MEMORANDUM FOR: All Member Nations
Supreme Allied Commander Europe
Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic
Channel Committee
Canada-U.S. Regional Planning Group

SUBJECT: Phonetic Alphabet

1. As agreed at the NATO C-E Board Second Meeting the new
ICAO alphabet, if finalized, will be adopted and made effective for
NATO use on 1 January 1956.

2. In the event of the new ICAO alphabet not being finalized,
the following alphabet will be adopted and made effective for NATO
use on 1 January 1956:

ALFA **NECTAR
BRAVO OSCAR
*CHARLIE PAPA
DELTA QUEBEC
ECHO ROMEO
FOXTROT SIERRA
GOLF TANGO
HOTEL *UNIFORM
INDIA VICTOR
JULIETT WHISKEY
KILO **X-RAY
LIMA YANKEE
*MIKE ZULU

* Indicates phonetic equivalent which differ from existing
ICAO alphabet
** An agreed substitute word may be adopted at a later date.

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2. The above information is forwarded to all Member Nations and Supreme Commanders to enable training to start at the earliest practical date.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

T. L. HORNER
Commander, USN
Deputy Secretary
14 April 1955

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY
to the
HOLDERS OF SGM-217-55

CORRIGENDUM

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