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DECISION ON D.C. 24/3

By J.P. MORANT Date 26 May 98

A Report by the North Atlantic Military Committee

on

THE CREATION OF AN INTEGRATED EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPREME HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE,
AND THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE

Note by the Secretary

[This document supersedes D.C. 24/3 (Final) dated 12 December 1950 and the Decision thereon dated 18 December 1951. The superseded documents should be destroyed by burning.

This document is identical with the superseded document except as follows:

- a. The classification has been changed from Top Secret - Cosmic to Confidential - NATO.
- b. SACEUR's Terms of Reference (Appendix "A") have been revised to conform to C9-D/20, Annex "B", as approved by the Council at Lisbon.
- c. SACLANT's Terms of Reference as approved in M.C. 22/10 have been included herein as Appendix "B".
- d. The Decision Sheet has been amended to include the actions taken subsequent to Rome. 7

1. At the Fourth Session of their Fourth Meeting, held on 18 December 1950 at Brussels, the North Atlantic Defense Committee approved D.C. 24/3 and directed that it be transmitted to the North Atlantic Council. In approving this report, the Defense Committee:

- a. Noted the remarks of the Portuguese Representative that he accepted the report as a provisional solution, subject to restudy of the relations of the Standing Group with NATO

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b. Noted that the Military Committee had agreed that the arrangements in Part I \angle D.C. 24/37 were accepted as a solution to be put into effect at once; recognizing that these arrangements were subject to modification at a later date as a result of discussion by the Military Committee and the Defense Committee of Belgium, Canadian and Portuguese views, and that these views and the Belgian and Portuguese proposals would be referred back to the Standing Group and Military Representatives for further study and recommendation in the light of experience gained after trial of the organization outlined.

c. Noted that the Belgian Representative had filed certain proposed amendments with the Secretariat which would be transmitted to the Standing Group and Military Representatives for consideration during their restudy of this matter.

2. The North Atlantic Council, at the Fifth Meeting of their Eighth Session at Rome on 28 November 1951, approved M.C. 22/11, the effect of which was to approve an amendment to paragraphs 11 and 17 of the Enclosure to D.C. 24/3.

3. The Council Deputies, at their Meeting on 30 January 1952, adopted a resolution appointing a Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and stating that his powers and functions over forces when assigned to his command would be as set out in M.C. 22/10.

4. At the Fourth Meeting of their Ninth Session at Lisbon, on 23 February 1952, the North Atlantic Council:

a. Approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (C9-D/20, paragraph 8a and Annex "B").

b. Directed the Military Committee to study the terms of reference of other NATO Commanders, to bring them into consonance with the decisions resulting from the TCC recommendations (C9-D/20, paragraph 8g).

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5. The Military Representatives Committee, on behalf of the Military Committee, at their 53rd Meeting on 22 August 1952 concluded "that the terms of reference of SACLANT and CINC CHANNEL, except for the differences in the concept of the Commands. . . , are in consonance with revisions made to SACEUR's terms of reference as a result of the Temporary Council Committee recommendations and should not be revised at this time" (S.G. 70/33, paragraph 12).

6. These decisions now become a part of and are attached as the top sheet of D.C. 24/3.

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