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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NATO Certificate of Employment

- References:
- a. SGM-2168-51
 - b. MAS(52) 5
 - c. SGM-984-52
 - d. MAS(52)15
 - e. STAND 498

BACKGROUND

1. By reference a Standing Group instructed the Military Agency for Standardisation (MAS) to examine the question of preparing an agreement on the Standardisation of identity cards within NATO.

2. By reference b the MAS reported to the Standing Group on this subject and expressed the opinion that, for reasons of expense, the production of a NATO card was not justifiable at present. It was, however, recommended that should temporary residence in the territory of another allied nation be of long duration, the holder's national identity card should be accompanied by a certificate showing that he is staying in an official NATO capacity. The Military Agency for Standardisation suggested that this certificate could be in a standard form.

3. By reference c the Standing Group approved the proposal made by reference b and instructed that priority be given to the development of a standard NATO certificate.

4. By reference d the MAS submitted a draft directive covering the aim, rules and conditions of use and a proposed format for this certificate. Paragraph 3 of reference e inadvertently confused the issue of the NATO Certificate and the NATO Identity Card. The MAS have asked for an explanation.

PROBLEM

5. It now remains for the Standing Group to decide whether the instructions for the use of a NATO certificate should be promulgated.

DISCUSSION

6. The NATO certificate, if issued, would not in fact replace either national identity cards or passports. It would have to be carried in addition to these. It is difficult to see

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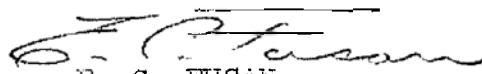
what useful purpose it would serve. The Security Committee are of the opinion that not only would it be of no value, but it might even prejudice security by indiscriminate use, which they would find difficult to control. The Security Committee therefore consider that it should not be introduced.

CONCLUSIONS

7. It is considered that in this case security considerations should be regarded as paramount and that the instructions for introducing a NATO certificate of employment should not be promulgated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The SPCC recommend that the Steering Committee:
 - a. Approve the conclusion in paragraph 7 above.
 - b. Approve despatch of the memorandum at Enclosure to the ILS.
9. Your approval is requested.


E. C. FUSAN
Ass't Secretary

APPROVED _____

DISAPPROVED _____

(SPCC: Lt. Col. Campbell, Col. de Gastines, Lt. Col. Pallot,
Col. Duehring)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDISATION

SUBJECT: NATO Certificate of Employment

Reference: STAND 498

1. Paragraph 3, STAND 498, is hereby cancelled.

2. It has been decided that, in view of security objections which were not apparent when the study was undertaken, it would be inadvisable to promulgate the instructions for the use of a NATO certificate of employment contained in MAS(52)15.

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