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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

Note by the Executive Secretary

Reproduced below is the text of a letter from the Chairman of the North Atlantic Council to the Chairman of the Council Deputies.

(Signed) N.E.P. SUTTON

13, Belgrave Square,
London, S.W.1.

Ottawa, April 2nd, 1952.

Dear Mr. Spofford,

As Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, I wish to send you this message to-day when the functions of the Council Deputies revert to the Council and, in consequence, you relinquish your appointment of Chairman of the Council Deputies.

This is the Third Anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty. During these three years NATO has advanced from ideal to reality and I wish to record the appreciation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the significant contribution you and your colleagues of the Council Deputies have made to these achievements. In this I know I speak, as well, for all Ministers who have participated in our work.

It is no more than the bare truth to say that without the Council Deputies we would not have reached the satisfactory stage of progress which we have now attained. They have worked tirelessly and to great effect, and I know they would agree that to you, who have been their Chairman throughout, is due a great part of the credit for their contribution. Today the full Council becomes responsible for the functions which the Deputies have been performing; this is clear recognition that the work which you and your colleagues have been doing is of the highest importance.

I am anxious, therefore, to record how grateful all NATO is and, indeed, how grateful must be all our citizens who know your work, for all that the Deputies have done and in particular for the wisdom and tact with which you have led their deliberations. You have done much to build up our organization and to lead us towards our goals.

With our thanks go our best wishes for your continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L.B. Pearson.