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By JACOUBE Date 15.10.99

MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Coordinating Committee
Lt. Colonel Fourquet
Commander Jago
Colonel Huglin

SUBJECT: Security Aspects of International Competitive
Bidding for Infrastructure Projects

The enclosed message, NACD 114, is referred to the Security Coordinating Committee for study and recommendation, in collaboration with the International Planning Team listed above.

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ENCLOSURE

ROUTINE

FROM: Secy, NACDEP, London, England (from Special Committee on Infrastructure of the Council Deputies)

TO: Secretariat, Security Coordinating Committee, Standing Group, NATO, Washington, D. C.

NR: NACD 114 201435Z MAR 52

THIS IS A NATO MESSAGE.

1. The Council Deputies have been considering the use of international competitive bidding for the award of contracts for Infrastructure, have given provisional approval of this in principle and have referred it to the Special Committee for further study.

2. The Special Committee consider that international bidding must for practical security reasons be confined to airfields communications equipments and peacetime headquarters. Wartime headquarters are not regarded as suitable on security grounds. Installation of communications projects not regarded as suitable or practical possibly reinforced by security grounds.

3. The Special Committee considers that in order to carry out the competitive bidding scheme as defined in para 2 the release of information on Infrastructure programs will be necessary as follows.

(A) Release of general information in all host countries aimed at stimulating the interest of potential contractors.

(B) Subsequent release of more detailed information, e.g., numbers of airfields and broad specification by national Ministries of Defense to contractors in their countries who make inquiries.

(C) Release of full information bearing on particular contracts, e.g., on sites and specifications for airfields by host countries to selected contractors in non-host countries to enable them to bid. The process of competition bids will probably involve visits to sites.

4. With respect to (A) above the Special Committee considers that this release should not contain more than can be stated in newspapers and trade journals. The type of information which will have to be released is not more than the fact that there is a program covering the types of work mentioned in para 2 of substantial size giving rise to a certain type of contract which will be open to international competition. This is in order to acquaint the construction industries of the various NATO countries of the demands to be made upon them and also the opportunities available to them.

5. With respect to (B) above, appropriate ministries of all countries subscribing to the scheme of international competitive bidding would select and screen firms from the security point of view (as well as from the point of view of professional reliability, ability to carry out the task, etc.) before giving them more than the published information and recommending needs to host countries as eligible for action under 3 (C).

6. The Standing Group's concurrence in or comments on the proposals is requested at the earliest possible date.

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