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MEMORANDUM

TO: Secretaries of Delegations  
FROM: Executive Secretary

EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION  
WITH NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

On 9th July 1952 the Standing Group approved a report by its Meteorological Committee on the above subject (S.G. 51/4) and forwarded this document to the North Atlantic Council with a request that the Council initiate measures to ensure the secure exchange of meteorological information with neutrals in time of war.

2. The Council considered this proposal at its meeting on 3rd September, 1952 (C-R(52)19, paragraph 32) and:

- (1) took note of the importance of the problem represented by the Standing Group memorandum from the military point of view;
- (2) agreed that it was not a matter in which NATO, as an organization, could intervene, for the reasons outlined by the Chairman;
- (3) agreed that representatives should draw the attention of their Governments to the importance of the problem, with the possibility that some of the latter might be able to make an unofficial approach to the neutral countries concerned.

3. The Secretary General has now been informed by the SGLO that the Standing Group, which considers this matter of great importance, is continuing its efforts to find a solution to the problem. The Meteorological Committee is planning to hold a formal meeting in the next several months to review the question and would appreciate receiving before that time any available information on action taken in accordance with paragraph 32(3) of C-R(52)19.

4. I would appreciate it if Secretaries of Delegations could let me have a report on this subject by 16th March which could be submitted to the Secretary General for forwarding to the SGLO.

(Signed) R. D. COLERIDGE

19th February, 1953