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SGM-126-56

10 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Member Nations  
Supreme Allied Commander Europe  
Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic  
Channel Committee  
Canada-U.S. Regional Planning Group

SUBJECT: Phonetic Alphabet for NATO Use - Pronunciation

Reference: SGM-862-55

1. The reference advised all addressees that the new Phonetic Alphabet is to be made effective in NATO on 1 March 1956.

2. A standard pronunciation was approved by the ICAO Council and issued to all Member States in a formal letter reference AN 7/1. 1-139 of 30 November 1955, subject "Annex 10: Amendment 23 Spelling Alphabet", which also notified them of the intention to amend the ICAO convention. This pronunciation is indicated, using English phonetics, in the Enclosure. A similar paper, using French phonetics, will be issued shortly.

3. This pronunciation has been adopted by the Standing Group. All Member Nations are requested to issue such instructions as are necessary to insure the desired NATO-wide standardization.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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## ENCLOSURE

### APPROXIMATE PRONUNCIATION

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Latin Alphabet Representation</u> (English Edition)
A	ALFA	<u>AL</u> FAH
B	BRAVO	<u>BRAH</u> <u>VOH</u>
C	CHARLIE	<u>CHAR</u> LEE <u>SHAR</u> LEE
D	DELTA	<u>DELL</u> TAH
E	ECHO	<u>ECK</u> OH
F	FOXTROT	<u>FOKS</u> TROT
G	GOLF	GOLF
H	HOTEL	HOH <u>TELL</u>
I	INDIA	<u>IN</u> DEE AH
J	JULIETT	<u>JEW</u> LEE <u>ETT</u>
K	KILO	<u>KEY</u> LOH
L	LIMA	<u>LEE</u> MAH
M	MIKE	MIKE
N	NOVEMBER	NO <u>VEM</u> BER
O	OSCAR	<u>OSS</u> CAH
P	PAPA	PAH <u>PAH</u>
Q	QUEBEC	KEH <u>BECK</u>
R	ROMEO	<u>ROW</u> ME OH
S	SIERRA	SEE <u>AIRRAH</u>
T	TANGO	<u>TANG</u> GO
U	UNIFORM	<u>YOU</u> NEE FORM <u>OO</u> NEE FORM
V	VICTOR	<u>VIK</u> TAH
W	WHISKEY	<u>WISS</u> KEY
X	<del>XRAY</del> XRAY	<u>ECKS</u> <u>RAY</u>
Y	YANKEE	<u>YANG</u> KEY
Z	ZULU	<u>ZOO</u> LOO

Note: In the approximate representation using the Latin alphabet, syllables to be emphasized are underlined.

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## CORRIGENDUM

to SGM-126-56

Holders of SGM-126-56 (Pnonetic Alphabet for NATO Use - Pronunciation) are requested to amend page 2 to change the phonetic equivalent for the letter "X" to read "XRAY" (a single unhyphenated word).

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