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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Standing Group

SUBJECT: Overflight and Landing Clearances

References: (a) SGM-51-66, 24 February 1966
(b) MAS(Air)(65)90, 7 May 1965

1. Reference (a), paragraph 3, states that in 1963 the above subject was discussed by Council as a result of a Belgian initiative. This fact is disputed by the Deputy Secretary General for Economics and Finance in a memorandum addressed to me, a copy of which is attached for your information.
2. At first sight, this Standing Group statement appears to be based on the report attached to reference (b) which, in paragraph 3, third 'alinea', states that "This progress report was reviewed by CEAC and reopened for discussion at North Atlantic Council level".
3. A further enquiry, at International Staff level, reveals that neither the Council nor the CEAC ever discussed this progress report in late 1962 or early 1963. The Technical Adviser to CEAC thinks that there may be a confusion with the Belgian decision on subject which was circulated to the International Staff and Delegations but not discussed and was not specifically intended to replace the draft Stanag 3393.
4. Before the subject comes to the CEAC it would be interesting either to confirm the statement in reference (a) or to alter the text and delete any mention of a further discussion in the Council.

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From: F. D. Gregh

To: SGREP

cc: Deputy Secretary General
Executive Secretary
Legal AdvisorSubject: Standardization of Procedures for Obtaining
Over-Flight and Landing ClearancesReferences: SGM-51-66, 24 February
PO/66/116, 18 March

My attention has been caught by the information given in paragraph 3 of SGM-51-66 dated 24 February (Standing Group Memorandum forwarded to the Secretary General) that in 1963, following further Council discussion as a result of Belgian initiative, a "second revision of the draft STANAG was prepared. After a thorough search of both my files and the Central Registry files, I have been unable to discover the slightest trace of a discussion which is said to have taken place in the Council following the Belgian initiative. On the other hand, it is true that on 16 November 1962 the Belgian Permanent Representative forwarded a memorandum to all his colleagues, informing them that the Brussels authorities had decided to grant an overall overflight and landing clearance, valid for one year, but renewable, to the military aircraft of the NATO nations overflying in accordance with certain conditions, but retained the normal diplomatic channel for flights which did not fulfill these conditions.

As a result of this initiative your predecessor and the Secretary General exchanged a lot of correspondence but it would serve no useful purpose to go over it again here.

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I thought that it might be useful, in order to avoid any difficulty later on, to advise you that it is undoubtedly as a result of a material error that in the aforementioned paragraph 3 of SGM-51-66 the Standing Group Staff referred to "further Council discussion" on the standardization of procedures for obtaining overflight or landing clearances. As far as I know, the only Council discussion on this subject is that which took place on 24 February 1960 (C-R(60)2, Item VI) when C-M(59)100, 2 December 1959, was discussed. Both of these documents are mentioned in PO/66/116 by which the Secretary General drew the attention of the Permanent Representatives to SGM-51-66.

(signed) F. D. Gregh

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