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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

PROPOSAL BY THE HEADMASTER OF DOVER COLLEGE

Note by the Acting Secretary

Attached is a copy of a letter which the Secretary-General has received from the Headmaster of Dover College, an English public school.

2. The Chairman of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations proposes to raise this question for discussion by the Committee at its next meeting.

(Signed) LUCILLE M. PEART

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THE SCHOOL HOUSE,
DOVER COLLEGE;
DOVER.

7th April, 1955

Dear Lord Ismay,

I am writing at the suggestion of General Templer, with whom I served recently in Malaya, to enlist your support for a scheme which I think should be of interest to NATO.

This school has for many years had occasional boys from the Western European countries, who come for a year or more to get the advantage of English education. It makes, I think, a valuable contact because friendships formed at school are often more lasting than those formed at the University, and the school age is in many ways a better one at which to spend a year abroad.

My Governors are now considering a plan to extend this practice and take in each year a whole class of approximately 25 boys divided proportionately, as far as we are able, among the NATO countries. This would have a great advantage in that their course of study could be designed for them, whereas at present they have to fit into the normal English curriculum. They would of course be distributed among the houses in such a way that they had not more than two of any one nationality in the same house.

I believe that if we can make this work it will be of real value both to the visiting boys and to their English hosts. It is of course a considerable gamble because it will mean spending a good deal of money to provide the necessary additional accommodation. For that reason my Governors are anxious to get as clear an estimate as possible of the degree of support that there would be for the scheme before they launch it. It seems to me at least to have some bearing on Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty, and I thought that if you were at all interested you might be able to give us a helping hand. In any case your moral support would be invaluable.

If you would care to know more about the plan, I would be very glad to send you further details, or I could discuss it with anyone on your staff on May 9th when I shall be passing through Paris. I have also written to Field Marshal Montgomery, who has a personal connection with the School, about the scheme.

Yours sincerely, \

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