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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE

SUBJECT: Standing Group - SHAPE Radio Communications

Reference: SHAPE ltr AG 3101 SIG/FL of 26 May 1955

1. The Standing Group has considered the reference and agrees that there is an essential requirement for rapid, reliable and secure telegraph communications between the two headquarters. The current arrangements do not now provide communications of the requisite quality nor would they be satisfactory in times of tension or war.

2. The proposal for establishing an adequate system as contained in the reference is approved in principle. However, since facilities to handle communications for the Standing Group headquarters are provided by the United States Government, it will be necessary to invite that Government to provide and operate the terminal required to serve the Standing Group end of the proposed circuit.

3. The United States Secretary of Defense has been invited to provide and operate the Washington terminal. You will be further advised when the reply from Secretary of Defense is received. Pending the reply no action should be taken to establish the terminal serving your headquarters.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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