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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Tasks Arising from the Lisbon Meeting

- References:
- a. SGM-440-52
  - b. SGM-476-52

The enclosed memorandum from the International Planning Team (Warren - Loiret - Craven) is presented for consideration at the Steering Committee Meeting at 1430, 14 March.

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1. The following terms of reference have been issued to the Planning Teams:

| <u>Reference</u>                          | <u>Text</u>  | <u>Team</u>                     |
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| SGM-440-52<br>(Par. 3 <u>b</u> )          | " <u>b</u> . In light of Stage 1 above, to recommend to the Standing Group goals for force requirements for 1953."   | Loiret<br>Craven<br>Warren      |
| SGM-476-52<br>(Encl.<br>Par. 1 <u>c</u> ) | " <u>c</u> . Examination of forces recommended by the TCC as accepted by the Council, with a view to making recommendations to ensure that they are properly balanced."                              | Warren<br>Loiret<br>Honeybourne |
| SGM-476-52<br>(Encl.<br>Par. 1 <u>d</u> ) | " <u>d</u> . Make a study of the standards of readiness of forces (including air and naval forces) for 1953 and subsequent years. This study will be completed for SG consideration by 31 May 1952." | Brohon<br>Hoerner<br>Hewlett    |

2. In our opinion, it will be quite impracticable to consider 1953 goals without taking into account the "readiness" and "balance" factors for that year. Furthermore, the degree of adjustment to forces in 1953 that may be found practicable as a result of introducing these two factors can only be marginal in view of the time factor.

3. It is recommended, therefore, that three relevant terms of reference quoted in paragraph 1 above be rewritten on the following lines, and be treated in the following order of priority:

a. "Recommend goals for interim force requirements for 1953 which will serve as a basis for the next annual review, taking into account the need to balance forces and establish standards of readiness for that year."

b. "Recommend the standards of readiness (including air and naval forces) that will ultimately be required."

c. "Examine the forces recommended by the TCC for 1954 and subsequent years as accepted by the Council, with a view to making recommendations to ensure that they are properly balanced."

4. In the allocation of teams to the problems enumerated in paragraph 1, it will be noted that three separate teams have been appointed. We would suggest that there is considerable advantage in this particular case in having one team only from each nation as the three problems are closely connected.

↳ "Force Goals" and "Balance" must be assigned one team.  
"Readiness" can be assigned another team. - R.B.W.7

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