NORTH ROUTE (4 ACFT / DAY)

CHROME DOME SOUTH ROUTE (6 ACFT/DAY)

THULE

"COMMUNICATIONS OUT"
EMERGENCY ROUTE

HARD HEAD ROUTES (2 ACFT/DAY)
(PROVIDES SURVEILLANCE OF BMWS AT THULE)

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