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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ITALIAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Submarines in the Italian Navy

- References: a. Your Memo No. 461 of 27 Sept 52
- b. M.C. 26/1
- c. SGM-267-50

1. The Standing Group has carefully considered your memorandum on this subject, and fully appreciates the reasons furnished by your General Staff for the inclusion of submarines in the Italian Navy. It has, however, certain observations which are set out below.

2. The NATO force requirements stated in M.C. 26/1 are shown in terms of areas and not by countries. It is the intention to continue this practice in the revision being prepared for the Military Committee meeting in December, as it assists in preserving the distinction between "requirements" on the one hand, and "contributions" or "force goals" on the other. It also enables the principle of collective balancing of forces (reference c) to be correctly applied. In view of the foregoing, it is not considered that a requirement for any particular country to have submarines can or should be included in the revision of M.C. 26/1. However, the question of whether Italy or any other country should contribute submarines in order to meet the total NATO requirements is a different matter.

3. The Standing Group agrees that it is likely that the requirements for submarines in the Mediterranean will increase as a result of the inclusion of Greece and Turkey in NATO. But the exact extent of this increase cannot be seen until the current revision of requirements has been completed.

4. The Standing Group fully appreciates the need of the Italians for their own submarines in furthering anti-submarine training.

5. The established NATO machinery for deciding upon national contributions towards meeting the NATO requirements is the Annual Review. In this, the various factors which make it difficult for the requirements to be met in full are considered and "contributions" or "force goals" are recommended in the light of the requirements, the relative priority to be given to the build-up of different types of forces, financial considerations and the views of the nations and Commanders concerned.

6. From the above considerations, the Standing Group concludes that the necessary sequence of events in this matter must be

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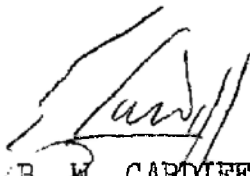
a. The NATO force requirements will be considered by the Military Representatives Committee and the Military Committee.

b. In preparation for the next Annual Review, nations will suggest what contributions they can make towards the revised NATO force requirements; i.e., a paper similar to M.R.C. 12 will be produced.

c. At the next Annual Review, proposed contributions will be examined in the light of the various considerations which affect the establishment of national force goals.

7. The Standing Group hopes that when these points have been put before the Italian General Staff, they will agree that there is no need for the question of the inclusion of submarines in the Italian Navy to be discussed as a specific problem by the Military Committee at its next meeting.

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