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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: Informal Meeting with Members of the Council
at 1500 Hours, 30 April 1954

1. For your information and assistance in conducting the informal meeting between the members of the Council and the members of the Standing Group, at 1500 hours on 30 April, enclosed is a summary of the notes on which the Standing Group will be basing their discussions at the above meeting.

2. The Standing Group feels that an agenda would detract from the informal nature of the meeting and recommends that no agenda or prior information should be given to the members of the Council. The enclosed summary has been prepared, however, so that the Secretary-General and his staff may have the requisite prior knowledge of the substance of the standing group's brief.

for VICE-ADMIRAL

D. G. MCKEAN
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Enclosure

Notes for the informal meeting
between the members of the Council
and members of the Standing Group
1500 hours, 30 April 1954

- I. Introduction of the Chairman of the Standing Group by the Secretary General.
- II. Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Standing Group.
- III. Capabilities (New Approach), Requirements and Air Defense Plans - The Chairman will make a brief statement for the Standing Group.
 - a. Brief description of studies now being carried out by Commanders
 - b. Summary of Standing Group directives.
 - c. Coordination and correlation of studies.
 - d. Planning assumptions.
 - e. Progress by SACLANF, CHANCOM and Canada, United States Regional Planning Group.
 - f. Tentative nature of studies.
 - g. Forecast of time schedule for processing studies.
 - h. Guidance for the 1954 Annual Review.
- IV. Informal discussion of capabilities (new approach), Requirements and Air Defense Plans. These plans have not been acted on by the Standing Group. Therefore the views expressed by a member of the Standing Group may not represent the views of the Standing Group or the national chiefs of staff he represents.
- V. Infrastructure. General Collins will make a brief statement for the Standing Group.
 - a. Introduction - not complaining or pointing finger, both civilian and military deeply concerned many activities working on the problem.
 - b. Gap - authorization vs Commitments.
 - c. Infrastructure Complex - dealt with many agencies, civil and military.
 - d. No single agency responsible for follow-up - two suggestions.

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- VI. Informal discussion on Infrastructure. Individuals may have to give personal views on subjects on which agreements have not been reached.
- VII. Standardization - General Valluy will make a brief statement for the Standing Group.
 - a. Renewed emphasis on standardization.
 - b. Non-Material standardization.
 - c. Standardization of equipment - Unfortunately, Standardization is voluntary, and progress is therefore slow and limited.
 - d. Standardization of end-items of equipment is desirable, but is not essential for certain items of equipment.
 - e. Small arms ammunition - Standardization is in progress.
 - f. International staff papers on standardization and Standing Group studies on comparative trials and release of research and development information to MAS.
 - g. MAS reorganization. The Standing Group will discuss this during its forthcoming visit to MAS.
 - h. Defense Production Committee.
 - i. Conclusion - a review of Standardization policy appears to be desirable.
- VIII. Informal discussion on Standardization. Individuals may have to give personal views on subjects on which agreements have not been reached.
- IX. Closing statement by the Chairman of the Standing Group.
- X. Closing remarks by the Secretary-General.