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20 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Guidance for the Statistical Officer for
Standardization of Questionnaire for Military Forces

References: a. LMP 20/1/D, 6 October 1952
b. LMP 20/2/D, 13 November 1952
c. SH 26222, 13 November 1952 (attached as
Enclosure "C")

1. Enclosures to references a and b contain recommendations by the International Staff and the Standing Group Liaison Officer that the Standing Group Statistical Officer visit the International Staff to collaborate on the standardization of the questionnaire for military forces. In reference c (Enclosure "C"), SACEUR states his interest in this subject, and suggests a conference with a representative from the Standing Group to coordinate plans for discussion of the problem.

2. In view of the above recommendations, Enclosure "A" was circulated for comments to provide the Statistical Officer with adequate guidance. No recommendations for revision of this outline have been received.

3. It is recommended that:

- a. Enclosure "A" be approved as guidance for the proposed study of the standardization of the questionnaire.
- b. The draft message at Enclosure "B" be dispatched.

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ENCLOSURE "A"

10 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE LOGISTICS AND MATERIEL PLANNERS and
INTERNATIONAL PLANNING TEAMS

SUBJECT: Guidance on Questionnaire for Military Forces

References: a. LMP 20/1/D dtd 6 October 1952
b. Memorandum to SGLO from Mr. Taylor
dtd 27 October 1952 (attached)

1. It has been recommended that the Statistical Officer visit the International Staff to collaborate on the questionnaire for build-up of military forces (references a and b). Prior to this visit, guidance should be given by the Standing Group.

2. The Statistical Officer is of the opinion that Tables 1, 2 and 3 of ARQ(52) of 9 July 1952 can be used as a basis for standardization of the questionnaire on build-up of military forces. The format is considered to be good. Tables are simple and facile for entering and extracting data. The use of these tables with the following revisions is recommended:

a. Table I, parts 1, 2 and 3, Group A Forces:

Add columns to show

- (1) Number of months training;
- (2) Percentage of equipment held;
- (3) Percentage of War Reserves of equipment.

Time phase as M-Day, M/15 Days, M/30 Days, and M/60 to M/180 Days.

b. Table II, parts 1, 2 and 3, Group B Forces:

Delete column headed "NATO Command Forces not included in Group A."

Add columns to show

- (1) Number of months training;
- (2) Percentage of equipment held;
- (3) Percentage of War Reserves of equipment.

c. Tables I and II, parts 1, 2 and 3:

Delete "Support Units."

d. Table 3:

(1) Delete lines 3 and 12 (National Service) from column 1 for personnel on active duty. Report personnel in two categories - officer and other ranks.

(2) For "Reserves not on Active Duty" add columns to show:

- (a) Number performing annual training;
- (b) Number not performing annual training;
- (c) Number of potential recruits.

e. With the above revisions, the questionnaire will supply the following data:

- (1) Number of units of NATO Command Forces.
- (2) Number of units of National Command Forces available for defense of the NATO area.
- (3) Number of months training for personnel of units.
- (4) Percentage of equipment held by units.
- (5) Status of War Reserves of equipment.
- (6) Number of personnel on active duty.
- (7) Trained and untrained manpower of Reserve forces.

3. Please send your comments on the foregoing to the Statistical Officer by noon, Friday, 14 November 1952.

/s/W. H. EDWARDS
Executive Secretary

ENCLASURE "B"

TO: SGLO

INFO: SACEUR, SACLANT, CHANCOM

This is a NATO Message SECPAR_____. Reference SGLP 283/52, 30 September 1952 and LOM 61/52, 6 November 1952.

1. It is considered most desirable to have consultation on standardization of questionnaire for military forces at conclusion of Annual Review exercise to utilize most advantageously experience gained.

2. The SG Statistical Officer will be available for this study at whatever date is convenient to the International Staff, preferably early in January.

3. FOR SACEUR: Ref SH 26222 of 13 November 1952. Firm date SHAPE discussion will be made when above date definite.

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ENCLOSURE "C"

FROM: SACEUR PARIS FRANCE
TO: SECY STANDING GROUP NATO WASH DC
NR: SH 26222

13 Nov 52

This is a NATO Message. Informal Staff Planners Message.

1. Informal information received indicates you consider calling a conference to consider the whole question of the number and type reports required from nations on combat effectiveness, strength of forces, etc.

2. SHAPE is keenly interested in developing improved arrangements in gathering essential statistics so as to reduce the statistical burden on the NATO nations and their forces and has been considering calling a meeting of national statistical representatives and our subordinate allied headquarters at SHAPE for this purpose.

3. We therefore suggest that an informal preliminary discussion be arranged between our statistical officer and your representative in this field, at a time and place to be designated by you, in order that plans and arrangements underway at SHAPE may be fully coordinated with your plans on this subject.

ACTION: SGN
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