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OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING GROUP

Held at 1030 hours on Thursday, 31 July 1958
in the Standing Group Conference Room
The Pentagon

PRESENT

France:	Lieutenant General Jean M. Piatte (Chairman)
United Kingdom:	Admiral Sir Michael Denny
United States:	Admiral Walter F. Boone

ALSO PRESENT

France:	Colonel G. V. Vandenbroucke
United Kingdom:	Captain F. B. Brayne-Nicholls
United States:	Major General Carl H. Jark
Permanent Chairman, Military Committee:	General B.R.P.F. Hasselman
Director, Standing Group:	Brigadier General Joseph R. Loiret

SECRETARIAT

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Item 1

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Standing Group Visit to Norway

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- g. LOSTAN 2568

The French Representative drew attention to the messages, which had been drafted as enclosures to the Brief for this meeting, concerning the arrangements for the Standing Group visit to Norway and subsequently to Paris and Naples. He thought it would be as well to take these messages, starting with the invitation by SACEUR to lunch on 2 September 1958.

The United Kingdom Representative drew attention to the message which had been received from the Standing Group Representative (LOSTAN 2568) in which it was by no means certain that the Secretary General and senior members of the International Staff would be present in Paris at the time of the visit. If it was not possible to hold any meetings in the Palais de Chaillot, it seemed the Standing Group would not be fully employed, and he questioned the desirability of attempting to arrange meetings at a lower level. He pointed out that, dependent on the current political situation, it might be necessary for him to leave the party on completion of the visit to Norway, in which case he would probably return to Washington from Paris.

The French Representative thought that, even if the Secretary General and senior members of the International Staff were not available, the Standing Group Representative had said it was possible that M. Gregh would be available, and he thought it would be useful to have discussions with him.

The United States Representative thought that, with the possible absence from Paris of the Secretary General and senior members of the International Staff, discussion with whom was one of the main objects of including Paris in the itinerary, one of the points of the visit was now being lost, and he questioned whether the Standing Group should not reconsider the time schedule.

The United Kingdom Representative recalled that the Standing Group Representative had informed the Standing Group earlier of the possibility that the Secretary General would not be present at the time of the visit and that the Standing Group had reconciled itself to this possibility; later dates had already been discussed and the present schedule had been decided upon. At this stage he thought it would be difficult to retract from the dates to which the Standing Group was committed.

The French Representative agreed with the United Kingdom Representative and thought that at this stage it would be somewhat embarrassing to General Øen if he were invited to alter the dates for the visit. He pointed out, moreover, that the Standing Group Representative said in his message that it was impossible to forecast the movements of the Council and

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International Staff at this stage and, in view of current political events, he thought there was no alternative but to let the dates, as currently planned, stand. He thought that in the message to SACEUR some mention might be made of members of the staff whom SACEUR might wish to invite to lunch. He also thought some mention might be made of the discussions which were to be held with him.

The United Kingdom Representative preferred the system which had been adopted in the past, whereby the Principals had met in General Norstad's private room. This method had led to open and frank discussion with SACEUR and had proved of benefit to both sides.

The United States Representative agreed that private discussions would be desirable but, depending on the agenda for discussions with SACEUR, a larger and more formal meeting might also be necessary.

After further discussion,

THE STANDING GROUP:

- (1) Approved the following messages:
 - (a) To SACEUR (STAND 2551)
 - (b) To CINCNORTH (STAND 2552)
 - (c) to CINCSOUTH (STAND 2553)
 - (d) To General Øen (STAND 2554)
 - (e) To the Standing Group Representative (STAND 2555)

The Standing Group then discussed items which might be included in the agenda for meetings during the course of its tour to Norway, Paris and Naples.

The French Representative drew attention to the seven points which had been included in the Brief for the meeting. He thought this list was adequate but might require additions in the light of discussion.

The United States Representative favored deferring discussion of items for an agenda until replies to the messages which the Standing Group had just approved had been received.

The United Kingdom Representative thought the proposed meetings were taking too formal an aspect and he questioned whether agendas and briefs were really necessary. He would, however, have additional points for inclusion, mainly for private discussion with SACEUR; for example, the impact of recent events on the Baghdad Pact.

