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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CANADIAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Canadian Mutual Aid - Disposal by Recipient Countries

Reference: MRM-60-56, 20 April 56

1. The Belgian Military Representative's letter No. 545 - D.450.11.55.9 dated 29 May 1956, subject as above, is quoted below for your consideration:

"1. The Belgian Military authorities have decided to get rid of the 49 SP M10 received from Canada in 1951 under the mutual aid program.

2. This equipment was in use up to the time that it was replaced by tanks furnished under MDAP. The 49 SP M10 equipment was worn out and 43 of them have been declared 'unserviceable'. Its rehabilitation is no longer justifiable in view of the excessive cost, which would be out of proportion to the service that they could render after overhauling. In addition, supply of extra parts makes this impossible since many of the parts have not been produced since 1946.

3. This equipment could no longer be used by any other country economically.

4. Consequently, in application of para. 3(c) of MRM-60-56 dated 20 April 1956, it is requested that you inform me whether this equipment can be declared 'unserviceable' for military purposes and scrapped."

2. In view of the comments on the state of the equipment contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Standing Group considers that there is no point in re-offering this equipment to other NATO nations.

3. Before replying to the Belgian Military Representative to inform him that the Standing Group agrees with the action requested in paragraph 4 above, it is requested that the views of the Canadian authorities be forwarded to the Standing Group at an early date.

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