

**APPENDIX**

**1962, September 25. Report drawn up by Romanian Army General Leontin Sălăjan, Minister of Armed Forces, concerning the WTO maneuver including troops (Romania, October 1962).**

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**REPORT**

on the maneuver including troops that will be carry on in October 1962

In the second ten-days' period of October 1962, there will be carry on an operational maneuver including troops on the P.R.R. territory in which units and large units from the Navy, Air Force and field troops from P.R.R., USSR and P.R.B.

The operational maneuver is organised and led by the Minister for the Armed Forces of P.R.R. and it had the following tactical scheme: "WAGING COMBAT ACTIONS BY JOINT FORCES, IN CO-OPERATION WITH NAVY AND AIR FORCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERRING THE ENEMY'S DESCENT AND OBLITERATING THE ENEMY ON THE DOBROGEA SEASHORE", and "THE MARITIME AND AIR DESCENT IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE WAR".

It is the first ample military exercise organised and carried out in our country, in which troops from the fraternal armed forces take part. For this military exercise P.R.R. engage: the command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army with all the commands of army units and subunits; the fully manned 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanised "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division; the 9<sup>th</sup> Mechanised "Mărășești" Division with all the commands of the mechanised, tank and artillery regiments (each of those regiments participated with a reinforced motorised infantry battalion, and a tank battalion and artillery division respectively); the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 72<sup>nd</sup> Bridges' Regiments; the 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiments; the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiments. At the same time, the 16<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Division with all subordinate units, the 36<sup>th</sup> Airborne Battalion and the entire Romanian Navy. The complete number is 27,500 military personnel.

USSR has [for the same military exercise, the following]: the command of the 118<sup>th</sup> Motorised Infantry Division with a fully manned motorised infantry regiment (the other regiments of the division participated only with their staffs and company/battalion subunits, each staff having a tank platoon and an artillery battery in its subordination); a bridges' regiment; an airborne regiment; two wings of ground-attack fighters; 60 An-8 and An-10 air carriers; units and subunits of the Black Sea Red Fleet. The complete number is 7,500 military personnel.

P.R.B. has [for the same military exercise, the following]: the command of the 16<sup>th</sup> Motorised Infantry Division with a regiment staff and a reinforced motorised

infantry battalion; 24 fighters and ground-attack fighters; most vessels of the Bulgarian Navy. The complete number is 2,000 military personnel.

At this military exercise 37,000 military personnel, 310 tanks and armoured self-propelled cannons, 180 various aircraft, 76 various vessels, 3,650 armoured carriers, trucks and special vehicles take part.

At this military exercise all base members of the armed forces take part; they are included on the staff from the manager's military exercise office, on the check personnel or as performers and they will improve their training in full conditions for its organisation and practice.

At this military exercise, bodies of the Ministry of Transport and Communications will be involved and they will ensure a part of the necessary links for leading the troops during the military exercise together with the traffic regulation on the DANUBE River in through Călărași – Tulcea district; a district in which the Romanian and Soviet pontoon's units will build up three bridges over the river.

The military exercise is due to start on the 15 October 1962 and it will last 2 1/2 days and a day for the military balance. Depending upon weather conditions will establish the exact date (maybe 2 – 3 days before).

The military exercise will end up with a military parade in Constanța, in rich large units and units from the Armed Forces of P.R.R., USSR and P.R.B.

I have written a special report to the Political Bureau of Romanian Workers' Party with an invitation of the Ministers of Defence of the countries belonging the WARSAW Treaty [Organisation] (with the exception of ALBANIA), each one will be accompanying by a group of officers and generals.

At the same time, I suggest to invite some comrades from the staff of the Government and [Romanian Workers'] Party, the President of State Committee of Planning, the Minister for Metallurgic and Mechanical Engineering, the Minister for Transport and Communications, the Minister for Oil and Chemistry, representatives of the local Party and State from DOBROGEA district and some specialists from the civil institutions that have to do with military technique production, to attend military exercise and military parade.

At the end of the military exercise, I suggest to send a press announcement regarding this military maneuver.

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