

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

CONTINGENCY PLANS WERE FORMULATED AND CONTINUALLY ADJUSTED AND UPDATED WHERE IT WAS FELT NECESSARY. SOME WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED TO MEET THE MULTITUDE OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS THAT COULD ARISE DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THESE VARIOUS PLANS WERE TESTED FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION THROUGH A SEQUENCE OF CONFLICT GAMING.

ON 24 MAY, EXERCISE OLYMPUS V WAS HELD. THIS WAS A MINI-COMMAND POST EXERCISE AND INTENDED TO ACT AS A FAMILIARIZATION VEHICLE FOR THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE SECURITY POSTURE FOR THE 1976 SUMMER OLYMPICS. IT WAS ALSO THE FORERUNNER FOR EXERCISE MOUNT OLYMPUS WHICH WAS HELD ON APRIL 5 THROUGH 9, 1976.

MOUNT OLYMPUS BROUGHT TOGETHER ALL THE SECURITY FORCES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO FORMALIZE THE PHYSICAL AND POLITICAL PLAN FOR ACTION SHOULD AN INCIDENT OCCUR.

THIS EXERCISE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES, AND NO MAJOR DEFICIENCIES IN PLANNING WERE DETECTED.

A MAJOR CONCERN REVOLVED AROUND THE SUBJECT OF HAVING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE WHO POSSESSED A KNOWLEDGE OF HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION. AS A RESULT, NUMEROUS KEY PERSONNEL IN THE VARIOUS POLICE FORCES INVOLVED WERE LAUNCHED INTO EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO MEET THIS END. COMMANDERS FOR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS WERE SIMILARLY TRAINED AND SPECIAL TACTICAL SQUADS WERE ORGANIZED, TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO HANDLE EACH AND EVERY CONCEIVABLE SITUATION.

