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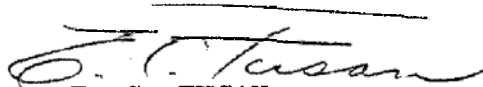
MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 1954 Annual Review - Military Recommendations

References: a. LOM 66/54 (I.P.T. 98/124/D)
b. STAND 708

1. By reference a the Standing Group Liaison Officer suggested a procedure whereby Standing Group comments on the subject recommendations would be received in time for incorporation in the country chapters of the Annual Review Report.

2. The International Planning Team has reviewed this matter and recommends despatch of the message at Enclosure in reply to the SGLO.


E. C. FUSAN
Assistant Secretary

APPROVED _____

DISAPPROVED _____

(IPT: Lt Col Hure, Wg Cdr Newman, Col Kunzig)

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ENCLOSURE

FROM: SECY SGN WASH DC
TO: SGLO PARIS FRANCE

ROUTINE

NATO MSG STAND _____ from SGN References: a. LOM 66/54,
b. STAND 708

Subject is 1954 Annual Review - Military Recommendations.

1. SGN agrees that it should be associated as closely as possible with the screening of over-all priorities. However, the initial formulation of over-all priorities should be made by your staff and signalled to SGN Annual Review IPT who will signal their comments to you as in the case of Canada and United Kingdom. At a later date SGN may wish to consider all listed overriding priorities at SGN level. SGN agrees to your procedure for handling all other recommendations except we wish you to draw up the initial listing for SGN consideration.

2. SGN considers that the recommendations should be specific wherever possible, but appreciates that this may not be possible in all cases.

3. SGN desires that the term "overriding Priorities" be used in country chapters this year rather than "over-all inter-service priorities" used last year. It is felt that this term is more expressive and may help to overcome some of the prejudice against the selection of inter-service priorities.

4. SGN wishes to reiterate views previously expressed in STAND 708 that overriding priorities should be kept to an absolute minimum.

NOTE: STAND 708 is DEF 963421 of 22 Jun 54 (SECRET - NATO)

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