The United States Representative was in agreement in general, but considered that SACEUR should be alerted to the subjects which the Standing Group proposed to raise.

The French Representative proposed that the Principals should each prepare his own list of items and submit it to the Secretariat, who would amalgamate them with those already included in the Brief. The Standing Group would then reconvene

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and discuss a complete list, deciding which items it would wish to retain; on which items it required briefs; with whom the respective items would be raised; and also whether the items would be discussed in private or plenary session.

THE STANDING GROUP:

- (2) Agreed the proposal made by the French Representative.

The Standing Group next discussed the possibility of including Rome in the itinerary, for the purpose of carrying out a brief inspection of the Light-Weight Strike Fighter.

After discussion,

- (3) Approved inclusion of a request to make appropriate arrangements in the message it had approved to CINCSOUTH (STAND 2553).

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NATO Cooperation in Research, Development and Production of Military Equipment

- Documents: a. LOSTAN 2562
 b. C-M(58)74
 c. C-M(58)107
 d. MASEC 198
 e. STAND 2446

The French Representative drew attention to two messages which had been received from the Standing Group Representative and the Military Agency for Standardization (MAS), respectively. The message from the Standing Group Representative (LOSTAN 2562) referred to military representation on a joint working group set up by the Council to study in detail proposals put forward by the German Ministry of Defense. The Standing Group Representative proposed, subject to Standing Group approval, to nominate his Deputy for Logistics to represent the Standing Group and to request SHAPE to nominate a General Officer.

In the Military Agency for Standardization's message (MASEC 198), the Chairman of MAS referred to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Armaments Committee and emphasized the Military Agency for Standardization's interest in this matter and its desire to be represented in any discussion which might involve changes in responsibility affecting the field of standardization. The Research and Development Committee had prepared a message in reply, but, in the opinion of the French Representative, it had not been made clear:

- a. That the Standing Group Representative represents the Standing Group on all such matters and, indeed, was best qualified to do so.
- b. That a Military Agency for Standardization representative should be present. It would be wrong to omit him because all the problems likely to be discussed had a standardization aspect.

He considered, therefore, that a simpler reply should be drafted bringing out the following points:

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a. The Standing Group Representative would be the official representative of the Standing Group.

b. He would be assisted by the Chairman of the Military Agency for Standardization or his representative.

c. SHAPE should be invited to appoint an officer of general rank.

d. A representative of SACLANT, if not invited now, should be invited shortly.

The United Kingdom and United States Representatives were in agreement with the approach suggested by the French Representative.

After further discussion,

THE STANDING GROUP:

Directed the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft of the message, based upon the points enumerated by the French Representative (STAND 2556).

General Hasselman questioned whether sufficient guidance had been given to the Standing Group Representative to enable him to put over the military views at the forthcoming meetings, particularly in respect of the German proposals; he enquired whether the appropriate Planning Team should not endeavor to produce a paper based on the informal discussion which had been held recently by the Military Committee in Permanent Session.

The United Kingdom Representative thought that the Standing Group Representative had ample guidance and, indeed, such guidance as the Standing Group was able to give, after many months of consideration of this problem, was contained in SGM-402-58. He thought this paper provided excellent background, and he considered that no new brief was necessary until the working party took a position; then the Standing Group Representative would refer back to the Standing Group for guidance.

General Hasselman did not consider that SGM-402-58 included the proposals made by the German Representative.

The United States Representative thought the Research and Development Committee might review such action as had already been taken with the object of assessing the adequacy of SGM-402-58 as a basis of complete guidance for the Standing Group Representative.

After further discussion,

THE STANDING GROUP:

Agreed that the Research and Development Committee would review the necessity for preparing a further study to reinforce the guidance already given to the Standing Group Representative.

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The United States Representative asked for deferment in study of this matter.

The French Representative said this was quite agreeable to him. He in fact had raised this matter as it seemed quite evident to him that the Standing Group must inject its views on the inadequacy of the document at an early stage.

THE STANDING GROUP:

Agreed to defer discussion of this matter until the next meeting of the Standing Group.

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