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WORKING PARTY ON AMMUNITION PRODUCTION
AND OFF-SHORE PROCUREMENT

Subject: Furnishing to the International Staff of
information similar to that given to MAAG's.

At a meeting held on 31st July, 1952 (reported in AC/27-R/1) the Assistant Secretary General for Production and Logistics asked all Delegations to agree that information on their ammunition supply position, which has been or is being passed to the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Groups (MAAG's), should be made available to the International Staff, only information as to present stocks being withheld on security grounds. Delegations confirmed their agreement to the proposal, with reservations regarding procedure.

2. It is regretted that the Military Assistance Division Headquarters U.S. EUCOM has now stated that U.S. CINCEUR is unwilling to have the MAAG's pass to NATO any information received by them from countries. One of the reasons for this decision is that it is feared that the information so furnished might contain interpretation liable to misunderstanding, and might thus not correctly define the position of respective countries. U.S. CINCEUR has indicated, however, that the MAAG's would be willing to cooperate in every respect in helping the countries prepare the information desired by the International Staff. A copy of the information furnished to the MAAG's would be sufficient. If this is not available, it is understood that the MAAG's will be prepared to assist in supplying this information if necessary.

3. Having regard to the above, it would be appreciated if each country will furnish the information below as a matter of great urgency. The urgency is occasioned because the factual report on production capacity (which will be presented in draft form to all Delegations) is nearing completion, but the whole factual picture cannot be completed until countries' deficiencies, in respect of the items under consideration, are known. It is considered essential to present the completed report to the Council and the U.S. Authorities in time to be of value to the latter in developing their OSP.53 programme.

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4. Information required:

(a) Deficiencies of all items of ammunition. These deficiencies to be based on a 30 day war reserve. If figures for a 90 day reserve (adopted by SHAPE) are available, these may also be provided, but they are not essential.

(b) The factual data regarding production capacity asked for by the P. & L. Division at the meeting with Delegations, which is still outstanding.

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