

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

NATO SECRET

NORTH APPROVED FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FREE
COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

COPY Nr 1

STANDING GROUP

GROUPE PERMANENT

Standing Group Liaison Office with the North Atlantic Council

Bureau de Liaison du Groupe Permanent auprès du Conseil de l'Atlantique Nord

LOM 78/54.

PARIS

5 October 1954.

SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR:- The Secretary Standing Group, N.A.T.O., Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT :- 1956 Infrastructure programme and later requirements

LMP 21/209/D

1. While the problem of future Council policy relating to Infrastructure subsequent to the approval of the last increment of the three years programme at the end 1955 has not yet been raised officially in the Council, the International Staff believes that the matter merits consideration by the Standing Group.
2. Three factors are involved in this problem : (A) funds remaining available for 1956 programme are very short (B) planning of this programme is expected to be all the more difficult as it is the last increment of the present financial agreement (C) negotiations on Council policy for financing of additional requirements even though supported by definite Standing Group recommendations will be delicate and time consuming.
3. The Secretary General therefore, taking the above as background, pointed out at the meeting with Standing Group on 14 September that in order that Infrastructure work be not interrupted it was important that consideration be given, concurrent with the planning of 1956 programme, to the method for handling any infrastructure requirements which might exist beyond what could be included in 1956 programme. No immediate follow up action was requested by the Secretary General but Standing Group views on this problem would certainly be appreciated earliest.
4. In addition to the Secretary General's statement the Liaison Officer wishes to point out that in his view a situation is arising wherein no further money is coming to infrastructure and where there is a thoroughly unsympathetic attitude towards stated requirements in this field.

REGRADED NATO UNCLASSIFIED

Per Authority IMSM-431-99

By *Cremon*..... Date *17-12-99*

.../...

NATO

IMS Control No. *1492*

R-8562-4

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

COPY

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

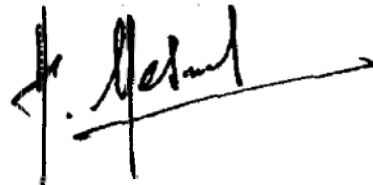
DECLASSIFIED-PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IMSM-0431-99 DECLASSIFIE-MISE EN LECTURE PUBLIQUE

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

An example of this was evidenced in the unsatisfactory nature of Council meeting on 22 September at which the U.S. stated that Congress had definitely limited its contribution to 780 M. dollars which was the agreed U.S. share of present cost ceiling, and the U.K. opposed the proposal to include the S.G. views in the record. Same impression is reflected in informal talks with national representatives, in increasing political difficulties which stop progress in negotiations for projects in French North Africa, in contentious and time consuming procedure for international competitive bidding which runs again naturel idea in most countries. Without going into details L.O. believes that the next step, if continuance of programmes beyond present availability of financial resources is to be ensured, is to work out a considered plan on how best to tackle the position with which military is now faced. If the Liaison Officer view is concurred in by the Standing Group, the matter would be taken up accordingly with Secretary General and more precise proposals could be made.

for VICE ADMIRAL



Brigadier General H. MESNET

NATO

SECRET

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED-PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INSM-0431-99 DECLASSIFIE-MISE EN LECTURE PUBLIQUE