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NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group — Groupe Permanent

SGM-455-57

8 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BELGIAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Offer of Surplus Belgian Army Equipment

References: a. Belgian MilRep ltr. No. 680 CD 470-10 dated 3 May 1957
b. SGM-325-57

1. In reference a it was requested that a recommended allocation for the equipment offered should be forwarded to you before 1st July 1957. However four replies are still outstanding to reference b, by which nations were asked to submit bids.

2. The only bid so far received is from the Portuguese military authorities who have stated that they may be interested in obtaining 68 (sixty eight) 25 pounder guns providing that tests, now being undertaken, show that these guns can be modified to operate satisfactorily with 105 mm ammunition. They have asked if they can postpone making a definite bid until the results of these tests become available and would like to know how long a postponement you would be prepared to accept. It is requested that you pass this information to the Standing Group as soon as possible.

3. In the meantime, the Standing Group will hasten replies from the remaining nations so that a complete answer can be forwarded to you by any revised date notified in accordance with para 2 above.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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