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5 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
IN PERMANENT SESSION

SUBJECT: Release of Information

1. Attached at Enclosure 1 for your information is a press release, distributed at the request of the United States Representative.

2. This memorandum and its Enclosure are downgraded to NATO UNCLASSIFIED as of 1200 EST, 5 November 1963.

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Colonel, Belgian Army
Deputy Secretary

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ENCLOSURE 1

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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
WASHINGTON


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USM-298-63
4 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, NATO STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Release of Information to the Military Representatives

1. The attached press release will be given to news media 1200 EST, 5 November 1963.
2. The U. S. Military Representative requests that the attached press release be reproduced and forwarded to each other Military Representative so that he will receive it by 1100 EST, 5 November.
3. This press release will be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED as of 1200 EST, 5 November 1963.


HARRY SMITH
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Acting U. S. Representative

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"Secretary of Defense McNamara announced today that effective December 1, 1963, General Paul D. Adams, in addition to his present assignment, will become responsible for all US defense activities in the Middle East, Southern Asia, including India and Pakistan, and Africa south of the Sahara (abbreviated "MEAFSA"). General Adams will have responsibility for US Military Assistance Advisory Groups and training missions in these areas. In his new capacity he will be known as US Commander in Chief, MEAFSA.

"General Adams' staff, located at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, will be augmented to discharge his new responsibilities. The augmentation will include US personnel who formerly handled such matters in Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington; Headquarters, US European Command, Paris; Headquarters, US Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, London; and Headquarters, Joint Task Force Four, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

"These changes were undertaken after several months of study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They were approved by President Kennedy on the recommendation of Secretary McNamara. The changes in command arrangements consolidate under a single commander responsibilities formerly fragmented among several commanders."

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