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MEMORANDUM FOR : Secretary, Standing Group

SUBJECT : AHMWG on Low Altitude Surface/Air Weapon System

Reference : AO/189-A/6

1. Meeting of subject Working Group took place on the 24th and 25th of March 1964.

2. Under Agenda Item II the UK delegation gave a detailed presentation of their Low Altitude Air Defence Guided Weapon System ET.316. During the presentation and the subsequent discussion it was brought out that this system is now in the contract phase and that full approval has been given by the UK Government to go ahead with the project. First delivery is expected early 1968 and the system is planned to be operational later the same year. The system will, however, not fully satisfy NBMR N° 24 as it has only a fair weather capability.

3. Under Agenda Item IV the US delegation gave a presentation and a progress report on the Mauler System. Owing to technical difficulties a further delay in the development of this project has now occurred and it cannot be expected to be operational before 1970. Because of this delay firm statements of requirements from nations interested in the Mauler System were not requested at this time.

4. The general discussion under Agenda Item VI(a) on the roles of All Weather and Fair Weather Weapons in Low Level Air Defence was based on a questionnaire prepared by the UK delegation (enclosure 1). This discussion was brief as most items had been covered under the discussion of the ET.316 and the Mauler.

5. The French presentation under Agenda Item VI(b) (AO/189-D/10) on operational characteristics for a Fair Weather Weapon System was briefly discussed and taken note of by the Group. The French delegation stated that some more informations on French activity in this field would be given at a later date.

6. A similar German presentation (AC/189-D/8) was postponed to the next meeting of the Group.

7. After discussion of Agenda Item VII, proposed creation of a special Working Group on Mauler, it was agreed that owing to the delay in the development of this project, the creation of a Group as proposed would be premature at this time.

8. During discussion of Agenda Item VIII, SGREP gave a statement on the status of NBMR for Low Altitude Surface/Air Weapon System for Field Army Defence against Tactical Missiles (Post 1970) based on STAND 5903, STAND 5906 and SHAPTO 2950.

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Further discussion of this Item brought out that, as the Mauler project now stands it would not be possible to meet fully the requirements of NEMR N° 24 in its present form, before around 1970. This will result in a serious deficiency in the low altitude air defence capability of nations in the period from 1966 to 1970. In studying this deficiency the US is engaged in extensive evaluations of gun systems for maximum effectiveness.

After a lengthy discussion the Group agreed on a report to the Armaments Committee (enclosure 2) which describes the future activities of the Group and proposes some changes to NEMR N° 24.

9. The next meeting of the Group was scheduled for 29-30th September 1964.

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Enclosures :

- 1. Questionnaire Prepared by the UK delegation on Agenda Item VI
- 2. Agreed Text of Report from the AC/189 Group to the Armaments Committee

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