

LETTER ON STUDY NO. 5

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At the meeting of the Nuclear Planning Group in Washington on 6th and 7th April, 1967, the Ministers of Defence of the Nuclear Planning Group reaffirmed their desire for more effective arrangements for national participation in military nuclear planning. A copy of the Agreed Minute of the meeting is being transmitted to you under separate cover.

As you may recall, this subject was also addressed by the Special Committee of Defence Ministers in 1966. Ministerial interest in this subject is also reflected in the decisions taken by Ministers in December 1966, when, on the basis of DPC/D(66)39, they created a permanent nuclear planning machinery within the Alliance in the form of the Nuclear Defence Affairs Committee and the Nuclear Planning Group.

As you will see from paragraph 9(a) of the Agreed Minute, I have been requested by the Ministers concerned to present to the Nuclear Planning Group proposals for more effective arrangements for national military participation in military nuclear planning.

I would therefore be grateful if the Military Committee could prepare a report for me setting out their views on:

- (a) The present arrangements for nuclear planning at MNC and MSC level.
- (b) The improvements that might be introduced to facilitate the introduction of national military views on nuclear plans originated by the MNCs and MSCs - including the extent to which the

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reorganization and revised terms of reference for the Military Committee will enable national governments to bring their views to bear on nuclear policy and planning in this forum.

It would be helpful if the views of the Military Committee on these points could be forwarded to me, if possible, by 1st August, 1967.

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