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TO: All French Employees

1. As Commander of TFAD, I am taking this opportunity to inform you of certain contemplated organizational changes in the United States Forces Supply System in Europe. Also I want to explain to you how these changes will affect Trois-Fontaines. In doing so, I hope to shed some light on the news which you may have received through the media of newspapers and radio.

2. The changes, which were actually conceived quite some time ago, have been brought about for reasons of economy. Their effect on the personnel of TFAD will be minimal. TFAD is to become a part of a regional depot complex, the headquarters of which will be in Verdun. Some of our administrative and planning functions are to be centralized at the complex headquarters. The primary mission of TFAD, however, will continue as before. An increase in our ammunition workload is foreseen for 1964 and 1965.

3. We have at the present time a large number of vacant positions at Trois Fontaines which we have not been able to fill. Accordingly, I do not foresee an overall reduction of personnel at our Depot. The reduction of personnel mentioned in the newspapers and on the radio primarily concern other depots.

4. Up to now I have not received instructions from our next higher headquarters as to which administration functions are to be transferred from TFAD to the complex headquarters. As soon as I receive this information I will so inform the employees concerned. I assure each of you who may be affected that I will do everything possible to relocate you to other offices within Trois-Fontaines at the same grade coefficient and step to the extent that regulations will permit.

5. Inasmuch as the monetary savings to be realized by this reorganization will mainly be effected by cancellation of already vacant positions, the effect of the reorganization at TFAD will be minor. Considering the continuation of our primary mission, the receipt, storage, issue, maintenance and surveillance of ammunition, the employment possibilities at Trois Fontaines remain quite favorable. In any case, the overall reorganization will probably take from twelve to eighteen months.