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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Items on which the Standing Group Liaison Officer to the Council Deputies will Require Guidance in the Near Future

1. The enclosed memorandum from General Lindsay to the Chairman of the Standing Group was considered by the Steering Committee at their meeting on 28 September 1951.

2. Subject to the approval of the Standing Group, the Committee approved General Lindsay's recommended courses of action, as explained in paragraph a, b and c of the enclosure.

3. With reference to paragraph d (SHAPE's relationship with the Committee of Twelve), it was agreed that General Lindsay should discuss the question of SHAPE's representation to the Committee of Twelve with General Eisenhower when he visited SHAPE on 6 October 1951, and would report the result of this meeting to the Standing Group.

4. General Lindsay expressed the view that it was essential that there should be some form of permanent Standing Group representation at the Committee of Twelve. If this were not done the Committee would not unnaturally seek military advice from SACEUR.

5. It was agreed that General Lindsay should represent the Standing Group at these meetings for as long as possible, and that if he felt that some more permanent representation was necessary he would so inform the Standing Group.

6. The Committee have instructed the International Planning Team to consider this question and to recommend to the Standing Group:

a. what the relationship should be between SACEUR and the Committee of Twelve.

b. what permanent Standing Group representation there should be at the Committee of Twelve.

7. If approved, a telegram to General Lindsay will be despatched.

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28 September 1951

MEMORANDUM FROM: OFFICE OF THE LIAISON OFFICER TO
THE COUNCIL DEPUTIES

TO: CHAIRMAN, STANDING GROUP

The following subjects additional to those discussed in LOM-1 are items on which the Liaison Officer will require guidance in the near future:

a. NATO Command Arrangements with Greece and Turkey

It is understood that this question may well be raised in the Council Deputies. In such event, and unless guidance to the contrary is furnished, the Liaison Officer would propose to the Council Deputies that they discuss this subject using S.G. 80/4 as the basis for their discussions and communicate their comments thereon to the Standing Group for its consideration in connection with any discussions which may be undertaken with Greece and Turkey. The Liaison Officer will do what he can to prevent the question being raised in the Council Deputies, but he has the feeling that it may be impossible.

b. The Participation by Financial Experts in the Development of International Standards. References: SGM-1541-51 and SGM-1548-51

Until guidance is received by the Liaison Officer on this subject, the Council Deputies will be informed that the matter is under active consideration by the Standing Group.

c. Matters Under Consideration by the Standing Group which have been referred to National Staffs through the MRC

The Liaison Officer believes that it would be in the interest of good relations between the Standing Group and the Council Deputies if the Liaison Officer could, from time to time, inform the Council Deputies on Standing Group military studies having political and economic implications which may be referred to the National Staffs through the MRC. If the principle of doing so is approved by the Standing Group, it is requested that consideration be given in each specific case to the advisability of taking such action and the Liaison Officer be informed at the appropriate time.

d. SHAPE's Relationship with the Committee of Twelve.. Reference: C7-D/19 (Final)

(1) The Liaison Officer believes that SACEUR and key personnel of his headquarters will inevitably become involved in the discussions of many of the military aspects under consideration by this committee and recommends appropriate guidance be provided to the Liaison Officer and to SHAPE as to what the relationship and responsibilities will be between SHAPE, the Standing Group and the Liaison Officer.

(2) Lacking any guidance on this subject the Liaison Officer contemplates treating this matter in the forthcoming discussions in London and Paris along the following general lines:

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(a) Until the Committee of Twelve is firmly established the Liaison Officer will support the views of the Standing Group on the NATO Joint Ad Hoc Working Group insofar as such guidance has already been developed.

(b) At such time as the Committee of Twelve is established the Liaison Officer will represent the Standing Group in such meetings as that body may duct during its initial formative period, making such recommendations to the Standing Group on future participation as may appear desirable.

(c) Inform SHAPE that the Standing Group has under consideration the question of that Headquarters' relationships with the Committee of Twelve and that early guidance should be forthcoming.

(d) Invite comment and oral discussion from SACEUR and the principal members of his staff with respect to SHAPE's relationship to the Committee of Twelve which can then be communicated orally on the Liaison Officer's return to Washington on or about 16 October.

/s/ R. C. LINDSAY
Major General, USAF

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