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Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

SGM-588-52

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Portuguese Defense

References: ⁵⁵⁴
a. SGM-544-52
b. SGM-536-52

1. The report of the International Planning Team on Enclosure to reference b, as directed in reference a, is enclosed for your consideration.

2. This matter will be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

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Senior Secretary

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ENCLOSURE

SUBJECT: Report by the International Planning Team to the Steering Committee, on Portuguese Defense

1. With reference to SGM-544-52 of 15 March 1952 we have considered the Enclosure to SGM-536-52 and recommend that the subject be handled in the following manner:

a. The subject should be separated into:

- (1) Portuguese Home Defense (a SACLANT problem).
- (2) Portuguese Air Contribution to SACEUR's forces.

b. There is no recorded request from the Portuguese authorities for assistance or advice in the operation of air forces.

c. The problem of determining if the Portuguese require advice on the effective operation of a modern air defense system is strictly speaking a matter for SACLANT. However, it is the intention of SACEUR to send senior staff officers to Lisbon on 26 April to discuss the problems associated with the proposal to transfer in war military forces to SACEUR's command. It would be opportune to get the SHAPE Staff Officers also to determine if the Portuguese authorities require advice on the subject of air defense.

d. In connection with the possible transfer to SACEUR's command of some 75 Portuguese aircraft there are numerous questions that the Standing Group would like to have answered. The Portuguese authorities have told us that they have already invited SHAPE to discuss with them the problems associated with the operation of the 75 aircraft to be allocated to SACEUR's forces. The particular question of indoctrination in the most modern methods of a tactical air force could be included in the discussions to be held with SHAPE. I.P.T. 73 covers this aspect.

2. Recommendation: That I.P.T. 73 be approved.

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