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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary General
North Atlantic Treaty Organization

SUBJECT: Reconstitution of Headquarters TWOATAF

References: a. SHAPE ltr 4030.305/12-4, 15 Apr 65
b. C-M(54)42 (Final), 2 Jun 59 -110/insto/mr
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1. In April 1965 SACEUR forwarded reference a to the Standing Group requesting the approval by the North Atlantic Council of the reconstitution of Headquarters TWOATAF at the earliest practicable date.

2. The countries concerned (Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and United Kingdom) have accepted reference a, subject to a reservation by Belgium and the Netherlands to the effect that "the problem of the OF6 representation at Headquarters TWOATAF is not connected with the program of the reconstitution of Headquarters TWOATAF and must be resolved separately."

3. The Standing Group considers that the explanations given in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of reference a substantiate SACEUR's request and that, from an operational point of view, taking into account the fact that the countries concerned have all agreed and some of them are already providing the personnel, the proposed reconstitution is an essential requirement for the control of the various air forces under the command of Headquarters TWOATAF.

4. At its meeting on 20 January 1966 the Military Committee agreed to the need, from a military point of view, for the reconstitution of Headquarters TWOATAF.

5. Therefore, the Standing Group recommends that the North Atlantic Council approve the reconstitution of Headquarters TWOATAF as proposed in reference a, subject to the reservation by Belgium and the Netherlands, and requests that the North Atlantic Council should decide on the financing.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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