

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 26<sup>TH</sup> AREA SUPPORT GROUP  
UNIT 29237  
APO AE 09102

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Base communications (BASECOM) Management and Reimbursement Policy.

1. References.

- a. AR 25-1, 13 Mar 00, Army Information Management.
- b. USAREUR Supplement to AR 25-1, 22 March 02, Information Management.
- c. USAREUR Funding Letter, (FL) dated 18 Mar 2002.

2. Purpose. Provide guidance to BSB Commanders, ASG/BSB staff and Tenant Units on the administration and management of BASECOM services and costs. Telecommunications services can be easily wasted and abused. Diligent management of these resources improves service for all official users and reduces communication costs. This guidance will assist all personnel in managing BASECOM in the current environment of declining resources and increasing demand for telecommunications services.

3. Funding. BASECOM funds are provided to the ASG in AMSCODES 131095.00 (Base Support) and 11411.00 (Tactical Mission Support), MDEP-MXCB and MDEP-WEAD respectively. Funding amounts are based on FL guidance contained in reference c.

4. Communications Services Chargeable to the BASECOM Program include:

a. Commercial Telephones- commercial telephone service is provided only where DSN (Defense Switched Network) is not available, or where communications capability is mission essential (e.g. military police stations, medical facilities, emergency services). Commercial telephone management will conform to existing regulatory guidance.

b. Facsimile and Pager lease and Usage Charges.

b. Mobile Radio Telephone (MRT) Lease and Usage Charges.

(1) Non-USAREUR units must submit a Capability Request (CAPR). See paragraph 6g.

(2) USAREUR units must submit an Information Management Acquisition Request (IMAR). See paragraph 6f.

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d. Preferred Subscriber Services (DSN phones in quarters) must meet ref .b, appendix D guidelines and be submitted to the Regional Service Center with a 26<sup>th</sup> ASG funded PR&C. Submit exception to policy requests to USAREUR ODCSIM, ATTN: AEAIM-SMD-ISB.

d. IAW reference a and U.S. Public Law, commercial telecommunication services (example: ordinary commercial telephone service or ISDN lines) are NOT AUTHORIZED in quarters at government expense. DA has granted limited exception to policy for division level commanders to have ISDN capability but only for command and control purposes. Requests for these exceptions must be reviewed by the USAREUR Office of the Judge Advocate and approved by the Chief of Staff USAREUR.

e. Dedicated local commercial circuits are provided exclusively for individual commands, units or activities when US government paths are not available (Example: A 128 KB data circuit from Darmstadt to Langen)

f. Defense switched Network (DSN) "99" access is provided under the following categories:

- (1) DSN "99" access within Local Area (i.e., Heidelberg to Heidelberg).
- (2) DSN "99" access Germany wide (Approval by ASG Commander).
- (3) DSN "99" access Europe wide (Approval by ASG Commander).
- (4) DSN "99" access World Wide (Approval by ASG Commander).

NOTE: Based on USAREUR guidance and required cost reduction measures to meet funding levels the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG has restricted DSN phones from making calls to D2 cell phones in an **UNOFFICIAL** Capacity. All phone calls made for unofficial purposes are fully reimbursable to the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG.

h. Current DSN Classifications and Qualifying Recipient(s):

- (1) DSN access- All activities and Tenants in the ASG Footprint. All DSN access above the local area requires approval by the ASG Commander.
- (2) DSN Local "99" commercial Access- All activities & Tenants in the ASG Footprint.
- (3) DSN "99" access higher than local (Example: Germany-wide-Europe-Worldwide) for USAREUR and Army non-USAREUR units and above the level of support provided in FY 99 is charged to the customer. All DSN "99" costs for non-Army non-USAREUR and Capital Working Fund Organizations is to be paid for by the requesting activity (customer).

i. Collect Calls into the DSN system are prohibited. USAREUR established in FY 2000 an emergency collect call number to be used only for life threatening situations not for morale and welfare purposes. The USAREUR Crisis Action team will receive these emergency calls and pass messages to the appropriate organization, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number is (49) 6221-33 66 60 and can receive collect calls worldwide.

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5. Communications Services Not Chargeable To The BASECOM Program.

- a. Long Haul Communications Circuits.
- c. Exercise Communication Requirements. (CONOPS)

6. BASECOM Ordering Procedures.

a. **ALL NEW STARTS**, whether DSN "99" local, German, Europe or worldwide are charged to the requesting activity.

