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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: Expediting Completion of NATO POL Facilities in Turkey

Reference: SHAPE AG 6100/POL-200/58 LOG, 2 September 1958

1. You will recall from the Council Meeting of 16 July that General Parker informed the Council of the Standing Group's concern over the shortage of war reserve stocks of POL in Turkey. Since that time, although the situation has improved to some extent, it still remains critical. The lack of usable NATO storage facilities is one cause of this deficiency. Available information indicates that a prerequisite to maintenance of the desired reserve level is the completion of NATO storage now under construction.

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2. SACEUR's latest NATO POL Installations Quarterly Progress Report, as of 30 June 1958, referenced above, indicates that no part of the POL infrastructure facilities are usable in Turkey. Completion of that portion of the system now under construction would make available total storage capacity of 298,000 cubic meters, which includes 78,000 cubic meters of Naval POL storage.

3. The military authorities have taken all feasible measures to expedite completion of the construction discussed in paragraph 2 above. Construction of infrastructure projects is, as you know, a host country responsibility. Hence, the solution to this problem is beyond the terms of reference of the military authorities. It is

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recognized, however, that the delay involved in the completion of these facilities has been caused by many different elements and that the host country is not solely responsible in this particular case. However, the gravity of the situation and urgent necessity for completing these storage facilities justifies the presentation of these facts to the Council.

4. It is requested that this matter be brought to the attention of the North Atlantic Council and that action be taken to complete these urgently required facilities at the earliest possible time.

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