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Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry
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Dear General Berry:

Inclosed for your information is a Fact Sheet on local training areas I sent to General Blanchard recently.

The certainty and precision with which we proceed to upgrade our local training areas depends heavily on the completeness and accuracy of the LTA survey sent to all custodians in late October. About half of these surveys are still out (reference 7ATC message 161449Z Jan 79). I would appreciate any assistance you could give in urging completion of these LTA surveys referred to in paragraph 4g of the inclosed Fact Sheet.

If you have any ideas or particular desires regarding the LTA upgrade program, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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USAREUR Local Training Area and Training Facilities Improvement Program

TO CINC

FROM ADCSOPS for Tng

Date 8 Jun 79

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1. This is an information paper. (No Suspense)

2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this DF is to provide an overview of the USAREUR program for improving local training areas and training facilities.

3. RECOMMENDED USE: For general discussion with commanders and staff on matters relating to local training areas (LTA) and training facilities.

4. INFORMATION: a. USAREUR has 241 LTAs. These vary in size from 28 to 8,060 acres. As an approximate rule, an LTA should be from 1200 to 6000 acres in size to permit good training. A 1200 acre LTA would be adequate for artillery tactical training; armor tactical training would require one of about 6000 acres. Terrain and vegetation strongly influence training utility, as does neighboring civilian activity. Of our 241 LTAs, only 10 are 1200 acres or larger. V Corps and 21st Support Command have one each, 4000 and 5000 acres respectively, and eight are in VII Corps. There are no plans at this time to acquire additional land for LTAs.

b. Key training facilities, located either on kaserne or in LTAs, consist of combat training theaters (CTT), scaled ranges, and missile tracking simulators (MTS). Of the 11 existing CTT, two (SETAF and Bamberg) are not operational because of safety deficiencies; these are being corrected now. Shown below are existing facilities and additional ones being constructed FY 79-81.

	Existing	FY 79-81
Combat Training Theaters	11	3
Multi-use 1/10 Scale Range *	several	8
1/20 Scale Tank Range	14	9
1/60 Scale Tank Range	16	8
Redeye MTS	3 **	2

* Permit subcaliber firing of artillery, LAW, 81mm, and 4.2 in. We are in the process of finding out how many there are.

** Will convert to Stinger, Jan 1980.

c. Local training areas and facilities are managed and maintained by the communities, under MACOM control. In most cases, their use is scheduled by the senior local tactical commander who is designated custodian. Maintenance and upgrade construction projects are initiated by community DEHS. Mechanical equipment for use in CTTs and scaled ranges is procured by Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE) and issued to the communities after the site preparation is completed. Equipment is maintained by the using tactical unit, with DS maintenance support from the community and the local Training Aid Support Center (TASC), and GS/DX maintenance support from TSAE. MTS facilities are programmed and contracted for by USAREUR headquarters (DCSOPS and DCS/ENGR), and operated and maintained by community TDA personnel with DS/GS support from TSAE.

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SUBJECT: Local Training Areas (LTA) and Facilities

d. In early 1977, 7ATC initiated a USAREUR-wide LTA and local training facilities development and upgrade program. Inventory and assessment of requirements were the first order of business. Neglect and non-use of LTAs was prevalent, and few community and training personnel understood the necessity and procedures for LTA management under the NATO SOFA and SA. Awareness and interest in LTAs has grown considerably in the last year, reinforced by increased costs to move units to MTAs and reduced time there. Within the past year, both Corps and 21st Support Command have designated LTA officers on their staffs and 7ATC has hired a highly qualified civilian as full-time LTA specialist for USAREUR.

e. The most important role of the new full-time LTA specialist is the conduct of joint onsite surveys of LTAs. These surveys, long ignored by most responsible commanders, are required by the NATO SOFA and SA to be made bi-annually of any LTAs that have scaled ranges, subcaliber firing, or tactical maneuver training. There are 186 LTAs that meet this criterion. The joint onsite surveys are made by representatives of the Land Oberfinanzdirektion (OFD), the community, the custodial unit, and now, by the USAREUR LTA specialist. The joint onsite surveys are initiated by the Land OFD and coordinated through the USFLO. Since being hired in April 1978, the USAREUR LTA specialist has conducted 11 joint onsite surveys and made 24 technical assistance visits to other LTAs - 17 of them at request of the custodial unit. In addition to these visits, personnel from USAREUR and the Combined Arms Training Directorate have made more than 60 assistance visits throughout USAREUR regarding the installation, operation, and maintenance of training devices. Increased USAREUR staff, USFLO, Corps, and Community coordination is occurring on actions impacting LTA use and operation. This coordination is especially important in matters of civil encroachment, safety, environmental issues, and third-party agreements adversely affecting our continued use of the LTA.

f. An LTA line, generated by 7ATC and the Corps, was inserted for the first time in the FY 80-84 PARR. Approximately \$24M is programmed for LTA improvement during the next four calendar years. The FY 79 PARR identified \$2.130M for LTAs, but the December 78 BMG allocated only \$1.454M, a reduction of 31%. Action to recover these funds is on-going. 7ATC has had very little success in persuading the Corps to fence LTA improvement funds, and none have been fenced by USAREUR.

g. Responses to a 7ATC LTA data collection survey are due in this month from all LTA custodians. This survey, designed with the assistance of ARI, is expected to provide the most comprehensive record of USAREUR LTA status, condition, and capabilities compiled up to this time. It will serve to update USAREUR Pamphlet 350-220, 221, 222 (Local Training Area Brochure) and will provide a data base for our LTA improvement program.

h. Four MACOM LTA conferences, intended to further the LTA management and improvement program, are scheduled during February and March 1979 as shown below. The conferences will be sponsored by 7ATC and will involve USFLOs and all concerned USAREUR and MACOM staff elements.

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8 Jan 79

20 February
21 February
27 February
1 March (tentative)

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