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REPORT BY THE WORKING TEAMS

to the

STANDING GROUP

on

DEFINITION OF "INFRASTRUCTURE"

1. The word "infrastructure", originally used in Western Union plans, has caused some question among NATO planners as to its proper definition.

2. On request, the Western European Regional Planning Group, in WR/MC(50)225, has defined "infrastructure".

3. The Working Teams consider that the Western European Regional Planning Group definition is excellent, and that its use by all Regional Planning Groups in their future planning is desirable. Specifically, this definition will assist in a clearer understanding of the term, "complete support", now used in para. 25 m, of S.G. 20/15.

4. It is therefore recommended that the memorandum at Enclosure be transmitted to all Regional Planning Groups.

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MEMORANDUM TO REGIONAL PLANNING GROUPS:

SUBJECT: Definition of "Infrastructure"

1. The term "infrastructure" has been in use for some time by Western European Regional Planning Group to cover the static items of capital expenditure required to provide the material backing for operational plans. Other Regional Planning Groups may find it convenient to use this term in their planning and the Standing Group has therefore accepted a full definition of the term, as submitted by Western European Regional Planning Group. This definition is given in Appendix attached.

2. Attention is especially invited to paragraph 3 of the Appendix. These items, considered together with "infrastructure," constitute a part of the "complete support" referred to in paragraph 25 m of S.G. 20/15.

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APPENDIX

MILITARY DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INFRASTRUCTURE"

1. DEFINITION

The word "Infrastructure" is used to define the static items of capital expenditure which are required to provide the material backing for operational plans necessary to enable the higher command to function and the various forces to operate with efficiency.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN "INFRASTRUCTURE"

Infrastructure includes amongst other things the means for:

a. The exercises of command such as:

- (1) Permanent headquarters
- (2) Permanent signal communications

b. The maintenance of the forces and their equipment such as:

- (1) Barracks, depots or warehouses, covered or uncovered standings, etc.
- (2) Permanent hospitals
- (3) Permanent repair installations

c. The movement of troops and their equipment by land, sea or air, such as:

- (1) Railways)
- (2) Roads)
- (3) Bridges) Including the necessary installations for operating these facilities.
- (4) Canals)
- (5) Ports)
- (6) Pipelines)
- (7) Airports)

d. The permanent frame-work of a system of defense such as:

- (1) Harbour defense
- (2) Military airfields
- (3) Permanent radar coverage
- (4) Artificial obstacles such as mine fields, anti-tank obstacles, etc.
- (5) Fortified emplacements, etc.

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3. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN "INFRASTRUCTURE"

The following are excluded from the meaning of this term:

a. The personnel or units who are servicing these installations and their permanent necessary equipment.

b. The stores consumed by the armed forces or intended for their maintenance together with stocks and their means of production.

4. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILITARY AND GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE

a. It should be realized that the term infrastructure in its military context, only covers part of the static installations of a territory the whole of which serves to permit the development and most efficient use of its available resources.

b. It may be necessary, for strictly military reasons to develop or augment the existing infrastructure of a territory.

c. The use of existing infrastructure may therefore be either by the military or by the civil economy or by both.

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