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STANDING GROUP

DECISION ON S.G. 7/2

A Report by the Working Team  
on

Implementation of the System for Security of Information  
for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Note by the Secretaries

1. On 4 January 1950, the Standing Group approved S.G. 7/2. In approving this paper, the Standing Group took note that before the security system could be put into operation:

- a. The necessary coordination of security arrangements must be completed.
- b. Typex machines must be installed.
- c. The North Atlantic Council must concur.  The Council concurred on 6 January 1950. See D.C. 2/2.7

2. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of S.G. 7/2.

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REPORT BY THE WORKING TEAM

to the

STANDING GROUP

on

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM FOR SECURITY OF INFORMATION FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Reference: D.C. 2/1

THE PROBLEM

1. To implement the System for Security of Information for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. The Defense Committee at its second meeting on 1 December 1949, in Paris, France, provisionally approved the system for Security of Information for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Enclosure to D.C. 2/1, and directed that it be forwarded to the Council for final approval.

3. In approving this document provisionally the Defense Committee further directed the Standing Group to implement the System immediately.

4. To date the following action has been carried out toward implementation:

a. The Standing Group Secretariat has forwarded the "Security Agreement by the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty" (Appendix "A" to Enclosure) to all member nations for signature at a military level.

b. The Standing Group has designated the United Kingdom as the responsible agency for conducting a security check of the security organization powers and standards of all member countries.

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c. All member countries have accepted the recommendation of the Standing Group that the United Kingdom "Typex II" cipher machine will be the only cipher machine for transmission of "Cosmic" material.

DISCUSSION

5. The "Agreed Security Procedure to Govern the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its Subsidiaries and Information and Documents Emerging Therefrom" (Paragraph 20, Appendix "B" to the Enclosure, D.C. 2/1) requires that a Coordinating Security Committee of the Standing Group consisting of French, U.K. and U.S. representation be set up. Security representatives of other member countries may be coopted if necessary. The Coordinating Security Committee will be responsible for furnishing security policy guidance to the Standing Group.

6. The Enclosure constitutes the basic operating regulations for the entire NATO. Augmenting regulations for local use should be prepared for the Standing Group by the Coordinating Security Committee and for the Regional Groups by the Regional Security Committees. The basic paper, D.C. 2/1, is specific as to the responsibilities of and measures to be taken by Regional Groups and member countries. It is the responsibility of the Standing Group to assure itself that all required measures have been taken throughout the entire organization before the system may be declared effective.

CONCLUSIONS

7. That the Standing Group authorized the establishment of a Standing Group Coordinating Security Committee consisting of one member each from France, United Kingdom and United States. The Committee should be a permanent part of the Standing Group Organization.

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8. The Standing Group should direct the Secretariat to communicate with member countries and Regional Planning Groups to the effect that each should notify the Standing Group when it has complied with all provisions of D.C. 2/1 and is in all respects ready to implement the System.

9. That, upon receipt of all reports specified in paragraph 8 above, the Standing Group should declare the System to be effective throughout the NATO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. That the above conclusions be approved.

11. That the Military Committee be informed immediately when the System is declared effective.

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