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MEMORANDUM FOR: Supreme Allied Commander Europe
 Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic
 Channel Committee

SUBJECT: Registered Telegraphic Addresses,

References: a. SGM-1871-52 (NOTAL)
 b. AAP 1 (D)

1. In reference a it was stated that it was considered desirable that NATO Commanders should have Registered Telegraphic Addresses. Supreme Commanders were invited to obtain and register appropriate addresses and to notify them to the Standing Group for promulgation.

2. Insufficient information was received from this inquiry to enable orderly promulgation and no such list exists. Reference b is entitled "Authorized NATO Military Short Titles and Military Telegraphic Addresses" but does not in fact contain the necessary information. Since registered telegraphic addresses are used only by communication staffs, it is more appropriate that the listing should be in a suitable Allied Communication Publication (Basic, Supplement, Annex, as appropriate). The title of reference b will therefore be altered at the next reprint to delete the reference to Telegraphic Addresses.

3. Since the registration of Civil Telegraphic Addresses in peace involves financial expenditure, it is considered that this should be limited to:

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a. Headquarters of Supreme Commanders and their Major Subordinates.

b. Headquarters of Subordinate Commanders which receive appreciable traffic by civil systems or which are situated geographically in such a location as to preclude reliable radio communications throughout the twenty-four hours.

4. At the same time, there should be in existence a list of Registered Telegraphic Addresses for all NATO Commands (other than those afloat) which can be brought into force in emergency or war.

5. Addressees are requested therefore to:

a. Obtain and register with the Civil Authorities concerned Telegraphic Addresses (which will include the geographical location) for the authorities in paragraph 3 above.

b. Devise (and clear for acceptability with the Civil Authorities concerned) Telegraphic Addresses for other NATO authorities within their Commands.

c. Forward both lists to the Standing Group for publication.

d. Include in their emergency plans instructions that the addresses on the emergency list are to be made effective on the declaration of a simple alert.

6. The possibility exists that certain authorities not within the scope of paragraph 3 above have, in their National capacity, registered addresses which would be suitable for NATO peacetime use and it is requested that any such cases also be listed.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:



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