

NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES

1. Attached is a copy of S.G. 214/2; this is a draft of the paper on the "Estimate of the Risk", which it is anticipated that the Military Committee may have to submit to the Council at its next meeting. It has been given only preliminary consideration by the Standing Group.

2. It will be appreciated that the main ingredients of an "Estimate of the Risk" paper must be an Intelligence Estimate, up-to-date Force Requirements, and the latest agreed Force Goals. It will also be appreciated that none of the above ingredients, and in particular the Force Goals, are yet firm. The present paper, therefore, can only represent a working draft. A final document can only be produced when the 1953 Force Goals are known.

3. Since, however, the 1953 Force Goals will not be known until a very short time before the Military Committee meeting, it will be necessary for the final paper on the "Estimate of the Risk" to be prepared by the Standing Group and submitted direct to the Military Committee. The present draft is, therefore, forwarded so that it may serve in some measure as advance information to National Chiefs of Staff of the type of document which they are likely to be asked to consider at the Military Committee.

4. It is particularly requested that when forwarding the present document to your Chiefs of Staff, attention should be drawn to its status, as outlined above.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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