



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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National Security Decision Memorandum 342

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director, Office of Management and Budget  
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Organizations to Perform Security Assistance Functions

The President has reviewed the study of the Interdepartmental Group for Political-Military Affairs on MAAG Requirements and has noted agency views. The President has decided to establish or continue in the countries indicated the following organizations to perform security assistance functions in Fiscal Year 1978. Personnel and funding levels will be those established in the President's Fiscal Year 1978 budget request.

Defense Field Offices

Ethiopia	Kuwait*	Saudi Arabia*
Greece	Liberia	Spain
Indonesia	Morocco	Thailand
Iran*/**	Pakistan	Tunisia**
Japan	Philippines	Turkey
Jordan	Portugal	Zaire
Korea	Republic of China	


Military Groups

Argentina	Dominican Republic**	Panama
Bolivia	Ecuador**	Paraguay***
Brazil	El Salvador**	Peru**
Chile**	Guatemala	Uruguay***
Colombia	Honduras**	Venezuela
Costa Rica***	Nicaragua	

- \* The Defense Field Office will be replaced by an Office of Defense Cooperation if an adequate level of reimbursement can be obtained from the host country.
- \*\* Six or less members of the U.S. military will be assigned to the Defense Field Office or Military Group.
- \*\*\* Three or less members of the U.S. military will be assigned to the Military Group.

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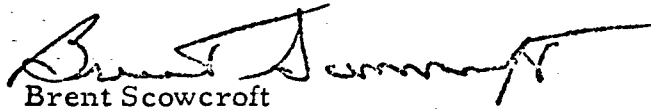
Offices of Defense Cooperation

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| Australia                   | India          |
| Austria                     | Italy          |
| Belgium                     | Netherlands    |
| Denmark                     | Norway         |
| France                      | United Kingdom |
| Federal Republic of Germany |                |

The Secretary of State, in close cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, should propose legislation which will:

- Authorize establishment of Defense Field Offices in the countries specified above.
- Provide for continued operation of the Latin American military groups based on their traditional role of representation.
- Permit, without specific congressional approval, the assignment to the chief of each U.S. diplomatic mission of up to six military personnel to perform security assistance functions.
- Allow Defense Attache Offices to continue to perform security assistance functions in countries where either manpower and cost savings are effected or political sensitivities are paramount.

If these amendments to the existing law are not forthcoming, Office of Defense Cooperation will be established or Defense Field Offices will be proposed where necessary.

  
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cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