(1). Internally funded ASG activities are charged via cost transfer. A justification memorandum (which lists the unit, building, room, required calling area, the servicing switch, a brief justification, a POC), a DA 3938 (Local Service Request) and a DA 3953 (Purchase Request and Commitment) covering the projected usage and any additional fees involved (i.e. equipment rental). This paperwork will be submitted to the ASG DRM office for processing. When completed the paperwork will be returned to the customer so they can forward the required documents to their Regional Service Center. Costs will be automatically transferred from the base accounts to BASECOM based on 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command financial billing documents.

(2) External Activities will submit to the ASG DRM a Justification Memorandum (which lists the unit, building, room and required calling area, the servicing switch, a brief justification and a POC), a DA 3938 (Local Service Request) and a Military Interdepartmental Purchase (MIPR) for additional services. MIPRs will be based on the following: Basic estimated amounts x months left in the fiscal year.

- (a) DSN "99" Local                   \$25.00 x # months
- (b) DSN "99" German               \$50.00 x # months
- (c) DSN "99" Europe               \$75.00 x # months
- (d) DSN "99" Worldwide       100.00 x # months

An installation fee will be charged for all new lines. The amount of the fee is based on the type of line installed. The ASG DRM will provide to the external organization a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Acceptance (DA 448-2). The ASG DRM will process and return paperwork to the customer so they can forward the request on to their Regional Service Center. (See Diagram at Appendix).

b. **ALL UPGRADES**, whether Internal or External Activity will be charged to the requesting activity as follows:

(1). Internal Activities will submit a DA 3938 (LSR), a Justification

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Memorandum, to include the telephone number (s) to be upgraded, and a Purchase Request and Commitment (DA 3953), as described in para 6 a (1), to the ASG DRM. The ASG DRM will either concur or non-concur to the request and return the processed paperwork to the customer to forward to their Regional Service Center (RSC).

- (2) External Activities will submit a DA 3938 (LSR), a Justification Memorandum, to include the telephone (s) to be upgraded, and a MIPR (DA448) as described in para 6 a (2) to the ASG DRM. The ASG DRM will provide a MIPR Acceptance (DA 448-2) and return the paperwork to the Customer so they can then forward their paperwork to their Regional Service Center (RSC). MIPRs will be based on the following: basic amount x months left in the fiscal year:
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|------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) DSN "99" Local     | \$25.00 x # months |
| (b) DSN "99" German    | \$50.00 x # months |
| (c) DSN "99" Europe    | \$75.00 x # months |
| (d) DSN "99" Worldwide | 100.00 x # months  |

c. Disconnection service requests require a memorandum submitted to the ASG and does not require reimbursement. See Appendix A.

d. Transference of Service from Customer to Customer requires a Justification Memorandum submitted to the ASG with a DA 3953 and may require reimbursement. See Appendix B.

e. PR&C's requiring an Information Management Acquisition Request (IMAR) number must first be forwarded to USAREUR ODOSIM, ATTN: AEAIM-SM. For procedures governing MRT's see reference b, Appendix H and K. For procedures governing other services see reference b, Appendix R.

f. All Funded BASECOM requests are submitted directly to the responsible Regional Service Center (RSC) for coordination:

- (1) Heidelberg and Mannheim RSC: Commercial Service: Mr. Pankratz, 370-6500; fax 370-9777. DSN Service: Mr. Messmer 370-6772; fax 370-9797
- (2) Kaiserslautern RSC: Commercial and DSN Service: Mr. Scherr and or Mr. Gessner, 483-8032; fax 483-8171.
- (3) Darmstadt RSC: Commercial Service: Frau Drath, 322-5507; fax 322-5521; DSN Service: Mr. Juergen Jaeger 322-5523; fax 322-5521.

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**7. Billing and Payment Procedures**

a. 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command bills the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG for BASECOM services as defined in paragraph 4, Communications Services chargeable to the BASECOM Program.

b. 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command will provide the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG with an automated billing database. In addition to the 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Database, DUBOS (automated tracking system of DSN phones) provides the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG and responsible telephone control officers (TCOs) with detailed cost data on individual phone usage. TCOs should be reviewing DUBOS monthly to detect, identify and if necessary discipline telephone abusers. The DUBOS webpage is at <http://www.dubos.aur.army.mil>.

d. 26<sup>th</sup> ASG DRM will provide Reimbursable Customers with a "billings statement" quarterly, indicating year-to-date expenditures.

8. Management Guidance. Diligent management of BASECOM resources improves service and reduces costs for all official users. ASG Commanders have the authority to decide what services are affordable. BSB and Tenant Unit commanders are responsible for ensuring that only those services necessary to complete a mission are utilized. Commanders should review their overall BASECOM requirements on a regular basis and request services be disconnected wherever a mission can be performed without the service.

9. Responsibilities of Commanders. BSB and Tenant Unit Commanders must conduct a thorough review of their BASECOM services and revalidate all requirements each year. BSB and Tenant Unit Commanders will appoint a telephone control officer (TCO) and an alternate TCO. Other responsibilities are outlined in reference b, Appendix J.

