Note by the Security Bureau

At their meeting on 8th-10th March 1955, the Security Committee considered the publication of a NATO Security Manual (1). It was agreed that this should consist of Enclosure C-V to C-H(55)15 (Final) with marginal notes and index. The question of the security classification to be given to this manual has not been finally settled, the representative of one delegation having found it necessary to refer again to his authorities concerning the view of the majority of other delegations that the manual should be NATO RESTRICTED.

2. In order that member countries and NATO agencies may be in a better position to decide on the number of copies of this manual likely to be required by them, the following additional information is circulated for their information.

3. It has been agreed that the production of this manual can be undertaken by the Secretariat and that the necessary number of copies will be made available to governments and international agencies of NATO without charge.

4. As regards the manual itself, it is proposed to reproduce this by the multilith process on good quality paper measuring 21 by 27 cms. Since the provision of loose-leaf binders would be an expense which might entail a special approach being made to the Budget Committee, it is proposed that the manual will be issued wire-stapled as in the case with a document. Each chapter will commence on a separate page, thus permitting the removal of whole chapters or their replacement without disturbing the remainder of the document.

5. It is the intention that recipients of copies of this manual should themselves arrange to provide suitable loose-leaf covers if they so desire, and with this in view, the manual will bear as a cover sheet when issued, a suitably designed title which may be cut out and affixed to the loose-leaf binder.

6. In view of the desirability of copies of this manual reaching all concerned with a minimum of delay, delegations are requested to inform the Security Bureau as soon as possible of the number of copies required by their governments.

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