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to the

NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE

on

PROPOSAL BY THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATE TO THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE SUBGROUP IN THE  
NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP

The enclosed report by the North Atlantic Military Committee is circulated for consideration by the North Atlantic Defense Committee.

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Secretary

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REPORT

on

PROPOSAL BY THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATE TO THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE PLANNING SUBGROUP IN THE  
NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP

1. At the first meeting of the Defense Committee, on 5 October 1949, the Portuguese Delegation submitted a proposal that

"the specific consideration of defense planning of the Portuguese territory"

be included in the terms of reference of a planning subgroup of the North Atlantic Ocean Regional Planning Group "established with the participation of Portugal and of such parties which are more directly connected with Portugal on the grounds of their mutual security".

This proposal was made in consideration of the fact that

"Portugal participates in a single original group, the North Atlantic Regional Group".

2. The Defense Committee directed that the above proposal by the Portuguese Delegation be referred to the Military Committee, with direction to report back to the Defense Committee at its next meeting (See Appendix hereto).

3. The Military Committee's Standing Group, at their meeting of 10 October 1949, referred the Portuguese proposal to the North Atlantic Ocean Regional Planning Group, recommending that this proposal be given sympathetic consideration.

4. The North Atlantic Ocean Regional Planning Group (NAORPG), during their first meeting in November 1949, established a separate section of a planning subgroup in accordance with the request of Portugal; the terms of reference of this subgroup are

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"Carry out a study of the plans for the defense of the  
~~"to prepare broad plans for the defense of areas not~~  
areas not covered by another regional planning group, parti-  
~~cularly the Portuguese Metropolitan territory which includes~~  
~~Portugal, Azores, Madeira, etc."~~  
the Azores and Madeira." Ems

Members of this subgroup will include Portugal.

The Portuguese Delegation of the NAORPG have agreed to  
the establishment and terms of reference of this subgroup.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Defense Committee note that the Portuguese  
proposal has been met and the solution has been accepted by  
the Portuguese Delegation.

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NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
COMITE DE DEFENSE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

6 October 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE  
SUBJECT: Directive from the Defense Committee

At their first meeting on 5 October 1949, the Defense Committee directed that the following proposal by the Portuguese Delegation be referred to the Military Committee with direction to report back to the Defense Committee at its next meeting:

" . . . the question of detail dealing with the composition of the North Atlantic Ocean Regional Group, to which my country participates, and the point to which we attach great importance -- the Regional Planning Groups were established, and the idea that the study of the plans for the defense would facilitate the speed and efficient planning of unified defense of the whole North Atlantic Area. The question of which parties should be members of which particular group should depend on geographical, political, and military considerations. Without deviating from the necessity of that broad concept of defense, which we all have accepted, each country has nonetheless to be concerned with its own problem of defense, especially I think when the problem of defense is within the area which it is more directly concerned.

"This does not mean, however, any limitations in sharing the over-all responsibilities of the Pact. Of course, we are all together in all of it, but of all the countries included, even the ones which belong to several groups, it may be said that they have proper regional frames

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where their problems of defense and mutual relations can be effectively work out in association with their more direct neighbors. This is undoubtedly a question of vital importance for every country.

"Portugal participates in a single original group, the North Atlantic Regional Group. We were led to this decision under the guidance of the geographical, political, and military considerations before mentioned. Inasmuch as after having carefully studied the particular conditions that relate to the projected division in subgroups along functional lines of the same North Atlantic Ocean Region Planning Group, we have to point out the urgent necessity of convenient frame for the specific consideration of defense planning of the Portuguese territory.

"We request, therefore, that the planning sub group should be established with the participation of Portugal and of such parties which have more directly connected with Portugal on the grounds of their mutual security.

"This is a question indeed to be raised on the Military Committee, but I would like, Mr. Chairman, to have it included on the record of the minutes of this meeting."

/s/ C. H. DONNELLY  
Colonel, U.S.A.  
Secretary.

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