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To : Secretary General
cc : Deputy Secretary General
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ASG for Political Affairs
From: Executive Secretary

Record of a private meeting of the Council held
on Wednesday, 14th April, 1965 at 10.15 a.m.

- I. Outline of possible future activity of the Council.
- II. Meeting of Defence Ministers.

I. OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIVITY OF THE COUNCIL

The CHAIRMAN gave the following general outline of the possible activity of the Council in political and other important matters between Easter and the Meeting of Foreign Ministers in May:

- 1. On 21st April, a preliminary exchange of views on procedure regarding discussion on the state of the Alliance;
- 2. On the same day, a discussion on the agenda of the Meeting of Foreign Ministers and also of the Meeting of Defence Ministers; a further meeting, perhaps restricted, concerning the subjects and speakers should be held at a later date, after circulation of the political appraisal by the Chairman;

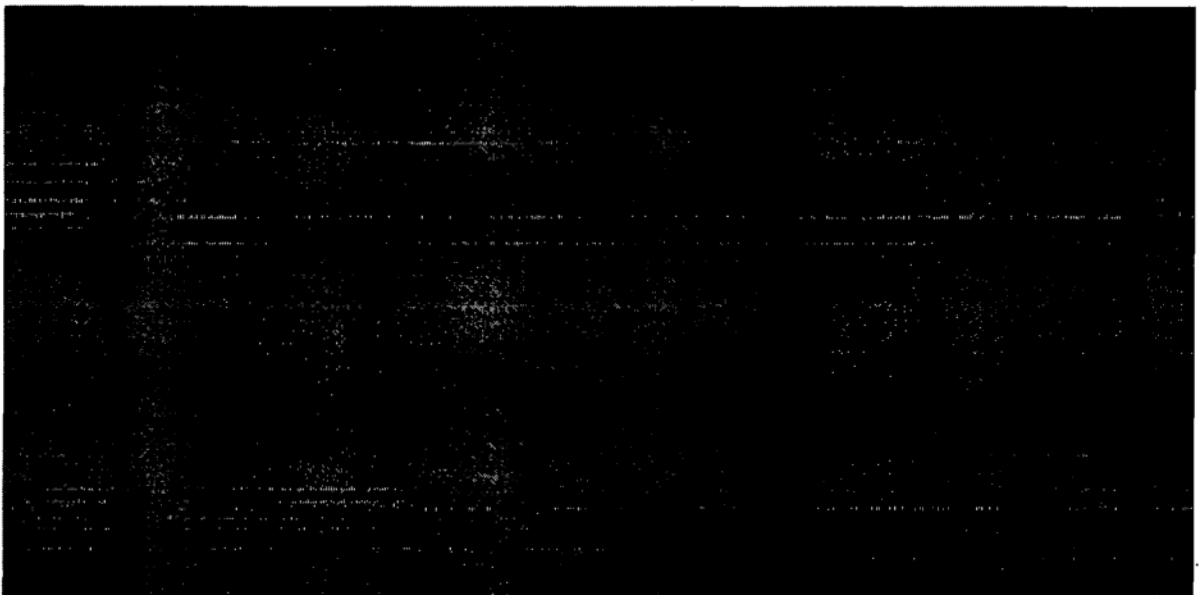


- 4. An assessment of the recent incidents on the Berlin autobahn might soon be appropriate. The German Delegation was expected to make a statement on this subject, perhaps on 21st or 28th April, and a discussion could take place at that time on all facets of this question;
- 5. A possible discussion of the Gomulka-Rapacki proposals, especially in the light of Mr. Spaak's report on his recent talks with Mr. Rapacki, was still pending. The International Staff was preparing a preliminary paper on this question

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which would be circulated to delegations, but it would be preferable to await the invitation of the more interested delegations before reopening examination of this question;

6. Other important questions, especially Vietnam, Greek-Turkish relations and Cyprus, military aid to Greece and Turkey for 1965, the Middle East, the Congo and Malaysia, were under constant review by the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the International Staff, but unless there were any unexpected developments, discussion on these questions was not foreseen before the meeting of Foreign Ministers in May;
7. The DPWG was expected to present its report not later than 3rd May and the DPC would hold a preliminary exchange of views on this report on 6th May, prior to referring it to the meeting of Defence Ministers on 31st May. A further and more detailed examination of the report by the DPC should take place between the meeting of Foreign Ministers and that of Defence Ministers;
8. On the question of cost-sharing, the situation had not yet been clarified, especially regarding the provisional arrangements for Slice XVI. The International Staff was currently examining the observations received concerning the conclusions of the previous restricted meeting and another short restricted meeting might be necessary after Easter in order to make some progress;
9. Some progress had already been made on the question of EASTERN EXPRESS, DEEP FURROW and other military exercises in the Southern region and in the opinion of the Secretary General, the small details which remained to be settled did not justify further delay. It was hoped that all interested parties would make a very serious effort to overcome these and to reach an early conclusion.





7. Referring to paragraph 5 of the Chairman's outline, the BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE stated that Belgium would welcome discussion in the Council, on the basis of the paper being prepared by the International Staff, of the Gomulka-Rapacki proposals in the light of M. Spaak's recent talks with M. Rapacki.

8. The COUNCIL:

approved the general outline of its future activity in political and other important matters as proposed by the Chairman.

II. MEETING OF DEFENCE MINISTERS

9. The CHAIRMAN said he had been informed by the French Delegation that the French Defence Minister could not be available for the proposed meeting of Defence Ministers before the afternoon of 31st May, but had suggested that the meeting be held on 1st and 2nd June. The 2nd June, however, was a national holiday in Italy and the Italian Defence Minister might find it difficult to attend a meeting in Paris on that day. In these circumstances, he proposed that the meeting of Defence Ministers should start in the early afternoon of 31st May and continue through 1st June, and, if necessary, into 2nd June.

10. The CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE said his delegation had been informed that if all other Ministers agreed, the Canadian Defence Minister could be available on 1st and 2nd June, but it had not yet received confirmation regarding his availability on 31st May.

11. The GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE stated that the German Defence Minister was ready to accept the dates proposed by the Chairman. Recalling that the Assembly of WEU would hold a meeting in Paris between 31st May and 3rd June, to which it was likely that some Defence Ministers would be invited, he suggested that delegations should inform the Council of any such invitations received by Defence Ministers, in order that arrangements could be co-ordinated between NATO and WEU.

12. The CHAIRMAN considered that the countries concerned should make arrangements with WEU on this question, but that NATO could inform WEU that Ministers would be available from the afternoon of 2nd June.

13. The COUNCIL:

subject to confirmation by Canada, agreed that the meeting of Defence Ministers would start on the afternoon of Monday, 31st May, and continue through Tuesday, 1st June and, if necessary, into Wednesday, 2nd June.

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