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**Memo concerning a Directive of the Rear [of the  
Minister of Defense]**

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**Summary:**

A memo concerning the food rations and tent supplies to be sent with troops departing for Cuba.

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Memo

concerning a Directive of the Rear

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Written in Directive for the Rear of the Minister of Defense № 79655 from 15 June 1962 □□ □□ □□

Written in Directive for the Rear of the Minister of Defense and for the Chief of the Rear of the Armed Forces № sh/3/83273 from 25 June 1962 □□ □

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1. Create food supplies for 25 days for the length of the trip. The travel food stores are to be supplied with food ensuring the personnel are fed high-quality hot food three times [a day]. □□

Supply the troops with: □□

- food - a minimum mobile supply of 5 days and a landing supply of 15 days' rations. □□

2. Send 5000 heavy tents, 400 sets of USB [medical ward tent], and 500 sets of UST-56 [standard medical-technical tent]. □□ □□ □□

1. Departing troops are to be supplied with food for 45 days, including: □□

- mobile supplies in units - 5 days' rations; □□

- supplies for the voyage (on the ships) □□

- 25 days' rations; □□

- landing rations - 15 days' rations. □□

In the supplies designated for the voyage have: 2 day's dry packaged rations, 5 days' rations of bread, 10 day's rations of sugar, 8 days' rations of flour and fresh potatoes and vegetables for 10 days. □□

2. The Chief of the Clothing Supply Directorate of the Ministry of Defense is to supply the departing troops with heavy tents and USB and USB-56 tents according to the approved estimate. □□ □

General-Lieutenant of Aviation Sokoloverov (of the Main Staff of Air Defense of the Country) has reported that in the Directive for the Rear for Air Defense of the Country it was stated that the troops being sent have taken food with them - 45 day's rations.

Tents are being issued to the troops.

The change by Cde. I. Kh. Bagramyan on the procedure of supplying the troops being sent with the food and tents established by the Directive of the Minister of Defense leads to the following.

1. The Rear of the Armed Forces is stepping back from work on the centralized supply of the troops being sent with food and tents. All the work to create reserves for the voyage is being shifted to the troops, which complicates their work.

2. The delivery of the food and tents from central bases to the troops, and then the transportation of these resources by the troops to the loading ports leads to excessive shipments and wastes of time.

3. It is written in the Directive to create reserves on the ships.

4. If changes to the Directive of the Ministry of Defense are now adopted we need to rework all the instructions to the loading chief at the port, changes in the loading plan, that is, three weeks' work - rework everything - to rework about the planning.]