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Subject is follow-up action on defense ministers conference. I send you my comments on draft paper from International Staff, subject of my LOSTAN 1499: (A) International Staff paper proposes council approve a broad innovation which International Staff recognizes would drastically influence timing and nature of 1956 Annual Review in particular, and no rpt no doubt subsequent Annual Review as well. Until council accepts or rejects this innovational principle International Staff considers it useless speculate about 1956 and future Annual Review. In their minds staff proposals would start off 1956 with multilateral and subsequent bilateral exchanges of view, which would actually have to take place before intelligent follow-up could be detailed. If council should accept staff paper, it would appear that there might be merit in deciding that 1956 should be devoted to implementing phases 1 and 2 of International Staff paper in preparation for a conclusive 1957 Annual Review. However Deputy SecGen is strongly of opinion that (A) 1956 Annual Review must take place however modified. (B) On other hand, it apparent to me that Standing Group views are based on there being no rpt no drastic break with Annual Review tradition as regards both timing and procedure, although necessity for appropriate adjustment in Annual Review has been clearly recognized and emphasized. (C) It is apparent to me that, Standing Group and International Staff having same end in view, are working with 2 different approaches. The differences would appear largely procedural. (D) I have circulated STAND 1347 to delegations so that it may be considered by council when International Staff paper is considered on Wednesday 30 November. I think it very unlikely that council will take any definite decision at this next meeting, and I intend to recommend that council defer action until final military views can be considered. Would appreciate any comment prior to 30 November. Note: International Staff paper reported in LOSTAN 1499 has now been issued as CM (55) 113.

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