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To be returned to
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MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary General
cc: Deputy Secretary General
From: Executive Secretary

Emergency Planning in the civil field
in the light of the New Look

Reference M. Sergent's note to you of 7th December,
RS/14/54/315.

You may wish to raise the following points when
you talk to the Standing Group on Friday afternoon:

- a. The Military Committee's paper on the Most Effective Pattern of NATO Military Strength for the Next Few Years, M.C.48(Final), analyses the aims of the enemy strategic air offensive. This analysis appears to rule out the use of the enemy strategic, including atomic, offensive against centers of population (vide para. 17 of M.C.48(Final)). Have centers of population been deliberately ruled out or have they not been included simply because they are not military targets?
- b. The new assumptions for use in emergency planning in civilian fields must be given very wide dissemination. For this reason great care must be taken from the security point of view. It would, however, be most useful if the Standing Group could agree some form of words which could be safely used and give some indication of the possible weight of attack.
- c. The Standing Group appears to rule out the use of the enemy strategic air offensive against vital centers of war making capacity other than ports, except in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. Would they like to comment on this?

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