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By JACOBSON Date 25-11-55

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Supreme Allied Commander Europe
The Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic
The Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel
The Allied Maritime Air Commander-in-Chief Channel

SUBJECT: Topics for Multilateral Discussions

1. It appears that the Council are likely to initiate during 1956 a series of multilateral discussions of specific defense subjects.

2. In anticipation of instructions, the Standing Group has considered the question of subjects suitable for discussion from a military point of view. A tentative list of these subjects and the authorities who would sponsor them is attached at Enclosure. It is subject to change depending upon the comments of Supreme Commanders, guidance from Standing Group national authorities, and the availability and readiness of the material for presentation.

3. It is expected that the first series of discussions to cover the subjects in the Enclosure may be held during mid-February 1956.

4. Your comments on the list at Enclosure are requested to reach the Standing Group by 28 December 1955.

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ENCLOSURE

TOPICS FOR MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

1. AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS

- (a) Aircraft control and early warning including communications systems.
- (b) Fighter aircraft including air-to-air missiles.
- (c) Anti-aircraft including ground-to-air missiles.
- (d) Command structure.

To be sponsored by SACEUR.
Duration - 2 days.

2. ORGANIZATION OF LAND AND AIR FORCES

- (a) Trends in Army Divisional Organization.
- (b) Atomic posture of Air Forces.

- (a) to be sponsored by the Standing Group in so far as military participation is concerned.
- (b) to be sponsored by SACEUR.

Duration - 1 day ($\frac{1}{2}$ day Army, $\frac{1}{2}$ day Air)

3. THE PATTERN OF NAVAL FORCES

- (a) Composition.
- (b) Priority requirements as regards types.

To be sponsored by the Standing Group with participation by SACEUR, SACLANT, and CINCHAN.
Duration - 1 day.

4. OBSOLESCENCE OF EQUIPMENT; NEW EQUIPMENT; NEW WEAPONS

To be sponsored by the Standing Group.
Duration - $\frac{1}{2}$ day.