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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: Representation for the E.D.C. at the various Phases of the Annual Review

Reference: SECPAR 101

1. At a Meeting with the Standing Group on 11 September 1952, General Foulkes raised the question of as to whether and how Germany should be represented in connection with the discussion of German force contributions, both during the Annual Review and at the Military Committee Meeting. He felt that there should be careful coordination with the Council as a matter of policy.

2. In SECPAR 101, SGLO was asked to raise this question with the Secretary General.

3. Admiral Dick's memo to the Secretary General and the reply thereto are enclosed as Appendices "A" and "B" respectively and are circulated for your information.

C. H. Donnelly

C. H. DONNELLY
Secretary

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Standing Group Liaison Officer to
North Atlantic Council

Room 440
Palais de Chaillot
Paris 16.

SGLP 367/52

29 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, STANDING GROUP
N.A.T.O., WASHINGTON.

Subject: Military Committee and E.D.C. Relations

References: SGLP 323/52 and RDC/422 and SECPAR 101

Attached hereto are copies of SGLP 323/52 [Appendix "A"]
and the reply, RDC/422 [Appendix "B"], from the Executive Secretary.

This is forwarded to you for your information on the most
current thought on the relations between the Military Committee and
the European Defense Committee in the Annual Review.

/s/ Royer Dick
REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosures

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APPENDIX "A"

Standing Group Liaison Office with
the North Atlantic Council

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SGLP 323/52

13 October, 1952.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

Subject: Military Committee and E.D.C. Relations

I should be very grateful for your counsel on a problem which I found some difficulty in handling. In connection with the question of military advice to the ad hoc committee for the Annual Review there is a further aspect to be taken into consideration and on which the Standing Group have directed me to endeavour to obtain clarification and that is the situation which will arise when the Annual Review problems are considered by the Military Committee. At such a meeting the fourteen nations will be represented but of course in present circumstances there will be no German voice at the table. This situation unless it is carefully handled in advance might lead to repercussions and one imagines that this is what the Standing Group had in mind when they directed me to raise this matter.

The position, which still remains extremely vague, is that the military advice to the ad hoc committee should follow a similar pattern to the ad hoc committee itself namely that it should be carried out in a precisely similar way to the method employed for other countries but acting through the ad hoc committee and the interim committee instead of direct with the country involved. This position has not yet been settled with the ad hoc committee and indeed there are some difficulties in the matter since the Standing

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Group Liaison Organisation has no standing with that committee any more than it has with the E.D.C. interim committee itself. However, no doubt this point will be got over.

The second point of the relations to the Military Committee is undoubtedly more complex and it is for consideration whether it is a matter for raising with the Council rather than with the Council Committee on the Annual Review and if so in what way this should be done.

2. Could you therefore give me advice on this matter as I feel that question goes outside the purely military province although only military personnel would be involved in so far as the Military Committee is concerned. There is of course a yet further consideration which is that of the position of the Council itself when the Annual Review is considered but presumably that is covered but that is a matter definitely outside my province.

/s/ ROYER M. DICK
REAR ADMIRAL

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APPENDIX "B"

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Standing Group Liaison Officer
FROM: The Executive Secretary.

MILITARY COMMITTEE AND E.D.C. RELATIONS

I have been directed by the Secretary General to reply to your memorandum SGLP.323/52 of 13th October 1952 on the above subject.

2. There are, I believe, two separate and quite distinct problems raised by your memorandum:

(a) the relationship of the SGLO to the Ad Hoc Committee and;

(b) the relationship of the Federal Republic to the Military Committee.

3. On the first point the Council did agree that the procedure for handling the German reply should be as similar as possible to that followed for NATO Countries. However, there are differences between the procedures established in these two cases (AC/19-D/12 and AC/19-D/15). The Secretariat is not, for example, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee. While the SGLO has a special problem in terms of the lack of an established relationship with the Interim Commission in the present instance the position of the military considerations team (and the SGLO) is exactly the same as the position of the other four teams (the International Staff).

4. This problem has been clearly understood for some time and has been discussed with the NATO members of the Ad Hoc Committee and

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with the secretariat of the Interim Commission. The Ad Hoc Committee has already met once and has named the Belgian Representative chairman and agreed to invite NATO to supply an officer as joint secretary. It is proposed that the Committee will further invite the various NATO staff teams engaged on the Annual Review to assist the Committee as technical advisers. It is even envisaged that the Committee will follow our Working Group procedure of meeting separately with the technical teams (both with and without the Federal Republic). This solution should meet the concern which you express on the first point.

5. On the second point I believe it is necessary to recognize that the Federal Republic is in a position quite different from that of the 14 NATO countries. This has, in fact, been envisaged in all our procedures. The Federal Republic is not a member of NATO and therefore does not appear before the Annual Review Committee, the Council or the Military Committee. What has been arranged instead is a procedure whereby two parallel mechanisms are discussing (a) the NATO force build-up and (b) the German contribution to this build-up. The culmination of this is the acceptance by 14 Governments, through NATO, of force goals for 1953 and, subject to EDC ratification, the acceptance by the Federal Republic, through the EDC, of a force goal worked out in relationship to the NATO programme.

6. I trust this is consistent with the action which you envisage the Military Committee taking. In general, our feeling is that military advice, transmitted through the military considerations team, must be injected at a much earlier stage; and adjustments desired by NATO agencies during the reconciliation process must be discussed with the Federal Republic through the Ad Hoc Committee. If at the time of the Military Committee or the Ministerial meetings in December further proposals are developed for presentation to the Federal Republic, it will be necessary to put these forward through the Ad Hoc Committee.

23rd October, 1952
RDC/422

/s/ R. D. COLERIDGE

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