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To: Permanent Representatives

From: Executive Secretary

Arrangements for Conference of Defence Ministers

The following is the tentative programme for the Conference of Defence Ministers, as suggested by the Secretary General at this morning's meeting of the Council:

2. As suggested by the Netherlands Representative last week, each briefing will be followed by a short period for questions. Discussion will be deferred until after all the military briefings have been given.
3. The present programme is that the Ministers should take their seats in Conference Room II by 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 10th October. There would then be a short period for photography, and the Chairman would then open the conference.
4. This would be followed by a short opening statement by the Standing Group and statements by the Canada-US Regional Planning Group, C-in-C Channel and C-in-C Maritime-Air Channel. Each of these statements would be followed by a short period for questions.
5. The afternoon session might start at 3.30 p.m. and would consist of a statement by SACLANT followed by questions.
6. On the morning of Tuesday, 11th October, SACEUR would make his statement. This would be held at SHAPE, starting at 10.30 a.m.
7. After lunch on Tuesday, Ministers would reconvene in the Palais de Chaillot at 3.30 p.m. The Standing Group would give a short summing-up of the military briefings, to be followed by general discussion.
8. A continuation of the general discussion would take place on Wednesday morning and, if necessary, Wednesday afternoon in the Palais de Chaillot. This could either be in Conference Room II or, if Ministers desired a more restricted session, in Conference Room III. In the latter case, there would be only 2 seats at the table for each delegation and 7 additional seats for advisers.

(Signed) COLERIDGE

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