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General James H. Polk  
Commander-in-Chief  
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Dear General Polk:

This is a follow-on to my letter of 8 December 1969 concerning the movement of a personnel service company from Stuttgart to the Nurnberg area. Our survey of the Nurnberg area resulted in the consideration of five stationing alternatives. I have studied these in detail with the commanders concerned in order to find a solution with minimum costs and relocations and one which could be accomplished without undue delay. The most practical solution is to relocate the 569th Personnel Services Company from Flak Kaserne, Ludwigsburg, to Merrell Barracks, Nurnberg early this summer. This alternative provides the much needed personnel service support in the forward area while at the same time holding to a minimum the number of family dislocations and requirements for new construction. The formal request to relocate the personnel services company will be submitted to your headquarters in the near future.

The relocation will involve some internal repositioning in Merrell Barracks, a kaserne trade between the large self-propelled 155mm artillery battalion now at Merrell and a smaller Honest John Battalion now at Pinder Barracks, Zirndorf, and the already planned relocation of the engineer company from Merrell to Johnson Barracks, Furth. These actions will permit the stationing of the personnel services company at the optimum location in Nurnberg. Numerous other advantages will accrue: better training supervision of the 84th Engineer Company; consolidation of the entire 24th Engineer Battalion on one compound; better utilization of

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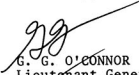
facilities at Johnson Barracks; better facilities for both artillery battalions; and removal of tracked engineer and artillery vehicles from mid-city Nurnberg.

While some adjustments of units, as mentioned above, and some internal adjustment of space in Merrell Barracks will be required, the costs will be minimal and support requirement virtually unaffected as only a few family moves (the married personnel in the 569th PSC) are involved.

The most pressing problem involved is the provisions of additional commercial power to operate the computer and associated equipment of the personnel services company. Merrell Barracks is currently at peak loading and has no excess power available. Although the power project is in the preliminary stages of design, the initial estimate indicates a cost of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. My engineers, in conjunction with the District Engineer, are developing the detailed project design and cost estimates; this should be completed within the next two weeks. To expedite this action, I intend to submit the project as a "special action", urgent in nature, direct to General Noble. We will also request it be categorized as a USAREUR directed project.

I hope you will be able to see your way clear to support these actions.

Sincerely,

  
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Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding