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STRATEGIC EXERCISE DIRECTIVE

TITLE: Comparative Analysis and Operational Effectiveness Assessment of U.S. Rifle Companies vs Soviet Rifle Companies - 1948

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TO: ALL ASSIGNED PERSONNEL

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To evaluate and compare the operational capabilities of U.S. and Soviet Rifle Companies within the context of 1948 through simulated wargaming scenarios in the Command and Conquer: Red Alert 1948 mod. The exercise aims to identify relative strengths, weaknesses, and recommended force adjustments to ensure combat superiority.

II. BACKGROUND:

Tensions along the Iron Curtain in 1948 necessitate a comprehensive analysis of NATO and Warsaw Pact forces. Both sides rely heavily on light infantry, light tank support, light artillery, and light close air support. This exercise will simulate engagements using OpenRA's 1948 mod to determine likely outcomes and highlight areas for strategic improvements.

III. SCOPE:

Participants will conduct a tactical assessment of U.S. Rifle Companies and Soviet Rifle Companies. Analysis will include:

- Unit Composition and Equipment
- Firepower and Mobility
- Defensive and Offensive Capabilities
- Support Assets Integration
- Engagement Outcomes and Tactical Adjustments

IV. SIMULATION PARAMETERS:

1. Forces and Unit Composition
 - a. U.S. Rifle Company
 - i. Platoons equipped with M1 Garand rifles, M1918 BARs, and M1 Mortars, M35 trucks, and light wheeled vehicles

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- ii. Light tank support: M24 Chaffee
 - iii. Close Air Support: P-51 Mustang
 - iv. Light Artillery: M7 Priest 105mm Howitzer, M40 GMC 155MM
- b. Soviet Rifle Company
 - i. Platoons equipped with Mosin-Nagant rifles, DP-27 LMGs, and RM-38 Mortars
 - ii. Light tank support: T-34/85
 - iii. Close Air Support: Yak-9
 - iv. Light Artillery: SU-122 122mm M-30, ISU-152 155.4mm
- 2. Engagement Terrain and Setup:
 - a. Urban, rural, and mixed environments to simulate diverse combat scenarios.
 - b. Defensive fortifications and limited cover.
- 3. Simulation Rules:
 - a. Equal force numbers on both sides.
 - b. Resource constraints and supply management enforced.
 - c. Fog of war enabled.

V. DELIVERABLES:

A. After-Action Reports (AAR):

- 1. Force Composition Effectiveness.
- 2. Tactical Maneuver Success Rates.
- 3. Casualty Rates and Resource Depletion.
- 4. Key Observations and Lessons Learned.

B. Recommendations for Force Adjustments:

- 1. Equipment Modernization Priorities.
- 2. Tactical Doctrine Enhancements.
- 3. Logistics and Supply Chain Improvements.
- 4. Unit Training Focus Areas.

VI. EVALUATION METRICS:

- 1. Firepower: Rate of Fire, Range, and Ammunition Efficiency.
- 2. Mobility: Speed, Maneuverability, and Terrain Adaptability.
- 3. Durability: Armor, Fortifications, and Defensive Measures.
- 4. Command and Control: Communications and Coordination Capabilities.

VIII. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

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