

NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

SGM-776-53

19 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Records of Standing Group Meetings

Reference: Record of S.G. 176th Meeting.

1. At its 176th Meeting on 11 March, the Standing Group agreed that for a trial period of two months its records would include only problems, decisions, statements specifically made for the record and reasons why papers were amended.

2. At Enclosure is LOM 42/53 on this same subject.

3. Inasmuch as the two-month period has expired, it is recommended that the matter be discussed and a further decision be reached at the next Standing Group meeting.

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LOM 42/53

22 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, THE STANDING GROUP

Subject: Records of Standing Group Meetings

Reference: S.G. 176th Meeting

It is noted that at this meeting on 11th March, the Standing Group decided that, for a trial period of two months, the records of meetings of the Standing Group should only state the problems considered and the decisions taken, without recording any discussion leading up to the decisions except in cases where recommendations are amended. In the latter cases, it is not necessarily intended to record national points of view.

2. It is fully realised that other and more important considerations will be the basis for whatever is the ultimate decision, nevertheless, this step does remove from the Standing Group Liaison Officer a valuable source of information. Records of Standing Group meetings in the form hitherto produced provided the Standing Group Liaison Officer with an excellent idea of the way the Standing Group members are thinking such as cannot be provided by the relatively bald record of issues raised and decisions taken which is now under trial.

3. The fuller records hitherto produced enabled the Standing Group Liaison Officer to learn from views of members the reasons lying behind the decisions of the Standing Group and the Military Representatives Committee.

4. These remarks are forwarded merely to place on record the fact that in so far as the Standing Group Liaison Officer is concerned, the procedure under trial is a disadvantage so that perhaps when the pros and cons are weighed up this may be included as one of the factors.

5. Should the present trial procedure be adopted it is requested that, if there is any way of informing the Standing Group Liaison Officer of the discussions leading up to Standing Group decisions, this be done for the reasons given above.

REAR ADMIRAL

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