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WORKING GROUP ON THE SHARING OF COSTS  
OF SACLANT HEADQUARTERS.

NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS FOR SHARING COSTS

Note by the Secretary

In connection with the discussions upon the sharing of costs of SACLANT Headquarters, the Chairman of the Working Group has submitted compromise proposals in accordance with the attached.

The postponed meeting of the Working Group has been arranged for 7th November, 1951 at 10.30 a.m.

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Compromise Proposal on the sharing of  
SACLANT costs submitted by the Chairman.

In order to surmount the difficulties which face the Working Group on the sharing of costs of SACLANT I venture to suggest the following compromise proposal.

Although there appear to be conflicting views on the share that should reasonably be assumed by the United States it seems clear that it is a political impossibility for the United States to assume a share of the size several Delegations have proposed. It would thus not be practical to suggest a raising of the United States share above the figure accepted by them in other cases. I, therefore, submit a proposal containing a United States share for current costs of 33.3%, the United States ceiling being thereby limited to the same percentage as has been accepted by the United States in the distribution of costs for UNO. As far as capital costs are concerned the United States will, presumably have no difficulty in retaining the percentage agreed for SHAPE of 40%.

Given these ceilings for United States shares there is no reason why the extra resulting burden imposed on the other countries should not be shared as equitably as possible. In particular there is no case for charging to France and the small countries apart from the extra load resulting from the limitation of the United States share yet another burden resulting from low percentages for the United Kingdom and Canada. The United States Delegation during the negotiations on the SHAPE formula has indicated that once the United States share has been fixed it is not specially interested in the repartition of the remaining sum between the different other countries. I, therefore, submit the following compromise formula for consideration by the Working Group.

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	<u>Current Costs</u>	<u>Capital Costs</u>
United States	33.3	40.0
United Kingdom	28.1	25.3
France	12.7	11.3
Canada	8.9	8.0
Italy	5.9	5.4
Belgium	3.3	3.0
Netherlands	3.2	2.9
Denmark	2.0	1.8
Norway	1.3	1.1
Portugal	1.2	1.1
Luxembourg	0.06	0.06
Iceland	0.04	0.04
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>