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OFFICE OF THE STANDING GROUP
REPRESENTATIVE

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November 8th, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Standing Group.
SUBJECT : 15th Meeting of the NATO Naval Advisory Group.
References : See enclosure 1.

1. The subject meeting was held in Paris on the 3rd and 4th November 1965 in accordance with reference (a).

All NATO-nations except Iceland, Luxemburg and Portugal were represented; representatives of SACEUR, SACLANT, CINCHAN, CINCNORTH attended the meeting as did representatives from MAS and WEU.

Your attention is drawn especially to paragraphs 3.5 and 6d below.

2. Agenda Item II SUMMARY RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING.

In reference (b) paragraph 192 (1) "AC/141" was changed to read "AC/181"; the summary record was approved with amendments and additions as shown in enclosure 2.

3. Agenda Item III TECHNICAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. 1. Special Working Group 3 on ASW Helicopters.

During consideration of reference (c), which was approved, the Group particularly reconsidered the Canadian proposal (AC/141-D/47, paragraph 6) to form a study group on the application of V/STOL aircraft to small navies; the Group decided not to establish such a study group but entrusted its SWG 3 to examine the problem "until such time as sufficient information is available to permit firm discussion". (Reference (c) paragraph 36).

3. 2. Special Working Group 4 on Hydrofoils and Hovercraft.

During consideration of reference (d), the Group first decided to keep SWG 4 in existence and amended its terms of reference (ToR) to read as in AC/141-D/53, III (i.e. to exclude phrase of tactical evaluation). The Group thereafter discussed a reply to the NATO Army Advisory Group's (AC/225) request in AC/225-R/5 paragraph 96, particularly to 96 (2), which reads: "AC/225 invited the NATO Naval Advisory Group to re-examine the ToR of Special Working Group 4 in the light of the above discussion".

A draft is at enclosure 3 and was approved after amendment as shown in pencil (French proposal).

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3. 3. Special Working Group 5 on Command and Control of Maritime Forces.

The Chairman/SWG 5 explained the reasons of the amendments to the ToR (ANNEX II to reference (e)):

- a) The insertion in the first sentence of "after study of CINCHAN's paper "circulated under reference (d)" was done because this paper had been an excellent starting point for SWG 5.
- b) In subparagraph (a) of the ToR the word "possibly" was added in order not to exclude other means than automatic.
- c) In subparagraph (b) of the ToR the last three words "and other authorities" were added purely to give a wider scope.
In accordance with a French proposal it was agreed not to include the new words ((a) above) in the first sentence of the ToP. The two amendments mentioned under b) and c) above were approved.

Following a question by the French representative the Chairman/SWG 5 explained that the panel mentioned in reference (e), paragraph 7 (c) was composed by volunteers, who could convene in London after a short travel only; there had been no attempt to restrict participation.

The Group approved as invited to in reference (e), paragraph 8 (1) and invited the Secretary to act in accordance with 8 (2) through SGREP. (SGREP comment: It is understood that the absence at the first meeting of SWG 5 of representatives from CINCFMED and CINCEASTLANT was particularly regretted).

3. 4. Request for advice from the Armaments Committee on the future activities of the AHMWG on a Medium Range Ship/Air Missile for Small Ships (AC/180), as related to NBMR 29.

A lengthy discussion took place, based on the report reference (f), of which a copy is at enclosure 4. The Group approved the report and charged a small group to draft the answer to the Armaments Committee, of which a copy is at enclosure 5.

On this occasion, SGREP made the statement that the change of an NBMR would be an extremely time-consuming undertaking, but that precedence exists that the SGN could undertake to provide agreement on a new target-date of an NBMR (namely NBMR 31). SGREP expressed opinion that a proposal from AC/141 on a new date would be helpful.

During discussion, enclosure 5 was amended to read as indicated in pencil.

3. 5. Request for advice from SGN on ASWEPS.

The Group listened to a presentation by General Giboin (International Staff) on the work of the Science Committee - Sub-Committee on Oceanographic Research (AC/137(OR)) and one, a copy of which is at enclosure 6, by Captain Standish (SACLANT) on the studies accomplished by SACLANT on ASWEPS and thereafter considered reference (g), identical with MCM-134-65, dated 21st September 1965. During discussion, the UK-Representative expressed opinion that the Working Group should concentrate on the military aspects and the FRENCH Representative

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proposed to omit the word "services" in the title of the Working Group.

Dr Vineland/STC took part in the discussion and presented the paper of which a copy is at enclosure 7.

The Group finally welcomed the initiative, agreed on the terms of reference and recommended that the title of the ASWEPS Working Group should be "NATO Working Group on Military Oceanography".

4. Item IV STATUS OF NBMRS AND ACTIVITY OF THE AHMWG DEALING WITH NAVAL MATTERS.

In regard to reference (h) the Group discussed whether a new task should be given to AC/236, this being the opinion of the BELGIAN, FRENCH and ITALIAN representatives, mainly because there was no NATO-group considering naval min

However, the Group agreed to:

- a) suggest to the Armaments Committee to disband AC/236,
- b) to continue to exchange information within AC/141 on the studies carried out within countries in connection with the development of new mines, new equipments and techniques.
- c) to examine, at future meetings, in greater detail the work accomplished by the AHMWGs on Naval Matters.
- d) to ask the representatives of Belgium, France and Italy to draft ToR for a new group.

Further, the Group agreed on the decision taken by the Armaments Committee to give NBMR 44 and 47 to the AC/194 Group of Experts on Far Infra-red without transforming it into an AHMWG and asking AC/194 to study the technical feasibility of implementing those two NBMRS.

5. Agenda Item V NATIONAL PLANNING SYSTEMS FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION. The item will be removed from future agendas.

6. Agenda Item VI EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

- a) Some exchange of oral information took place on several subjects according to the items contained in the annex to reference (a).
- b) Dr Vineland/SACLANTCEN, under agenda Item VI.1 (a) presented the progress report of which a copy is at enclosure 8.
- c) Under agenda Item VI.3., the MAS Representative presented the document at enclosure 9 and asked members of the Group for their support in providing early answers from nations.
- d) Under agenda Item VI.5., the Group decided that the Secretary should circulate to nations for comments the revised documents D/1 and D/2 in the AC/196 (NSG)-series when they are received. The comments will be reconciled by the Chairman and the Secretary, and a final document will be

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forwarded to the SGN with a request that it be included as an annex in NBMR 37.

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- Enclosures:
1. List of references.
 2. Amendments and/or additions to AC/141-R/14.
 3. Draft PL. 10-2-01(65)69, dated 4th November 1965.
 4. AC/141-D/58, dated 27th October 1965.
 5. Draft reply to Armaments Committee.
 6. Captain Standish's presentation.
 7. SACLANTCEN's summarized Progress Report since May, 1965 on ASWEPS Program, dated 3rd November 1965.
 8. SACLANTCEN's Status Report since May 1965 on Classification of Submarines, dated 20th October 1965.
 9. MAS NAVY/H/8, dated 14th October 1965.

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