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on

SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

The enclosed draft of a report to the Military Committee is submitted by the Working Teams with the recommendation that it be approved and submitted to the Military Committee.

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REPORT

on

SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

1. The Military Committee in its Directive to the Standing Group (M.C. 2/1, paragraph 8, page 12) issued instructions as follows:

"The Standing Group shall take measures to develop a system for security of information for the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organization and make recommendations thereon to the Military Committee as a matter of first priority."

2. Attached hereto is a proposed Security System for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as developed and approved by the Standing Group.

3. Appendix "A" of the attached report contains a proposed general security agreement which should be entered into by all member nations at a military level. It provides that all nations will respect and maintain the security classification and safeguards of the nation furnishing the information. It further provides that such information will not be used for other than military purposes, will not be disclosed to other nations without prior consent, and that patent rights will be protected.

4. Appendix "B" contains a security system, termed "Cosmic," designed to safeguard exchange of classified information. It provides for a common marking system, a method of distribution and determination of recipients, establishment of "Cosmic" registries, and handling of "Cosmic" material in government departments.

5. Annex "A" to Appendix "B" contains definitions of various security classifications.



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6. Annex "B" to Appendix "B" contains general notes on security measures.

7. "Cosmic" permits transmission by a cipher system agreed upon by the Standing Group. The United Kingdom has offered to supply all member nations with the "Typex Mark II" machine for this purpose. The Standing Group recommends that this offer be accepted.

8. The Standing Group further recommends that the proposals in the attached report be accepted and the report forwarded to the Defense Committee for its approval and submission to the Council.

9. The Standing Group is prepared to take necessary action to implement the proposed security system upon receipt of final approval.



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