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SGM-531-53

8 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 1955 Force Levels
Reference: I.P.T. 41/24/D

1. The International Planning Team recommends the despatch of the telegram at Enclosure, in reply to SHAPE/321/53 dated 16 March 1953 regarding 1955 Force Goals.

2. Your approval is requested, please.

W. F. Lamb

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Deputy Secretary

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ENCLOSURE

TO: SACEUR PARIS FRANCE

REFERENCE IS SHAPE/321/53 AND STAND 460.

1. Stand 460 was issued as a guide for infrastructure planning purposes only. It was intended that any force assumptions that you might derive from that formula should be for your own use only.

2. As you point out, Standing Group acceptance of your force assumptions carries with it Standing Group acceptance of consequential increases and build-up and levels of supply.

3. Standing Group therefore feels that any agreement to your proposals, even for planning purposes only, would inevitably suggest an implicit acceptance of these figures for the future build-up.

4. It is regretted, therefore, that the Standing Group cannot formally agree to the force assumptions proposed by you in SHAPE/321/53, but has no objections to the use of these force assumptions for the particular purpose of infrastructure planning only.

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