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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: Planning for the Coordination of Allied Air Transport Operations

Reference: CR(54)23

1. The need for coordination of the use in wartime of the air transportation resources, both civil and military, of the NATO nations has been studied by the Standing Group and Military Representatives Committee.

2. At the Appendix to this memorandum is a set of general principles which the Military Representatives Committee has approved as a basis for further military planning.

3. The Standing Group will use as a basis for military planning the principles set out in the Appendix. Such planning will be carried out by the Standing Group Military Transportation Committee, the representatives of which would be available for joint consultation with the Council body dealing with the civil aspects.

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APPENDIX TO SGM-292-56

GENERAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE PLANNING
FOR COORDINATION OF ALLIED AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

1. Planning, governing the employment and international coordination of air transport resources in time of war, is required.
2. Civil and military planning will probably have to be carried out separately by appropriate NATO civil and military groups until further experience is gained. However, specific civil and military plans must be coordinated during development to assure compatibility of aspects common to both civil and military operations.
3. The allocation and assignment of national air transport resources in support of its military and civil objectives should be determined individually by each nation concerned.
4. Air transport is the responsibility of a nation as far as logistic support of its own forces is concerned.
5. Cooperation and coordination among allied nations is required during wartime and should be accomplished by international agreement to assure:
 - a. The most effective utilization of civil air transport activities being conducted over international routes.
 - b. Determination of the availability of air transport resources for assignment to NATO by national authorities to meet NATO military requirements.
 - c. The most effective utilization of air transport assigned to NATO.
 - d. Standardization of operating arrangements and, as far as practicable, standardization of essential items of equipment required for the most effective use of allied air transport.