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The Embassy has been seeking to get more information on this subject, particularly in view of reports that the French and the Germans might consider a very elaborate program for cooperation (Bonn's TOPOL A-206 of June 21). The French press had also carried reports that large-scale logistics cooperation would be proposed by de Gaulle to Adenauer during their recent meeting.

The Embassy has uncovered no information indicating important new proposals or discussions. U.S. military sources in France have, however, received information that the Germans have requested substantial depot and supply support in France. Important elements in this German request are:

1. Request for five supply areas located in Maginot Line in eastern France.
2. Use of airport in Corsica for air force maneuvers along with Holland and Belgium.
3. Air test center facilities at Istres near Marseille.
4. Depot facilities for ammunition, POL, and subsistence items at Boulogne-sur-Mer.
5. Fourteen depot sites in western and southern France.

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6. Fifty thousand tons of German ammunition is now in storage in French depots maintained by the French Army.
7. All depots to be used for storage of German items will be manned by French personnel but the Germans will have one officer and several enlisted men stationed at each depot.

The Embassy has also received a copy of the French text of the French-German logistics agreement of October 25, 1960 and will circulate a translation in the near future. Bonn's Despatch 242 of August 16, 1961 gives a summary of this agreement.

For the Ambassador:

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