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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NETHERLANDS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Retention of VHF Equipment during NATO  
UHF Conversion

Reference: Neth Mil Rep ltr 4102-47/622 of 7 Dec 55

1. The points raised in your referenced letter have been considered by the Standing Group. The intention with regard to NATO conversion to UHF is that the work should be completed as soon as possible and there is, therefore, no ultimate date set for completion. When this date will be will depend on a number of factors including production and fitting problems which vary between nations. It is thought, however, that by 1960 conversion will be nearing conclusion but that it will not be complete.

2. The problem of merchant ship communications is currently under study by the Standing Group, but since large numbers of merchant ships of NATO nations have no VHF equipment fitted at present, or available for fitting, in emergency, it is not possible to provide an answer to your question in paragraph 2 of the referenced letter. Standing Group policy in this matter will be promulgated as soon as it has been determined.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:



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