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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NETHERLANDS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: SHAPE Standards for Electronic Data Processing

- References:
- a. Netherlands MR ltr No. 5275-47/872 of 29 Aug 58
  - b. SACEUR msg SH 25699 of 20 Aug 58
  - c. MC 20/4

1. Reference a comments on the meeting convened by SACEUR in reference b and states that the Netherlands Military authorities favor a NATO-wide approach.

2. The Standing Group considers that compatibility standards for electronic data handling systems have NATO-wide application and must, therefore, be coordinated by the Standing Group. In order to be responsive to the military requirements of the NATO commanders, the Standing Group must obtain statements of such requirements. The meeting convened by reference b is considered to be a step in the process of determining the requirements of SACEUR. When these requirements have been coordinated with those of SACLANT and the Channel Commands, the Standing Group will pass them to the Military Agency for Standardization (MAS) for the production of STANAGs.

3. Although SACEUR has requested that national representatives to his conference be empowered with full decision on both operational and technical aspects of the subject, final action cannot be considered to have been taken until the appropriate STANAGs have been ratified. Consequently, the degree of commitment which can be made

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at the SACEUR conference will be a matter of decision for each individual nation.

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