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CLARK APPOINTED TO SUCCEED JOULWAN AS SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, EUROPE

On June 11, NATO's Defense Planning Committee @PC) agreed to the appointment of Gen. Wesley K. Clark, U.S. Army, as ~~the~~ Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR). Clark was nominated on the recommendation of the President of the United States. In addition to the NATO position. Clark will be assigned as the commander in chief, United States European Command, pending U.S. Senate confirmation.

The nomination of Clark follows the agreement, with great regret of the DPC, to release Gen. George A. Joulwan ~~from~~ his assignment as SACEUR. The decision came in response to a letter ~~from~~ President Clinton to Javier Solana, the secretary general of NATO. The representatives of the DPC expressed to Joulwan the lasting gratitude of their governments for his distinguished service.

Joulwan is expected to be released in July 1997.

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