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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT: 1953 Annual Review

References: a. M.C. 46
b. DSR/15 (Third Revise)

At Enclosure is LOM 33/53 which you may wish to consider in connection with Item 2 of the Standing Group Meeting on 16 April 1953.

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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION

Standing Group Liaison Office

14 April 1953

LOM 33/53

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY STANDING GROUP

SUBJECT : Plan for 1953 Annual Review
REFERENCE : DSR/15 (Third Revise)

The above document was considered by the Annual Review Committee on 13 April.

2. Paragraph 2 of the document states that "the most appropriate time for a Ministerial Meeting would appear to be either, as hitherto, at the end of the whole procedure, or, possibly, early in the reconciliation process, in which case the final report on the Annual Review might be approved by the Council in permanent session".

3. The last six words of the text quoted in paragraph 2 above was amended to read "by the Council in Ministerial Meeting or in permanent session".

4. The Standing Group Liaison Officer took the stand that the question of a possible meeting of Ministers early in the reconciliation process would require further consideration by the Military Authorities and that this should be made clear in the document under consideration. The S. G.L.O.'s advice on this matter was not taken by the Committee and a reservation on behalf of the Military Authorities on this point was recorded.

5. Paragraph 7 of the document quoted explains the character of the 1953 Questionnaire. In the course of the discussion on this paragraph the S.G.L.O. made it clear that the wording should not be taken to mean that military information should be requested in the Questionnaire for 1953.

6. Finally the Committee agreed that plans for the 1953 Annual Review should form a separate item on the agenda for the Ministerial Meeting and should not be treated as a chapter of the 1952 Annual Review Report.

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