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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Standing Naval Force Atlantic

Reference: SACLANT Ser: 5401/STANAVFORLANT X MC 11/2/N-1554,
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1. The Military Committee have examined SACLANT's

paper on the Concept of Activation and Operation of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic, and recommend that, subject to the following amendments, the Defence Planning Committee approve the concept for implementation on 11 January 1968, or as early as practicable thereafter, utilising the staff and ships assigned to MATCHMAKER IV.

2. The purpose of the Military Committee amendments is to ensure close political as well as military surveillance and control over the movements of STANAVFORLANT during peacetime operations and during periods of tension. While in some cases it may be desirable from a military viewpoint for SACLANT to have authority to start moving the force toward a threatened area at the beginning of a period of tension, the MC recognizes that there may be political objections to this delegation of authority.

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3. SACLANT's concept of STANAVFORLANT is amended as follows:

at Page I-2, para 2b, line 9, after

"STANAVFORLANT" amend sentence to read and add new

sentence: "SACLANT will welcome participation of forces

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which are earmarked for assignment to other MNC's to operate as elements of STANAVFORLANT on a temporary basis in peacetime for training purposes. Allocation of these forces will be negotiated by SACLANT with MOD's and MNC's concerned."

b. Page I-3, para 3a, line 8, after "ACLANT live exercises" delete: "with other NATO forces", insert: "and if feasible in ACE and ACCHAN exercises".

c. Page I-3, para 3a, line 18 at bottom of page and following sentence which ends "... and naval bases." add new sentence: "SACLANT in accordance with standing operating procedures will provide the NATO Situation Center, through the Military Committee, with the Standing Naval Force schedule, showing port visits and training exercises, thereby making it possible for the Military Committee or the Defence Planning Committee to direct changes in such schedules at any time political considerations so dictate".

d. Page I-4, delete para 3b(1) and the first sentence of para 3b(2), add new paragraph 3b(1) as follows: "Any deviation in times of tension from schedules which involves a deployment toward or employment in threatened areas will be directed by SACLANT only after concurrence by the Military Committee with approval of the Defence Planning Committee."

e. Appendix I, TAB A, add under 3.a.(2) a new subpara 3.a.(3): "Similar threats arising in other areas for example in the BALTAP area."

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f. ~~APPROVED FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE~~-1,

delete serial C.

g. Appendix I, TAB C, page 1-C-2, change serial E, column 1, to read: "Recommendation to deploy STANAVFORLANT towards or into a Contingency Area and employ within approved rules of conduct (after consultation with SACEUR or CINCHAN as appropriate)."

h. Appendix I, TAB C, page 1-C-3, change serial H, column 3 to read: "Appropriate Maritime Commander (within approved rules of conduct).

Info: All concerned."

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