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WORKING GROUP ON NATO SECURITY

Note by the Secretary

At the meeting of the Working Group on NATO Security held on Wednesday, 25th July, 1951, it was agreed that there existed a requirement for a committee to consider the problems arising out of the implementation of security policy within the civilian agencies and member countries of NATO in Europe. A considerable measure of agreement was reached on draft terms of reference for such a committee which had been prepared by the United Kingdom representative, but no final decision could be arrived at until representatives had had a further opportunity to study this proposal in greater detail.

During the interval which has elapsed since the last meeting, further amendments to the original document DC 2/7 have been received and are contained in Standing Group Document MRM-25-51 of the 10th August, 1951. In completing its study of DC 2/7 it is therefore necessary for the Working Group to take both the original document and the subsequent amendments into consideration. It will be observed that these documents make no provision for the replacement of the security committees which were to have been established within Regional Planning Groups under the provisions of Document DC 2/1. It is with a view to rectifying this omission that the Working Group has under consideration the establishment of a Security Committee Europe, with authority as outlined in the draft terms of reference. The draft terms of reference have themselves been slightly modified in the light of views expressed by members of the Working Group.

The proposed amendments to DC 2/7 and the revised draft terms of reference for the Security Committee Europe will be considered by the Working Group at its next meeting.

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APPENDIXPROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DOCUMENT DC 2/7

Paragraph 3 (a): Insert as a new sentence after full-stop in line 10:

"During inspections of civilian agencies and member countries in Europe, a representative of the Security Committee Europe who will normally be the Secretary of the Committee will accompany the inspection team."

Paragraph 3 (b) (1) and (2): Cancel the amended subparagraphs as proposed in MRM-25-51 and substitute the following:

"3 (b). At the Theatre or Regional Level.

(1) A Security Committee Europe will be set up with members from all NATO countries who wish to be represented. The Committee's headquarters will normally be in London and it will be responsible for the coordination of security policy throughout the civilian agencies and member countries of NATO in the European Theatre.

(2) Within the Canada-United States Regional Planning Group a Security Committee will be formed, responsible to the Senior Organisation of that Group, to meet as necessary to discuss any detailed security problems arising from regional planning.

When either of the above Committees is confronted by policy problems which require the revision of or amendment to the standard security procedure, or necessitate further coordination with other NATO Agencies, the Committees will submit recommendations for approval to the Security Coordination Committee of the Standing Group subject as necessary to confirmation by higher authority."

"3. (c). At the Major Command Level.

With the phasing out of the remaining Regional Planning Groups the responsibility for maintaining military security within the geographic limits of the former Regions will pass to the appropriate Command Organisation. Each Commander, therefore, within his Command, will establish an appropriate security organisation to maintain security in accordance with present principles. Those security organisations will be responsible only to the appropriate Commands which in turn will be responsible to the Standing Group in all matters pertaining to security policy for the Treaty Organisation as a whole."

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Paragraphs 3 (c) and 3 (d): Re-number existing paragraphs 3 (c) and 3 (d) as paragraphs 3 (d) and 3 (e), respectively.

Paragraph 4: "In view of the uniformity of handling and care which have to be given to all COSMIC documents irrespective of their security classification, it is suggested that the system would be simplified by accepting COSMIC as a top grade security classification. The classifications in future would therefore become:

NATO - COSMIC  
 NATO - TOP SECRET  
 NATO - SECRET  
 NATO - CONFIDENTIAL  
 NATO - RESTRICTED.

It is suggested that the reductions of security classifications from eight to five would enable better security to be ensured for highly classified documents."

Paragraph 8: **Substitute** the phrase "cleared without qualification" for the **phrase** "positively cleared" in line 3 of sub-paragraph (a).

ANNEX "B" TO APPENDIX

Paragraph 6: Add the phrase "or national documents relating to the same treaty subject" after the bracket and before the word "Shall" in line 9.

Paragraph 7: Revise the first sentence as follows: "For each Registry a Control Officer shall be responsible for the secure storage...etc.". Revise the second sentence as follows: "These officers shall be responsible...etc."

Paragraph 8: "To ensure the correct handling of COSMIC documents in transit it is necessary that each Registry should possess an up to date list containing the names and specimen signatures of Cosmic Control Officers and their alternates at each Registry with which it normally corresponds. In January each year each Central Cosmic Registry will prepare such lists and forward copies to all interested Registries and sub-Registries. Any changes of Cosmic Control Officers or their alternates will be reported promptly to all recipients of the original lists together with new specimen signatures. Central Registries will maintain a list showing the number of nationally cleared COSMIC personnel (names of nationally cleared personnel will be maintained in their respective sub-Registries). Reports of changes of personnel authorised to handle COSMIC material shall be made as promptly as possible to the appropriate registry."

Paragraph 10: Amend the third sentence to conclude: "... one copy thereof will be forwarded to the Control Officer of the Organ or Agency which originated the document."

Paragraph 12: Add at the end of the first sentence: "... record purposes, but only when the entire process can be undertaken by personnel who have been cleared for COSMIC."

Paragraph 20: Delete: "... or their equivalent" in line 12 and substitute the following: "... or strong steel cabinets or presses fitted as necessary with locking bars, the keys to the locks being kept in a keybox fitted with a combination lock."

Paragraph 22 (b): Delete "... at least one fingerprint" at the end of the paragraph.