**NOTE:** While Commanders are ultimately responsible for the phones under their purview, individuals responsible for making "unofficial calls" must be held accountable and be required to pay for those portions of DSN "99" bill for which they are responsible.

(a). If telephone abuse is identified, the commander of the unit involved in the abuse must be notified. The commander will initiate action to collect reimbursement from abusers. The Area Support Group (ASG) DOIM, the unit TCO and 26<sup>th</sup> ASG DRM BASECOM management personnel will help commanders identify and collect reimbursements.

(b). Cash collection vouchers will be used to annotate collections for phone abuse. Payment will be forwarded to DFAS for deposit and credit applied against the 26<sup>th</sup> ASG BASECOM bill.

Responsibilities of ASG DOIM Offices. The responsibilities are outlined in reference a & b, para 3-6e, para 6-3d, Appendix H-2, Appendix N.

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11. Responsibilities of Telephone Control Officers (TCO's). The TCO maintains and manages the units phone numbers. Other responsibilities are outlined in reference to appendix J.



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OFFICE SYMBOL

DATE

MEMORANDUM: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Discontinue D1 Service or Telephone Service to the account listed below

1. Request that the following accounts be closed ASAP

Phone Number	Card Number	PVN Number
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2. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
3. POC on this action is I AM A SAMPLE (Phone and Fax)

SIGNED

Distribution:

RSC, 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, 26<sup>th</sup> ASG DRM

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OFFICE SYMBOL

DATE

MEMORANDUM: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Transference of billings from Unit to Unit

1. Request that the following accounts be transferred ASAP.

Phone Number          Card Number    PVN Number

2. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
3. POC on this action is I AM A SAMPLE (Phone & Fax)

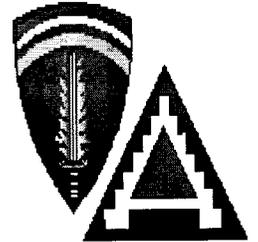
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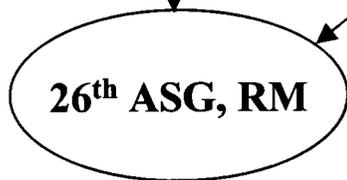
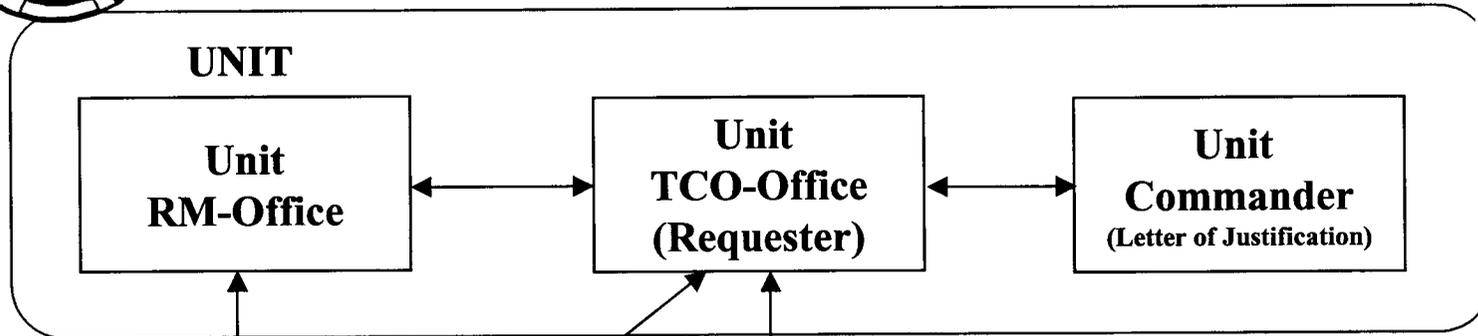
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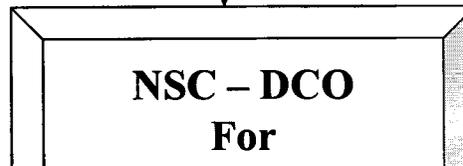
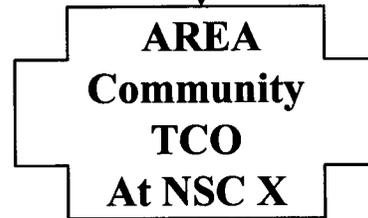
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KEEPERS OF THE PEACE



**DA 3839**  
**Letter of Justification**  
(Signed by the CDR & approved by 26<sup>th</sup> ASG, RM)



**99 Access  
Request  
Action Procedure**