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TO : Secretaries of delegations  
FROM: Acting Executive Secretary

Press Releases on NATO Fall Exercises

With reference to the Executive Secretary's previous notes on this subject(1), I attach hereto a press release on Exercise PIPE DOWN to be issued by COMSTRIKFLTLANT on Sunday, 1st September.

2. No further action will be taken with regard to this press release unless any delegation wishes to raise the matter.

(Signed) JOHN STARNES

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(1) RDC/57/225, RDC/57/252, RDC/57/281, RDC/57/301

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Press Release on Exercise PIPE DOWN

"Norfolk, Virginia, September 1. A Combined task force of some 70 British and United States naval vessels will sail from European ports, beginning on October 10, to take part in a 4-day NATO fleet exercise called PIPE DOWN which will conclude a series of fall exercises being conducted by the striking fleet Atlantic.

"The tactical exercise designed to improve the efficiency of combined carrier operations will be sponsored by Admiral Jerauld Wright, USN, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

"Vice Admiral Robert B. Pirie, USN, Commander of NATO Striking Fleet has been designated officer conducting the exercise. He will be embarked in the Tactical Command Ship, the USS Northampton.

"Commanding the United Kingdom Forces will be Vice Admiral M.L. Powers, Royal Navy, flag officer aircraft carriers. His flagship is HMS Ark Royal, Britain's newest and largest aircraft carrier. Rear Admiral M.E. Arnold, USN, will be in tactical command of the striking forces which he will direct from his flagship the USS Forrestal.

"Included in the combined forces, in addition to the above named ships, will be the British aircraft carriers Eagle and Bulwark, and four United States carriers including the Saratoga. Two battleships, the Iowa and Wisconsin, will take part along with cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries. On completion of exercise PIPE DOWN about October 16, participating ships will return to their respective home ports."