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REPORT FROM THE PERMANENT WORKING TEAM

to the

STANDING GROUP

on

DRAFT COVER NOTE FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE FORWARDING THE MEDIUM TERM DEFENCE PLAN

1. The attached draft letter has been prepared for use by the Military Committee, should they so desire, when forwarding the Medium Term Defence Plan to the Defence Committee.

2. Subject to the approval of the Standing Group, the draft letter should be attached as an appendix to the cover note to S.G. 20/2, and the words "(to be attached later)" in subparagraph 5 b of that cover note should be deleted.

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REPORT FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

to the

DEFENSE COMMITTEE

on

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEDIUM TERM PLAN

1. In accordance with the directives of the Defense Committee, D.C. 3 and D.C. 6/1, the Military Committee directed the preparation of an over-all North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense plan. This plan was prepared by the Regional Planning Groups in the light of the Strategic Guidance transmitted to the Regions by the Standing Group. The Standing Group specified a planning date of 1 July 1954. This date was selected as one which should provide time to implement a reasonable program for building up the over-all military capabilities of the North Atlantic Treaty nations.

2. The Regional Planning Groups submitted their plans to the Standing Group, who in turn integrated these plans into an over-all plan to be used as a basis for the development of military preparedness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Military Committee has approved the 1954 Defense Plan (Appendix "A"). This plan establishes for the first time a firm goal for the development of the forces necessary for the common defense. These forces, although of some magnitude, should be accepted as the target. Review of the plan and of the size, composition and employment of the forces therein, will be required from time to time, but the initiation of increases in our combined military capabilities cannot and should not await such action.

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3. In order to assess the increase in armed forces necessary to reach the 1954 objectives as established in the plan, the Regional Planning Groups were requested to submit estimates of major forces which could be made available by 1 July 1951. These statements of force availabilities were, in most instances, the forces already programmed for 1951 by each nation. Although they were not derived directly from the 1954 objectives, they are considered a vital first step toward their achievement. They will also provide a standard measure of allied capability which the North Atlantic Treaty Organization can then proceed to integrate into an effective, though as yet quantitatively insufficient, defensive force.

4. The degree of expansion which is needed can readily be computed by each Region based on the difference between its 1951 programmed availability and its 1954 requirements. The Military Committee considers that acceptance by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations of the fact that a major increase in their individual and collective military establishments will be an essential prerequisite to the achievement of a reasonable degree of security. The Military Committee, therefore, recommends that this fact be brought to the attention of the North Atlantic Council.

5. The Military Committee is of the opinion that special emphasis must now be placed on the determination of the means, rate, and extent by which the armed forces of the treaty nations must be expanded. The achievement of the military requirements necessary for the common defense will require long-range planning to coordinate fiscal, economic, and industrial considerations with those of national and regional defense. To this end, it might be advisable to establish

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closer liaison between the permanent bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization responsible for these activities. In any event, the Military Committee considers that the Finance and Economic Committee should be instructed by the North Atlantic Council to report as a matter of urgency on the economic and financial capabilities of the treaty nations to increase their current military commitments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

b. The Military Committee therefore recommends that the Defense Committee:

a. Approve the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medium Term Defense Plan.

b. Approve as a first approximation the forces required to meet the plan (detailed in Appendix "A" to the plan) and accept these as the basis for a progressive build-up of North Atlantic defense forces.

c. Invite regions as a matter of urgency to examine and report the intent to which they are prepared to implement the figures in subparagraph b above.

d. Request the Defense Financial and Economic Committee to give immediate consideration to the financial and industrial implications of the establishment by 1954 of the forces referred to in b above which are agreed to be militarily necessary.

e. Request the North Atlantic Council to:

(1) endorse to the necessity for the Forces referred to in b above, and to agree to the immediate need for urgent national action to insure that the progressive build up of Forces will meet the target by 1954.

(2) Give instructions in order that a closer liaison be established between the permanent bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, since a coordinated action of these bodies is an essential prerequisite to the Organization efficiency.

closer liaison between the permanent bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization responsible for these activities. In any event, the Military Committee considers that the Finance and Economic Committee should be instructed by the North Atlantic Council to report as a matter of urgency on the economic and financial capabilities of the treaty nations to increase their current military commitments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Military Committee therefore recommends that the Defense Committee:

- a. Approve the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medium Term Defense Plan.
- b. Approve the forces required to meet the plan (detailed in Appendix "A" to the plan) and accept these as the basis for a progressive build-up of national defense forces.
- c. Agree to take action individually to initiate the build-up of the national forces required.
- d. Request the Defense Financial and Economic Committee to give immediate consideration to the financial and industrial implications of the establishment by 1954 of the forces referred to in b above which are agreed to be militarily necessary.
- e. Secure the endorsement of the North Atlantic Council to the necessity for the forces referred to in b above and their agreement to the need for urgent national action to insure that the progressive build-up of forces will meet the target by 1954.

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