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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION

SUBJECT: Loans of Army Equipment for Tests
Relating to Standardization

Reference: MAS(ARMY)(55)102

1. It is considered that the provision of an agreement for the loan by NATO countries of army equipment for tests relating to standardization would assist standardization within NATO. The Military Representatives Committee has therefore approved the requests contained in paragraph 5 of reference, and has decided that the Standing Group should instruct the Army Board of the Military Agency for Standardization to draw up a detailed procedure in the form of a standardization agreement based, in general, upon the following principles:

a. The aim of loaning equipment for test purposes is to facilitate standardization within NATO.

b. Justification of the need to loan is given by MAS working parties, groups of experts, or through custodian studies. In addition, where groups of nations within NATO are engaged in a standardization program, justification of need may stem from those groups.

c. The loan of equipment between NATO countries will be based on the principle of reciprocity.

d. Loans of equipment will be limited to test quantities.

e. Loans of equipment will be made on the request of receiving countries and at the discretion of and within the

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security policies of lending countries, who will retain ownership of the equipment and who will say how the test reports should be distributed.

f. Security classification of equipment will be protected in accordance with security agreements and as further stipulated by the providing nation.

g. Countries receiving equipment on loan will respect all patent, proprietary and manufacturing rights specified by the country owning the equipment, or stipulated in existing NATO agreements or agreements made in the framework of MDAP.

h. The lending country will make available, without transportation charges to the borrowing country at its domestic seaboard, common border or port of exit, the equipment approved for loan. On conclusion of the tests, the borrowing country will return the equipment, without transportation charges, to the domestic seaboard, common border or port of entry of the lending country.

i. Customs charges, export or import, should not be levied on equipment loaned for testing.

j. Receiving countries will, with concurrence of the lender, encourage participation in or observation of tests by other NATO countries interested in the equipment.

k. The duration of the test and date of return of equipment will be stipulated prior to the exchange.

l. Items to be tested to destruction will be so stipulated prior to the exchange.

m. The testing nation shall not be held responsible for accidental damage or destruction of equipment under test, except as may be stipulated in an agreement.

n. Pertinent details of each loan of equipment and of the test for which the equipment is loaned will be incorporated in a document to be signed by authorized representatives of all participating nations.

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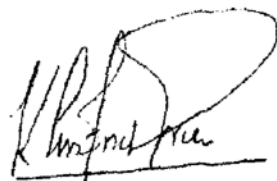
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o. National concurrence will be required on an item that is utilized by more than one service of a nation.

2. If pursuant to the respective regulations of the member nations' laws the settlement of special questions arising from these regulations should become necessary, it should be left to each nation concerned, in specific instances, to come by bilateral or multilateral negotiations to agreements meeting the requirements of the respective receiver or providing nation.

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