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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBER NATIONS

SUBJECT: Phonetic Alphabet for NATO Use

Reference: SGM-862-55

1. Member Nations were advised in the reference that the new Phonetic Alphabet is to be made effective in NATO 1 March 1956.

2. The new Phonetic Alphabet will be used in NATO cryptographic documents and changes published after 1 March 1956. Changes to present NATO cryptographic documents will not be promulgated for the sole purpose of changing present phoneticized letters to their ICAO equivalents.

3. Member Nations are requested to make those changes to present NATO cryptographic documents necessitated by the adoption of the ICAO alphabet.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:



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