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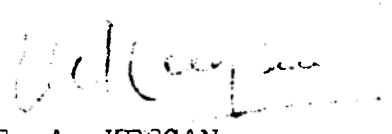
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for the
Military Security Committee

At Enclosure is a draft paper on revised terms of reference for the Standing Group Security Committee. It is proposed that these draft terms be considered by the Steering Committee at its next meeting on Thursday, 25 June 1953.


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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY

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on

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE
MILITARY SECURITY COMMITTEE

References: a. D.C. 2/7 (FINAL) ✓
b. S.G. 41/3 (FINAL) NR
c. C-M(52)57 Revised ✓
d. C-M(53)69 ✓

1. The Enclosure is a revision of S.G. 41/3 (FINAL), Terms of Reference for the Security Coordinating Committee, which when approved will cancel and supersede that document. The revision is in conformity with references c and d, the latter including the new designation, "Standing Group Security Committee".

2. It will be noted that the Enclosure contains a proposed change in designation from Standing Group Security Committee to Military Security Committee.

3. This paper is submitted at this time for information and noting by the Standing Group. Following a conference to be held in Paris on 7 July 1953 between the NATO Security Committee and the Standing Group Security Committee, the paper will be formally submitted for approval to the Standing Group and the Military Representatives Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that the Standing Group take note of the paper at Enclosure.

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ENCLOSURE

TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE
MILITARY SECURITY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

1. The Military Security Committee shall be composed of one officer member from each nation represented on the Standing Group.
2. The Committee shall remain in operation until such time as the creating authority deems its function to be no longer necessary.
3. Members shall be experienced in the field of security and/or intelligence and shall not be below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent.
4. Members shall be permitted to co-opt the assistance of military security representatives of member countries and military commands of NATO, through appropriate channels, when so desired.

FUNCTIONS

5. The Military Security Committee shall:
 - a. Be responsible directly to the Standing Group for the security arrangements (both COSMIC and NATO) within the NATO military commands and agencies and of the COSMIC security system in national military commands, and the periodic examination of the functioning thereof. The authority of the military commands and agencies to be examined will be obtained before the examination is made and it will be conducted with the assistance of the command or agency concerned.
 - b. Be responsible for the implementation and coordination (including periodic inspections) of security within North Atlantic Treaty military organizations and for the submission of recommendations concerning changes in NATO security policy to the Council.

c. Coordinate with national security authorities of member countries and with the NATO Security Committee (through the Standing Group Liaison Officer) in all matters affecting the military security arrangements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a whole.

d. Coordinate as necessary with the committees, sections, and teams of the Standing Group.

e. Perform such other military security functions as may be directed by the Standing Group.

6. Reports of examinations will be furnished by the Standing Group to the commands or agencies concerned.

LOCATION

7. The Military Security Committee will be located within the Standing Group Headquarters.