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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 233D BASE SUPPORT BATTALION (DARMSTADT)
UNIT 29500
APO AE 09175

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MEMORANDUM FOR Residents of Government Owned and Government Leased Housing

SUBJECT: Quiet Hours, Excessive Noise, Music Volume, Offensive Language

1. This memorandum establishes local noise/quiet hour policy and guidelines related to German customs and laws regarding quiet hours to be considered when living in Germany. This policy is applicable to all tenant units and activities within the 233d Base Support Battalion (BSB) housing footprint.
2. Local noise guidelines are much more restrictive here than in the United States. German law stipulates noise is acceptable only as long as neighbors are not disturbed. We must ensure our individual activities do not infringe upon the rights of others or degrade our overall quality of life. Each of us has the responsibility to ensure our behavior makes this command an enjoyable place to live and work.
3. Avoid noise of any kind, loud music, cutting grass, running POV engines, etc., between the hours of 2000 – 0700. Confine the playing of stereo equipment to quarters. Volume levels should be such that no music can be heard outside the residence. Adjust accordingly when windows are open during the summer months. The same general rule applies to POV radio/audio equipment.
4. Definition of loud music/noise:
 - a. Housing – Music or other noise made loud enough to be heard by a neighbor or person walking in the stairwell or outside the building.
 - b. Vehicle – Music or other noise made loud enough to be heard by the occupants of an adjacent vehicle or pedestrians.
 - c. Open Areas – Music or other noise made loud enough to be heard fifteen feet away from the source.
5. Vulgar, obscene language, whether spoken or contained on tapes, records, clothing or other media is not acceptable in Government housing or housing areas when others are involuntarily exposed to it due to location or volume of the language.

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6. Failure to comply with this noise policy and the Family Housing Resident Handbook will result in notification to your command, the BSB Commander and Area/Building Coordinator. A second infraction of the same nature will be grounds for termination of family housing and/or return of dependents to CONUS.

7. It is important we strive to maintain a healthy relationship with our German neighbors, as well as with each other. Please ensure all policies are adhered to.

8. Point of contact for this memorandum is Eva Ramsey, Housing Management Assistant, DSN, 348-7112 or 06151-69-7112.

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