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MEMORANDUM FOR CC, CV, DO, DOC, LG, SC, SF

FROM: NE AD Sector/CVX
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SUBJECT: FERTILE GAIN 99-05 After Action Report

1. The Northeast Air Defense Sector conducted a FERTILE GAIN exercise on 15 Sep 99. The exercise was designed to emphasize Sector procedures for Deviating Aircraft, Reporting, Hijacker/Terrorist Activity, and Rules of Engagement (ROE). The exercise session encompassed peace time operations. The Battle Staff and Operations crew were briefed that any individual could request an "academic situation" to discuss or ask questions about a certain event to clarify and enhance the desired learning objectives.
2. Scenario Description: There were increased tensions throughout the world due to high profile terrorist events that recently occurred in Europe. Numerous threats against US and European governments have been made due to the attacks on Islamic Fundamentalist/Terrorist camps earlier this year in retaliation to terrorist attacks on Western embassies. There was one major air event that included multiple logistical support issues. Several minor air events were added as distracters and time compression exercises.
3. The overall feedback from the exercise was very positive. Future exercises will continue to emphasize challenging training scenarios to better prepare NEADS for possible real-world situations and inspections. The CVX/Battle Staff/Ops floor findings, observations, comments, and recommendations are attached. Any questions or comments concerning this report should be directed to CVXA at extension 6148.

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Attachment:
FG 99-05 Findings and Observations

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