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RECORD OF MEETING

of the

MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

Held at 1100, Friday, 18 March 1955  
in the Standing Group Conference Room  
The Pentagon

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Belgium and Luxembourg:	Colonel Baron A. P. del Marmol
Canada:	Rear Admiral H. G. DeWolf
Denmark:	Rear Admiral S. Ramlau-Hansen
France:	Lieutenant General Jean Valluy
Greece:	Captain Alexandros Rhallys, RHN
Italy:	Lieutenant General Cesare Gandini
Netherlands:	Rear Admiral G. Koudijs
Norway:	Rear Admiral S. V. Storheill
Portugal:	Major General Humberto Delgado
Turkey:	Colonel Sirri Oktem
United Kingdom:	General Sir John Whiteley (Chairman)
United States:	Major General Karl Truesdell, Jr.

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ALSO PRESENT

Director, SG:	Brigadier General John S. Upham
Secretaries:	Colonel H. L. Bays, USA Colonel M. de Chabot, French Army Lt. Colonel O. Vidalis, Hellenic Army Captain C. L. Cailmail, French Air Force
Interpreters:	Lt. Colonel Philip St. G. Cocke, USA Lt. Colonel Vernon E. Walters, USA
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ITEM 1

Approval of Record of M.R.C. 95th Meeting

DECISION:

The Military Representatives Committee approved the record of the M.R.C. 95th Meeting.

ITEM 2 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2a. Expression of Appreciation to Colonel de Chabot

The Chairman said that Colonel de Chabot had been moved from the office of Deputy Secretary, MRC, to become Deputy Secretary, LMP, and on behalf of all members of the Committee, he expressed the appreciation of the work Colonel de Chabot had done in his capacity of Deputy Secretary, MRC.

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Admiral Ramlau-Hansen, confirming the appreciation expressed by the Chairman, thanked Colonel de Chabot for his outstanding assistance and help to all members of the Committee.

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2b. Visit of the Council

The Chairman mentioned that the arrangements for the visit of the Permanent Council in May were proceeding steadily. It was anticipated that the Council would arrive in Washington on 17 May. On 18 May there would be an informal meeting of the Council with the Military Representatives Committee in the morning; a formal meeting in the afternoon; and the cocktail party in the evening. The details would be made available in the Information Room and would be amended as necessary.

\* The Committee took note of the statement made by the Chairman.

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2c. Standing Group Reports to the Chairman, Military Committee

The Chairman mentioned that the Standing Group made periodic reports to the Chairman of the Military Committee on Standing Group activities. He then asked whether the members of the Military Representatives Committee wished that these reports be made available in the Information Room.

\* The Committee agreed that the Standing Group's periodic reports to the Chairman of the Military Committee should be made available in the Information Room.

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2d. Briefing by the Military Representatives

The Chairman said that General Gandini had very kindly consented to give a short expose to the members of the Military

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Representatives Committee at a later time in the year on the problems of the defense of the Northern and Eastern Italian frontiers.

\* The Committee took note of the Chairman's statement.

2e. Guest Speakers

The Chairman said that General Pallis, Chairman of the Military Committee, had suggested that this Committee would be very glad to have the views of the American Representative on future army organization in the atomic age. He then asked the members of the Committee if it was their wish to ask the U.S. Military Representative to invite a guest speaker on that subject for some future date.

\* The Committee agreed to the Chairman's proposal.

General Truesdell said he would proceed with the necessary arrangements.

2f. Interim Action on the Deployment of SACEUR's Air Force Units

The Chairman said that SACEUR was in the process of making a study of the best defensive deployment of Air Force units which might result in a change from three squadrons to one squadron on an airfield. This was a development of the Effective Pattern paper (M.C. 48) of last December. While this study was going on, the Standing Group had approved, subject to the consultation by subordinate commanders with host nations, two measures in order to save money. The first measure was the suspension of certain items

of construction. The second measure was the authority to SACEUR to make tentative assignments for primary use in peacetime by specific nations of NATO of airfields within his area of responsibility. The Chairman then said that he did not consider it necessary to go into details because the Staff Officers of the Military Representatives had been briefed on the day before this meeting in much more detail.

Admiral Ramlau-Hansen asked if it were possible to have an indication of when SACEUR's paper on the redistribution of air forces would be finished. He asked this question, thinking in terms of the influence it might have on the infrastructure programs.

The Chairman said it was not possible to give an answer as to the date, but SACEUR was, of course, concerned on that very point; namely, to try to get this review finished as quickly as possible in order not to upset the infrastructure programs; and secondly, his great concern was not to waste money on doing unnecessary things. The Chairman gave assurance that both SACEUR and the Standing Group were very much alive to the importance of not upsetting this program.

\* The Committee took note of the statement made by the Chairman with regard to interim action on deployment of SACEUR's Air Force units.

2g. Invitation to Members of Military Representatives Committee to attend next Atomic Shot in Present Series

General Truesdell recalled that from time to time members of the Committee had expressed a desire to be brought a little more into the picture as regards atomic warfare. With that in mind, he had asked his authorities to invite the members of the Committee to attend the next atomic shot in the present series. This was called

"Teapot" and would take place sometime after 10 April. Only eleven members of the Committee would be invited and he would like to know whether the Military Representatives, themselves, or their representatives, wished to attend. He suggested that he be informed by Monday, 21 March, on the names of those who would attend in order that he might inform the Chief of Staff of the Army, who was handling the arrangements. This information was required because the names must be cleared by the Atomic Energy Commission. He then added that there would also be fifteen people from SACEUR's staff and fifteen from SACLANT's staff invited to this exercise.

\* The Committee took note of the statement made by General Truesdell.

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The formal session of the Military Representatives Committee adjourned at 1115.

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