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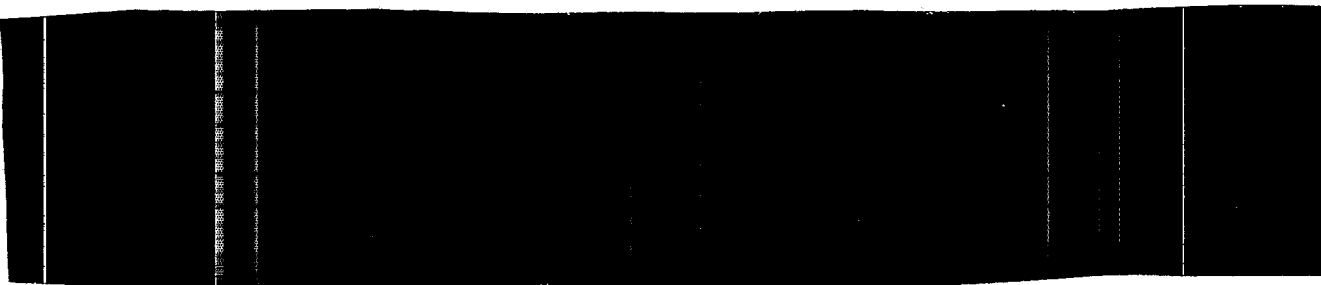
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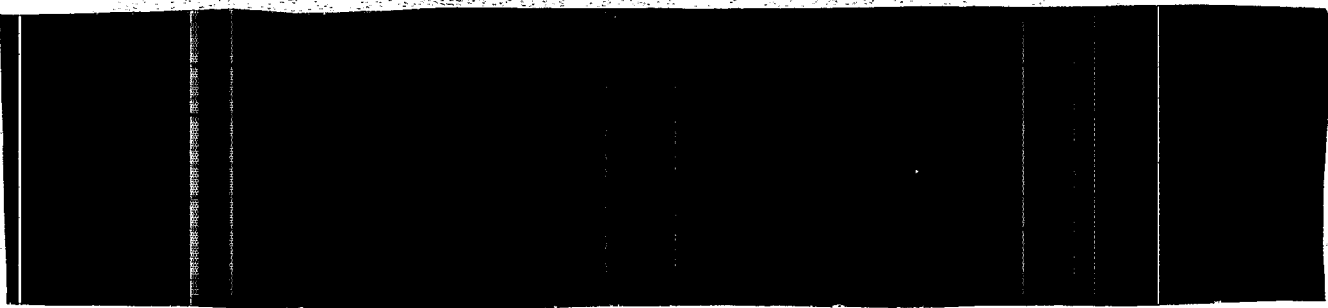
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LIBBY

SUBJECT: Abbreviated Scenarios for Inclusion in DPG -- Issues? (U)

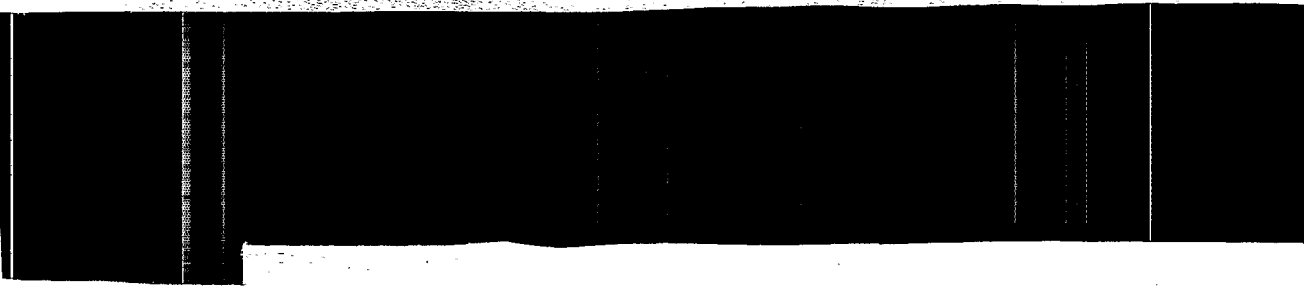
(U) Attached for your review are the abbreviated scenarios in close-to-final form (TAB A). General Powell has begun to review the Joint Staff's detailed versions for his personal final judgements; we may receive them formally as soon as early next week. You and/or Mr. Wolfowitz may still have one or two major issues (as I have advised the Joint Staff); MRC-Europe particularly needs resolution.



