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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL,
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: NATO Europe Early Warning System Standard
Operating Procedures (NEEWSSOP)

1. On 3 October 1968, in endorsing the conclusions of a report by the Defence Review Committee (1), the Defence Planning Committee directed (2) the NATO Military Authorities to review the NATO Europe Early Warning System Standard Operating Procedures in the light of lessons learned during the CSSR crisis.

2. SHAPE has now issued a revision to above Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)(3) which became effective 1 April 1969. This revision includes Special Air Situation procedures for additional reporting to cover air movements which do not represent a direct threat to Allied Command Europe (ACE). The reporting will, during periods of abnormal political/military development in areas adjacent to ACE, provide SACEUR with indications that an invasion of a non-NATO country by air may take place or, after an invasion has been carried out, provide information about reinforcements and redeployments of forces by air. The implementation and execution of these special procedures are never to detract from the NATO Early Warning System's ability to provide effective early warning of an air threat against ACE.

3. SHAPE has confirmed that air situations of significant import will be furnished to the NATO Situation Centre as SHAPE-evaluated information. Furthermore, Air Situations which represent a possible direct threat to Allied Command Europe will be furnished to the NATO Situation Centre automatically and without delay.

FOR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE


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- (1) DPC/D(68)30, 26 September 1968, paragraph 37d
- (2) PO/68/520, 4 October 1968, paragraph h(iii)
- (3) SHAPE 3180/20-1/4-5/69/073, 20 February 1969

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