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Subject is preliminary report by Standing Group to Military Representatives Committee on 1958 NATO Common Infrastructure Programme.

Reference: SG 137/53.

1. After careful study of reference, I submit following observations for your consideration.

2. As you are well aware, present climate of ION in Palais De Chaillot and delegations on any matter which has direct or indirect financial implications is one of great caution, and often suspicion. Particularly in view of MC 70 and introduction of new weapons, delegations feel that complete bill may not yet have been presented to them, and are thus most reluctant to approve any projects which do not have unqualified support of NMA.

3. Ninth slice is already a highly controversial matter within delegations, and certain to have rough passage through NAC. If it is to have reasonable chance of success, it will be of great importance to eliminate from MCS final report to NAC as many as possible of provisos and reservations which appear at present in reference.

4. Specifically, unless following two main provisos are eliminated, ninth slice is not likely to be approved by NAC, or only with such a delay as to lose one year for practical purposes:

A. Para.2C (1), which suggests that approval should be contingent upon financial impact of MC 70 and possible requirements for new weapons installations.

B. Para.2C (5), which contains a clear warning that we are likely to run out of money for tenth and eleventh slices- a point on which two delegations have already reserved their positions in Infrastructure Committee.

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5. Since SGN has reserved its position in para. 2C (4) on CINCIBERLANT Hq, NAC cannot be expected to approve SACLANTS proposals in this respect.

6. As much detail as possible should be excluded from report to NAC, in order that forcefulness of military case may not be obscured. For example, all but references (A), (B), (F), and (G) could well be eliminated from front page, since these are only papers with which permanent representatives, at their level, will concern themselves.

7. Finally, you may wish to consider advisability of preparing an alternative report to NAC, seeking initial approval of only those urgent projects in ninth slice which can be supported by MC without any qualifications or reservations whatever, in order to try to avoid losing most of the 1958 construction season. Balance of ninth slice could then be presented for approval at an appropriate later date, when factors at present unknown which give rise to two main provisos in para 4 above have been resolved.

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