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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL PLANNING TEAMS


SUBJECT: Extension of MERCAST to Non-NATO Zones

References: a. M.R.C. 7/1 (Final) of 15 Jan 53
b. ACP 149

1. Naval control of Merchant Shipping is defined by reference a and the organization of Wartime Radio Communications for Merchant Ships is the subject of ACP 149. A NATO supplement dealing with MERCAST system in the NATO areas is under preparation.

2. As the problem of Communications for Merchant Shipping cannot be limited to NATO Zones, the Communications-Electronics Coordination Section has been directed by the 3rd NATO C-E Board to study the principle of extending MERCAST system outside NATO geographical areas.

3. Your comments are requested on that matter in order that communications organization be in accordance with your needs and your plans of areas imposing degrees of control.


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