

NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

SGWM-558-54

31 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Transmission of NATO RESTRICTED Material by Unregistered Mail

Reference: SHAPTO 750

1. By the above reference SHAPE requested permission to transmit NATO - RESTRICTED material by unregistered mail through the U.S. military postal services and international mails.

2. The IPT in consultation with the Security Committee, has concluded that D.C. 2/7 permits the transmission of classified material within a specific country by such means as that country uses for its own similarly classified material. For this purpose U.S. military postal service may be considered as within the United States since material mailed in U.S. military postal services never leave U.S. custody.

3. International mails cannot be considered as a secure means for the transmission of NATO - RESTRICTED material since there is no assurance that custody remains within NATO Nationals.

4. The IPT recommends the dispatch of the message at enclosure.

5. Your approval is requested.

W. F. Lamb
W. F. LAMB
Deputy Secretary

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

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ENCLOSURE

FROM: STANDING GROUP, NATO, WASHINGTON, D. C.
TO: SACEUR, PARIS, FRANCE
INFO: MOD UK, MOD FRANCE, SEC/DEF WASHINGTON, SGLO
Reference: SHAPTO 750

1. SGN approves transmission of NATO - RESTRICTED material by unregistered mail through U.S. military postal facilities.
2. SGN approves transmission of NATO - RESTRICTED material by unregistered mail through those NATO National Postal systems where that nation transmits its own RESTRICTED material by unregistered mail.
3. SGN does not, repeat not, approve International mails as a secure means for transmitting NATO - RESTRICTED material.
4. SGN recognizes that additional costs may be involved and has already requested the Military Budget Committee to consider favorably supplemental budget requests if submitted.