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To: Secretaries of Delegations
From: Executive Secretary

*Guided Missile
of Germany
Brussels Treaty
Commitments
WEU*

Approval by the WEU Council of the
German Federal Republic's participation
in the joint production of a HAWK-type missile

Attached, for the information of Delegations, (Annex A) is a copy of a letter from the Secretary General of WEU addressed on 20th May, 1959 to the Secretary General of NATO, concerning the WEU Council's approval in principle of the participation of the Federal Republic of Germany in the joint production of a HAWK-type missile.

2. The Secretary General of NATO's reply is attached at Annex B.

(Signed) COLERIDGE

NATO SECRET

WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

The Secretary General

20th May, 1959

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Council of Western European Union, at their meeting on 29th April, 1959, considered, under the provisions of Article II of Protocol No. III of the Revised Brussels Treaty, a recommendation by the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, that they take the necessary action to modify the present limitations on the production of air defence missiles so as to permit participation by the Federal Republic in joint production of weapons in this category, and also a request in this sense submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Council approved in principle the participation of the Federal Republic of Germany in the joint production, with other WEU member countries, of a HAWK-type missile. They have not as yet, however, taken a decision on the wording of the amendment to be made to paragraph IV (d) of Annex III to Protocol No. III.

I will not fail to keep you informed of developments and to send you, as soon as the Council has reached a decision, the text of any amendment adopted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) L. GOFFIN

Monsieur Paul-Henri Spaak,
Secretary-General,
Chairman of the Council,
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

2nd June, 1959

The Secretary General

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received your letter dated 20th May, 1959 informing me that at its meeting on 29th April last, the Council of Western European Union considered, under the provisions of Article II of Protocol No. III of the Revised Brussels Treaty, a recommendation by the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and also a request submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany, that the necessary action be taken to modify the present limitations on the production by the Federal Republic of air defence missiles.

I have noted that the Council of Western European Union approved in principle the participation of the Federal Republic of Germany in the joint production in Europe of a HAWK-type missile, while not having as yet taken a decision on the wording of the amendment to be made to paragraph IV (d) of Annex III to Protocol No. III. I have also noted that you will not fail to keep me informed of developments and to send me, as soon as the Council has reached a decision, the text of any amendment adopted.

I have made a point of bringing your communication to the notice of the NATO Council.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) P.-H. SPAAK

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