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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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~~Wing Commander N. M. Bayliss~~
Lt. Col. R. B. Warren

SUBJECT:

Permanent Arrangements for Thorough-going Annual Reviews of the Requirements for Building and Maintaining Adequate Defensive Strength on a Realistic Foundation of Politico-Economic Capabilities

Reference:

M.C. 39, Enclosure 38

1. At the 68th Meeting of the Steering Committee the Committee considered the procedure necessary to comply with the Council resolution to prepare the necessary material for comprehensive annual reviews of the requirements for building and maintaining adequate defensive strength on a realistic foundation of politico-economic capabilities, the first such review to be completed in the autumn of 1952 (C9-D/13). They agreed that the procedure would fall into four separate stages.

Stage 1: When establishing these goals account will have to be taken of the force contributions as at the end of 1952, with the short falls on the SCS 1952 force goals, plus any adjustments necessary to balance the forces.

Stage 2: To cost by countries the 1953 goals and to submit these costing figures to each nation.

Stage 3: To attempt to decrease any gap consequent on national reviews by increased national effort.

Stage 4: To supply priorities for the 3rd Stage contributions.

2. They further agreed that Stages 1 and 4 were military problems, and 2 and 3 politico-economic.

3. In light of the above, the International Planning Team are invited:

a. to submit a paper for the Standing Group's consideration, recommending the above procedure to the North Atlantic Council Deputies;

b. in light of Stage 1 above, to recommend to the Standing Group goals for force requirements for 1953.

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