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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Military Posture in Relation to the Berlin Crisis.

- References:
- a. STAND 3035
 - b. SACLANT 162250Z, March 1959
 - c. LANTO 566 *29 apr 59*
 - d. CINCHAN/CINCMARCHAN 301840Z, April 1959.
 - e. SH 31924. - *Shasec 1104 17 May 59*

1. Introduction. In accordance with the agreement reached at the 27th Meeting of the MC/PS on 23 April, the Standing Group, by reference a., put certain questions to Major NATO Commanders regarding their states of readiness. References c., d. and e., are the replies received; these messages have been distributed to the members of the MC/PS.

2. Discussion. For the reasons given by General Gelee and Admiral Boone at that meeting of the MC/PS, it is considered that the Standing Group and the MC/PS cannot and should not enter into military contingency planning to meet the Berlin situation.

3. Consultation:

- a. Within the Standing Group - None considered necessary.
- b. Outside the Standing Group - With Major NATO

Commanders as cited above.

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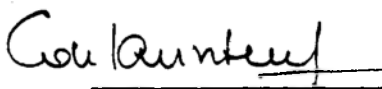

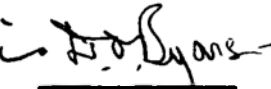

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4. Conclusion. The IPT concludes that the Standing Group should advise the MC/PS that any additional information pertaining to the Berlin crisis received by SGN will be passed without delay to the MC/PS, but that no additional action by the Standing Group or the MC/PS is considered necessary or desirable at this time.

5. Recommendation. That the Standing Group approve the memorandum to the MC/PS attached at enclosure.

			
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION

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1. In the 27th Meeting of the Military Committee in Permanent Session, held on Thursday, 23 April, 1959, it was agreed that the Standing Group, on behalf of the MC/PS, should ask the Major NATO Commanders:-

a. What measures they had taken to improve the readiness posture of their commands during the critical period of the forthcoming negotiations;

b. Whether, in the present circumstances, they planned to take any additional measures;

c. What further military measures they felt should be taken which would require approval of higher authority.

The Standing Group, by reference a., questioned the Major NATO Commanders accordingly.

2. References c., d. and e., which have been distributed to all members of the MC/PS, are the replies given by the Major NATO Commanders. SACLANT had previously informed the Standing Group, by reference b., of certain passive measures he had taken.

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3. Military Representatives will note that none of the Major NATO Commanders believes that additional military measures, which would require approval of higher authority, are necessary at this time.

4. The Standing Group has confidence that the Major NATO Commanders will continue to watch the situation as it develops and that they will be prepared to implement such alert measures and approved emergency defence plans as are required. Any significant information pertaining to the Berlin crisis received by the Standing Group will be passed without delay to the MC/PS.

5. The Standing Group considers that no further action by the Standing Group or MC/PS is necessary or desirable at this time.

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Enclosure