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COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

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SGM-536-52

13 March 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Portuguese Defense

At the request of the United Kingdom Member, the Enclosure is presented for consideration at the Steering Committee Meeting at 1100, 14 March.

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12th March, 1952.

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF THE STANDING GROUP.  
FROM: BRIGADIER PRICE.  
SUBJECT: Portuguese Defence.

1. As a result of the discussions on Portuguese defence held in Lisbon with the Portuguese Defence Authorities during the Ninth Session of the North Atlantic Council, the Chief of the Air Staff of the United Kingdom gained the impression that the Portuguese would welcome the advice of the Standing Group on the subject of building up an air defence system and a tactical air force.

2. The only work currently being undertaken by the Standing Group in connection with Portuguese forces is that outlined in SGM-419-52 which is concerned solely with the deployment of Portuguese forces. It is recommended that the Steering Committee should discuss this matter at its next meeting.

(signed) C. R. PRICE