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Subject is Withdrawal of Danish Forces Stationed in Germany.

1. On 30 October, Danish permanent representative made statement at annex to council.

2. Danish representative agreed to suggestion by chairman that implications of the withdrawal be studied in annual review process this year. Annex to LOSTAN 2247. The Danish contingent in Germany.

1. Since 1947 a Danish contingent has been stationed in the northern part of the Federal Republic of Germany in the province of Schleswig-Holstein. This force was in 1951 assigned to SACEUR. In view of the fact that the contingent was to be withdrawn as soon as German forces had been established and were able to replace it, legal authority for the maintenance of the force in Schleswig-Holstein has been provided for limited periods only. The last extension for a period of 6-months was granted in April 1957, which means that the authority would elapse in November of this year.

2. In accordance with the resolution contained in para 7b of CM (54) 85, the matter was recently discussed between the Danish Minister of Defence and SACEUR who made it clear that the withdrawal of the contingent from the Federal Republic of Germany would meet with no rpt no objections on his part if it were postponed until next spring.

3. In view of the considerations of General Norstad the Danish Government have now taken the necessary legislative steps to have the legal authority for the maintenance of the contingent on German soil extended until April 15, 1958, at which time the contingent will be withdrawn to Denmark.

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