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MANPOWER PLANNING COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCREENING AND CALLING-UP OF RESERVISTS
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY
(Approved Information Request No.59)

Note by the Secretary

1. The Manpower Planning Committee agreed at its last meeting to circulate the following request for information and to invite nations to submit replies not later than 15th September 1956.
2. (a) What steps have been taken to ensure that reservists who will be needed in the first period of hostilities for essential civilian purposes (*) are not recalled to the military forces or for obligatory civil defence duties either
 - (i) in the short warning period immediately preceding a thermo-nuclear or nuclear attack, or, failing such a period,
 - (ii) in the period immediately following such an attack?
- (b) If no such steps have been taken yet, what action is being contemplated now and when will the plans probably be finalised?

(Signed) H. VOIGT

(*) A broad indication as to the essential civilian purposes to be maintained during the first critical period may be obtained from the Senior Committee's list of subjects for initial review (circulated as Annex to AC/36(M)D/14); inter alia services to assure the maintenance, protection and distribution of such essential commodities as food, medical supplies, fuel gas, water and electricity, as well as the maintenance and repair of transport facilities and communications will have to be taken into consideration.

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