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MEMORANDUM FOR THE TURKISH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Need for Communications System

References: a. SHAPE AG 1250/7 AD, 29 April 1957
b. C-M(57)55

1. The Standing Group has considered your letter of 25 April 1957, subject as above, in connection with a detailed statement of the communications facilities requirements in Turkey submitted by SACEUR in reference a, copies of which were furnished to your Ministry of Defense.

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2. The Standing Group supports the military necessity of communications facilities in Turkey as stated by SACEUR. Decisions on the extent to which the requirement is accepted as a NATO responsibility, and how it is to be met by NATO are, however, beyond the purview of the NATO military authorities and must be made by the Council.

3. It is noted that the Turkish Permanent Representative has placed the problem before the Council (reference b). The Council will be informed, when it discusses the matter, that the Standing Group supports the military requirement. It is hoped that the Council will treat the problem as one of importance and urgency.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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