



STRATEGIC JOINT STAFF

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STRATEGIC PRE-POSITIONING

– Friend or Foe –

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Considerations

- Lines of Communication to specific theatre in a Contested Battlespace
 - Increased challenges if a multi-theatre context
- National vs Allied / Partner strategic movement assets
 - Multi-modal?
 - Speed of Relevance / prioritization of movement
- Quantitative Analysis (how much does a nation have to distribute?)
 - Decrease of response risks / Increase of availability risk
 - Tiered / multi-location approach options



- “Ready” locations around the Globe – finite national capacities
- Factors to determine preferred location – Where?
 - What factors take precedence?
 - Advantages / disadvantages
 - Implications / Responsibilities on / of Host Nations
- Flexibility / priority access to commodities at non-national sites



Connection to other nascent NATO discussions

- Logistics can no longer be solely considered a national responsibility
 - Collective logistics must be considered.
- Historic concept of “30 days of supply” on the shelf is obsolete with a return of modern industrial warfare as seen in UKR
- Role of NATO JSEC to enable SACEURs plans will undoubtedly influence how nations pre-position ammunition and how plans to flow these ‘Reserves’ to their forward positions.
- Future role of NSPA in collective logistics / enablement
- Role of Host Nations, and overall support dependencies regarding:
 - HN
 - Framework Nation
 - Lead Nation
 - Transit Nation
 - Troop Contributing Countries etc.

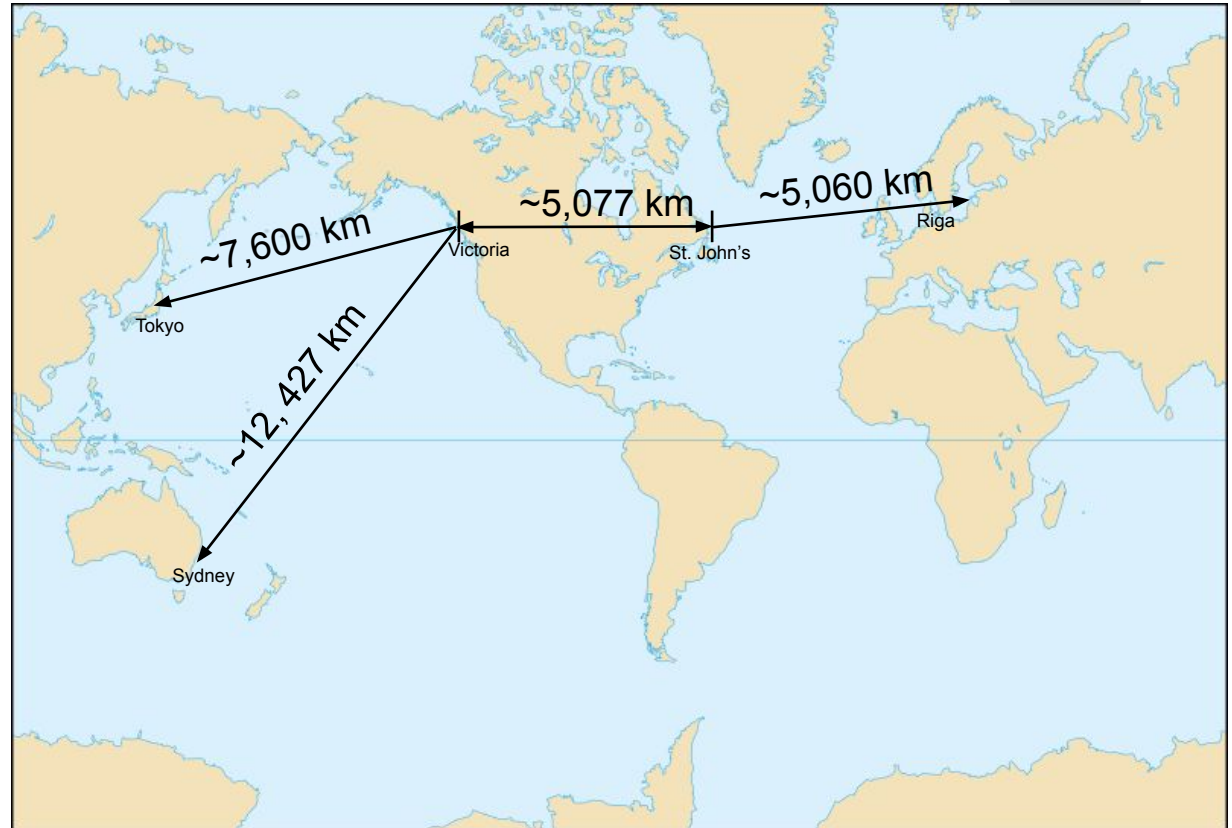


“What you see depends on where you Sit!”



The cost of geography

“Canada can no longer solely rely upon its geography to provide sufficient isolation and strategic warning times to mitigate shortfalls”





NATO Forward Land Forces (FLF) – “Vilnius Summit”

- Working with Allies / Partners vs “going it alone”
- NATO coordinated initiatives – e.g. MAWI for munitions
- Mutual Logistics Support Arrangements – bi-lateral vs multi-lateral?
 - Non-contractual, non-legally binding blanket agreement allowing for the exchange of goods and services between national military forces
 - Currency / Relevance?
 - National limitations / national interests change over time



Focused mutually supportive pre-positioning
– offset gaps in another nation's capability –

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Questions?