MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of the Dodecanese Islands

References:

a. SHAPE AG 1530 PPO, 20 Nov 54
b. SHAPTO 854 4 Jan 55

c. The North Atlantic Council has studied the NATO Common Infrastructure projects on the Island of Leros, with a view to meeting NATO military requirements insofar as possible while at the same time avoiding any conflict with provisions of the Italian Peace Treaty. The Council has decided that the NATO installations currently authorized may be completed and used only under the conditions set out below:

   a. No naval, air or military units may be based or stationed on the Island in peacetime, nor may the base be used for maneuvers.

   b. The installations must be maintained by civilian personnel exclusively.

   c. None of the construction on Leros must be patently military.

   d. The signal station (Athens-Leros radio relay) may be completed and there is no objection to its use.

   e. There is no objection to the completion of the POL storage facilities. Naval vessels may not, however, use the island as a fueling point and any necessary turnover should be accomplished by sending in tankers to remove POL for use elsewhere.

   f. The ammunition depot may be completed but no ammunition may be stored there in peacetime.

2. SACEUR is requested to review his plans for operations in the Aegean, and his instructions to affected subordinate commands, to insure that these conditions will be complied with.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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