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**Delivery of 105'000 signatures to the British embassy**

- **Petition: US/UK troops to leave Germany**
- **Attd.: Petition Text and Reasons**

Excellency,

Dear Ambassador Wood,

We think this is the right time to hand over our material to the care of your embassy as soon as possible.

In case you might be ready to talk to us in person, we will highly appreciate and gladly accept this – but this is not necessary from our side, as long as the person to receive the documents is entitled to do so and to sign the receipt for the embassy.

Please accept expression of our deep respect and heartfelt friendship for the dear British people as well as our

Best wishes and regards,

yours sincerely,

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## **PETITION Text**

### **Withdrawal of all US, UK troops & US command positions from Germany!**

Overall, there still are 58'000 foreign NATO soldiers in Germany, about 42'000 of which are US troops and 13'000 British. US troops and military interests are taken care of by three US Army commands: "EuCom" (responsible for 51 states), "CentCom" (responsible for 20 states) and "AfriCom" (in charge of 53 countries) in Stuttgart. Overall, 124 countries are being under US military scrutiny from Stuttgart. It is from there, that concepts for the controversial drone strikes, operated from German Ramstein Airbase and secret commando actions are being carried out. From US bases in Germany prisoners are sent all over the world; still it cannot always and completely be ruled out that torture is being applied on these captives after reaching their destination. And again and again US bombing missions are flown from German soil (Ramstein Air Base), which turns Germany automatically a party to all those wars undertaken by the US under international law, a fact, which is not only being pointed out by the Federal Ministry of Defense. In addition, the US is storing about 20 nuclear weapons under US supervision on German soil, in Büchel – which have been recently modernized and raised by a factor of several dozen in their deadly power:

[tinyurl.com/q6obbpt](http://tinyurl.com/q6obbpt) and: [tinyurl.com/ncf7coy](http://tinyurl.com/ncf7coy) Now that today it was announced that US troops in Germany have been using the Anthrax weapons in exercises: [tinyurl.com/ncwdgyw](http://tinyurl.com/ncwdgyw), consequences are more than due. Because of the unnecessarily large number of troops, British troops should pull out of Germany as well, whereas against the much smaller contingents of other NATO partners from mainland Europe and from Canada there is no objection right now: [tinyurl.com/of9nxbf](http://tinyurl.com/of9nxbf) This petition is being raised mainly due to the fact, that the deterioration of Russian relations is part of US strategy - and started with the coup in Ukraine 2014: [tinyurl.com/qb5lnqh](http://tinyurl.com/qb5lnqh) In recent months, Germany saw a large US military build-up, with 1'000 additional tanks alone in Grafenwöhr: [tinyurl.com/q28bva9](http://tinyurl.com/q28bva9) and [tinyurl.com/msxu8cz](http://tinyurl.com/msxu8cz) Deadline for the completion of full troop withdrawal will be one year. Photo: Additional weapons warehouse in Germany: M1 Abram

### **Reasons**

After the disintegration of the "Warsaw Pact", NATO should have had to reshape their strategy and policy. Today it is in broad daylight: This major opportunity for lasting peace in Europe was not only not used, rather Europe faced the illegal advance of NATO borders against Russia alongside the recent Ukraine crisis plus large armament efforts. In a global war Germany is especially endangered by the massing of US forces including command posts and nuclear weapons of crucial importance - and thus faces a blatant military threat. Alarming: In this case German governments have as little or no say, same with continuing activities of massive and far-reaching NSA surveillance. Meanwhile, the war threat is growing daily, because US troops just re-open numerous, former US bases again and masses of weapons are being shipped and stored there - without the national media even starting to report appropriately. On this, either, German authorities do not have the slightest influence. If, under these circumstances, an equally fundamental as permanent reduction of tensions is to be initiated, peace activists must now indicate clearly the crucial steps: From German soil no war should ever be allowed to be started again.