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To: Secretaries of Delegations  
From: Executive Secretary

PRESS RELEASE ON SMALL-SCALE NATO EXERCISE  
DAWN BREEZE FOUR

The following information has been received from the Standing Group Representative:

"Herewith, for your information, is the press release for the small-scale NATO Exercise, DAWN BREEZE FOUR:

"A small-scale NATO Exercise named DAWN BREEZE FOUR is to be conducted in the Eastern Atlantic Area between 17th and 24th March, 1959.

"The object of the exercise is to give training to the naval and marine air units of the participating nations in the conduct of anti-submarine warfare and in the air defence of a task group at sea.

"In addition, arrangements for the long-distance control of maritime air and submarine warfare from shore headquarters at Brest and Plymouth will be exercised. The air defence aspect of the exercise will be of particular interest in that it will be the first occasion in which HMS Victorious, with her most modern radar and other electronic equipment, has taken part in such an exercise.

"The seagoing forces will comprise 3 aircraft carriers, 1 cruiser, 1 fast minelayer, 1 depot ship, 2 auxiliaries and 18 destroyers and frigates (UK); 1 headquarters ship, 1 auxiliary and 3 destroyers and frigates (French); 3 escorts (Danish); 2 escorts (Portuguese). These forces will be supported by Shackleton long-range maritime aircraft of Coastal Command, RAF, and Harpoons of the Portuguese Air Force.

"Opposing the sea-going forces will be Vulcans, Victors, Valiants and Canberras of UK Bomber Command, aircraft of the 3rd US Air Force, Neptune of the French Navy and 8 UK and 2 French submarines.

"The exercise is being conducted by the Joint Commanders in Chief Eastern Atlantic Area, Admiral Sir William Davis, KCB, DSO, embarked in HMS Eagle, and

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Air Marshal Sir Bryan Reynolds KCB, CBE, at headquarters Coastal Command. The Admiral commanding the French light forces at Brest, Vice-Admiral M.H.J. Douget, Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre, T.O.S. Officier du Merite Maritime, flying his flag in the French headquarters ship Guichen, will be in command of all anti-submarine forces, while the carrier group will be commanded by Rear-Admiral C.L.G. Evans, CB, CBE, DSO, DSC, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst KCB, KBE, DSO, DFC, AFC, the Air Officer Commanding in Chief Bomber Command, and Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Onslow KCB, DSO, and Air Vice Marshal G.I.L. Says CB, OBE, AFC, the Joint Commander in Chief Central Atlantic Sub-Area, will be in command of the opposing aircraft and submarines."

2. No further routine press release will be made during the exercise and no correspondents will be attached either ashore or afloat. It is proposed that this press release be made at 1600 Z on 13th March, 1959.

(Signed) COLERIDGE