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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: ACP 102(B) - Apparent Discrepancy in Address Groups for the Azores Command and the Portuguese Military Attache, Washington, D.C.

Reference: Portuguese MilRep ltr No. 989-P of 2 Mar 56

1. In reply to the reference, the Custodian of ACP 102 has advised that the address groups for the Azores Command and the Portuguese Military Attache in Washington have been intercrossed, in the course of time, but that this change is not considered as a discrepancy.

2. The original assignments for Portugal from the ACP 102 series were promulgated by SGM-478-53 with address group DRGR assigned to the Military Attache and address group BNVP assigned to the Azores Command. These assignments were subsequently promulgated by Change No. 2 to ACP 102 (basic). ACP 102 (basic) was revised into ACP 102(A) in August 1953 with the same assignments carried forward unchanged.

3. Address group DRGU was substituted for address group BNVP in the Azores Command assignment in response to a request contained in letter from the Portuguese Military Representative No. 932 of 8 Sept 53 and this change in assignment was promulgated by Change No. 2 to ACP 102(A). However, this change in assignment was not promulgated by Standing Group until November of 1955 when SGM-855-55 was dispatched in reply to the letter of 8 September 1953. The delay in replying is attributed to the fact that the 8 Sept 1953 letter also contained a request that the new address group be authorized

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for exclusive use of communications through civilian agencies, which caused the Standing Group to re-examine its policy on the use of address groups. The substitution of address group DRGU for BNVP was in effect in 1953 with the distribution of Change No. 2 to ACP 102(A).

4. In September 1954 reports were received which indicated that ACP 102(A) may have been compromised and a decision was reached that ACP 102(A) required revision and that all address group assignments contained therein should be changed with reassignments to be made from those address groups already allocated to each nation. Accordingly, ACP 102(B), a revision of ACP 102(A), was produced in May 1955 and was referred for consideration by the Military Representatives Committee by MRM-92-55. The effect of ACP 102(B) was to assign DRGR to the Azores Command vice DRGU which was left unassigned, and to assign BNVP to the Military Attache in Washington vice DRGR. Comparison of ACP 102(B) with Change No. 2 of ACP 102 (basic) thus would indicate that the assignments to the Azores Command and the Military Attache in Washington had in fact been interchanged if Change No. 2 to ACP 102(A) were not considered in the chain of events.

5. The assignments reflected in ACP 102(B) remain as current assignments.

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