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REPORT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

to the

NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE
on

SUMMARY OF STANDING GROUP ACTIVITIES

10 OCTOBER to 29 NOVEMBER 1949

The following is a summary of items of general interest which have been considered by the Standing Group at the eight meetings held during the period 10 October to 29 November 1949:

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1. Organization of the Standing Group

This organization of the Standing Group has been approved by the Standing Group.

a. Rear Admiral James H. Foskett, USN, has been designated as the initial Director of the Standing Group.

b. Under the Director, the organization will consist of three international Working Teams and three secretaries equally provided by France, United Kingdom and the United States, with a clerical and administrative staff of civilian and military personnel numbering approximately 41-45.

c. The organization budget has been under active consideration. The Standing Group has decided that the question of proration of the budget should be determined by the governments of the members of the Standing Group. A report on the budgetary situation has been submitted to the Military Committee for consideration (M. C. 8).

d. Efforts are being made to obtain suitable housing for the Standing Group Organization Headquarters.

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2. Security of Information

The Standing Group report on a proposed system of security of information for the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been forwarded for consideration by the Military Committee (D. C. 2/1). The proposed system is similar to that now used by Western Union. The principal point of difference is the provision in the NATO system for the use of approved cypher machines.

3. Broad Concept for Defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area

The concept prepared by the Standing Group was transmitted to the Accredited Representatives on 21 October 1949 for forwarding to their Military Committee Representatives. The Standing Group requested that the comments of the Military Committee be forwarded to the Standing Group by 15 November 1949. This was to allow the Group adequate time to consolidate these comments and present their recommendations thereon to the Military Committee. After analysis of comments received, the Standing Group revised the over-all concept, in light thereof, and transmitted the proposed revision to the Military Committee (D. C. 6) with the recommendation that this revision be approved and transmitted to the Defense Committee.

4. Planning Guidance to the Regional Planning Groups

A paper designed to assist the Regional Planning Groups in organizing was circulated to the Groups on 18 October. This paper also pointed out that specific strategic planning guidance to each Regional Planning Group was in preparation.

5. Review of Progress of Planning of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

The Standing Group report on this subject is contained in D. C. 5. It points out that the Strategic Concept for the Defense of the North Atlantic Area, revised

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in the light of comments of the Members, has been presented for consideration by the Military Committee.

Detailed Strategic Guidance for the Regional Planning Groups is under preparation by the Standing Group as a matter of urgency.

6. Report of Meetings of Regional Planning Groups

Initial meetings have been held as follows:

- North Atlantic Ocean, Washington, 31 October
- Canada-United States, Washington, 31 October
- Western European, London, 26 October
- Northern European, London, 31 October
- Southern European-Western Mediterranean, Paris, 5-7 November

7. Portuguese Proposal to form subgroups within Regional Planning Groups

This matter was referred to the North Atlantic Ocean Regional Planning Group. The action taken by the North Atlantic Ocean Regional planning Group has been considered by the Standing Group at their 7th meeting and has been submitted to the Military Committee (D. C. 8).

8. Italian Proposal for Combined Regional Meetings and Liaison among Regions

The Standing Group deferred action on this item until the location of the Southern European-Western Mediterranean Region was determined; thereafter, the Group considered a detail analysis of the problem (D. C. 7). On 18 November 1949, the Italian representative to the Standing Group, after consideration of the views of the Italian representative, approved the conclusions of its Staff (M. C. 10), to the effect that no changes in present directives were necessary to achieve adequate liaison between regions.

9. Concept for Production and Supply of Munitions Under the North Atlantic Treaty (D. C. 4)

The report by the Military Production and Supply Board to the Defense Committee, on a concept, has been noted

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by the Standing Group.

10. Allocation of Merchant Shipping

This subject arose in the North Atlantic Ocean regional Planning Group and was referred to the Standing Group. Because of the global nature of this problem with its attendant civil implications, the Standing Group suggests that the matter be referred to the Defense Committee as a matter of urgency.

11. "Voice of America" invitation to General Bradley

The Standing Group was informed that General Bradley, as Chairman of the Military Committee, had been invited to speak on the subject of North Atlantic Treaty planning on two programs of the "Voice of America" radio broadcast (operated by the U. S. Department of State). The Standing Group agreed that General Bradley should accept the invitation.

12. Intelligence Guidance to Regional Planning Groups

An ad hoc committee has been appointed to study and report on the matter of furnishing intelligence guidance to the Groups.

13. Arrangements for Second Meeting of the Defense and Military Committees

The Standing Group organization, in conjunction with the International Working Group, representatives of Secretary of Defense Johnson and the French Government, has been making the necessary plans and arrangements for these meetings. Agendas, with supporting papers and reports, have been prepared for tabling at these meetings.

14. Chairmanship and Representatives of the Standing Group

The U. S. member was chosen as the initial chairman to serve until 31 March 1950. Lt. General Paul Ely, French Army, is the French Representative on the Standing Group. General Sir William Morgan is the United Kingdom Representative. Lt. General Willis D. Crittenberger, U. S. A., has

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been appointed as General Bradley's Deputy.

15. Accredited Military Representatives to the Standing Group.

- Belgium: Major General Marc Fouillen
- Canada: Air Vice Marshal H. L. Campbell, RCAF
- Denmark: Major General C. C. J. Forslev
- Iceland: (None designated)
- Italy: Major General Lovera di Maria
- Luxembourg: (Represented by Belgium)
- Netherlands: Rear Admiral Jkh. H. A. van Foreest,
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- Norway: Rear Admiral John. E. Jacobsen
- Portugal: Commander A. M. Belo

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