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ILLUSTRATIVE PLANNING SCENARIOS

PREFACE

This set of Illustrative Planning Scenarios constitutes guidance for the FY 94-99 Defense Program appropriate to the changing security environment and new strategy. Most broadly, this scenario set tangibly reflects the shift in focus from a single monolithic global scenario to an array of regional scenarios. The uncertainty of the international security environment makes it difficult to predict and estimate the circumstances under which US military power might be employed. Although changing world events make some individual scenarios decidedly less probable than others, all are useful for planning under the new strategy.

These scenarios are illustrative, not predictive or exhaustive. They depict plausible future events illustrating the types of circumstances in which the application of US military power might be required. Consistent with the new strategy, each scenario involves plausible threats in regions of vital interest to the US, and corresponding achievable military objectives. While these scenarios do not represent the only threats which could emerge in regions vital to US interests, they do illustrate a substantial range of the kinds of capabilities US forces might have to employ in various regions of the world, and are therefore useful for analysis.

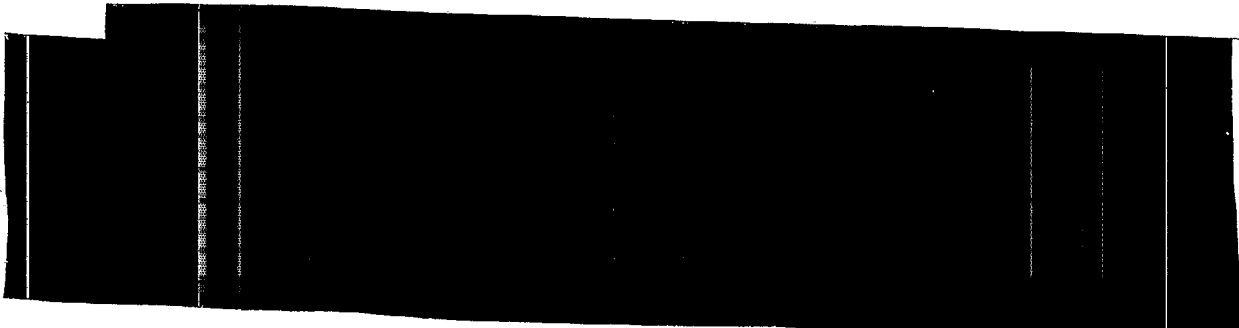
This scenario set is to be used as an analytical tool for the formulation and assessment of defense programs. While the Base Force is sized to support the elements of the new strategy, these scenarios enable planners and programmers to examine defense programs for appropriate levels of combat power, mobility, readiness and sustainment. The FY 94-99 Program Objectives Memoranda should reflect requirements derived largely but not solely from this scenario set. Although these scenarios focus largely on Crisis Response and Reconstitution, each of the four elements of our strategy involve other requirements which are not fully addressed in this scenario set and yet require programming actions and analysis. The order in which the scenarios appear does not imply any regional priority for programming purposes.

This scenario set is not intended to constrain planners from adjusting to future changes in the strategic environment. Subsequent to its publication as guidance for formulation and assessment of the FY 94-99 program, continued evolution in the strategic environment, or emerging requirements for scenarios for other applications, may require the development of additional or more detailed scenarios. If necessary, the data presented in this set

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should be updated for future applications until superseded by the next DPG scenario set. However, strategic concepts and assumptions presented in this scenario set should generally be retained in any scenarios developed for other applications.



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Any detailed analysis of this DPG scenario set should use the information in the more detailed version developed by the Joint Staff and promulgated by _____ official(s) on _____ date, from which these scenarios were derived.

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