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REPORT BY THE MILITARY PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY BOARD

to the

NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE

on

A CONCEPT FOR PROVIDING THE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS
UNDER THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

Reference: D.C. 1/3

On behalf of the North Atlantic Military Production and Supply Board, I transmit herewith with a recommendation of approval, a report by the Board concerning military production and supply under the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty.

It is submitted for the consideration of the Defense Committee and, should it so desire, for the ultimate consideration of the North Atlantic Council.

/s/ N. E. HALABY
(Chairman) Military
Production and Supply Board

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A CONCEPT FOR PROVIDING THE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE

1. The Parties of the North Atlantic Treaty have agreed in Article 3:

"In order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty, the Parties, separately and jointly, by means of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack."

The Military Production and Supply Board in carrying out the Directive of the North Atlantic Defense Committee 5 October 1949, establishing the Board,* will dedicate itself to the task of recommending measures for the fulfillment of the objectives of Article 3. The Parties recognize that the recommendation of measures for the employment of effective mutual aid and the development of their collective capacity for coordinated production and supply to implement agreed military plans is the essential task of the Military Production and Supply Board. The completion of the task rests on the important principle that each nation must do its part, as determined by its position and its resources, in relation to the common security of all. In the production and supply of military equipment advantage will be taken of all possible benefits from individual national specialization in the development of the combined industrial and natural assets of the North Atlantic Treaty (NAT) countries. It is also recognized that military production and supply programs must be undertaken in full recognition of economic and financial factors since the economic recovery and strength of the NAT nations must not be jeopardized.

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2. A coordinated program of military production and supply within the availabilities and capabilities of the twelve nations will be formulated in connection with the development of the military requirements of integrated military plans for the defense of the North Atlantic area. The Board recognizes that planning for military production and supply must be dynamic as well as flexible, and that in order to accomplish its mission its planning must be concurrent with and correlated to the military planning of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Meanwhile the Military Production and Supply Board has undertaken the plans and actions that can be accomplished at present utilizing the experience and accomplishments of the Western Union Military Supply Board.

3. Specifically, the undertaking of the following programs and studies has been approved by the North Atlantic Military Production and Supply Board. From these programs and studies an integrated plan for meeting the production and supply requirements of the military plans will be evolved.

a. Study of the Physical Capacity of the European Treaty Signatories for Producing Military end-products. ✓

Purpose: This study has as its object the establishment of physical basis for an examination designed to satisfy the military requirements of the signatory countries for the defense of the North Atlantic area.

Scope: (1) To establish a list of the categories of armaments which European signatory countries are technically capable of producing and to study the physical capabilities of production of the signatory countries in armaments and equipment without jeopardizing economic recovery, taking into account the various factors which enter into production, including power, semi finished products and raw materials.

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(2) Such additional study as may be con-
sidered necessary by the Permanent Working Staff.

b. A review of currently planned programs of European signatory countries for the production of military equipment and spare parts for use in the common defense of the North Atlantic area with the object of ensuring that, wherever practicable, the principle of integrated military production is adopted.

c. An inventory of military equipment and spare parts in the European countries signatory to the North Atlantic Treaty that are of U.S. origin and are surplus to the needs of the possessor country.

d. The undertaking of immediate studies to indicate the composition and volume of military equipment and spare parts currently surplus to the needs of the possessors for the purpose of laying the foundation for transfers to other signatory countries as their needs are determined.

e. Development of short and long-range plans for promotion of standardization of military end-products and production methods.

f. Study of the adjustment of location of production facilities taking into account the military strategic factors, the physical capabilities of individual countries to produce military material, and the importance of securing maximum efficiency and integration of production.

g. The Working Staff has discretion to undertake other projects which they consider to be essential, referring when necessary to the Board for approval.

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