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MANPOWER PLANNING COMMITTEE

FURTHER ACTION BY NATO IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC  
AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

Note by the Secretary

The Communiqué of the Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council, of December, 1957, contained the following paragraphs relating to scientific and technical co-operation:

" 25. We recognise that in most of our countries more should be done to increase the supply of trained men in many branches of science and technology. The full development of our science and technology is essential to the culture, to the economy and to the political and military strength of the Atlantic Community.

" 26. We realise that progress will depend on vigorous action within individual states and in particular on the devoted contribution of teachers and scientists. We must increase the provision for the training of young people in scientific and technical subjects and must also ensure that the free pursuit of fundamental research continues to flourish. Each of our governments will therefore reappraise the support being given to scientific and technical education and to fundamental research.

" 27. We seek to increase the effectiveness of national efforts through the pooling of scientific facilities and information and the sharing of tasks. We must build on the established tradition of the universality of true science. Our governments will support the international organizations doing work in this field.

" 28. We have decided to establish forthwith a Science Committee on which all of the NATO countries will be represented by men highly qualified to speak authoritatively on scientific policy. In addition, a scientist of outstanding qualifications will be appointed as Science Adviser to the Secretary General of NATO.

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" 29. The Science Committee will be responsible in particular for making specific recommendations to the Council for action on a proposal by the French Government for a Western Foundation for Scientific Research and on the many other valuable proposals which have been put forward by the NATO Task Force on Scientific and Technical Co-operation and by the NATO Parliamentarians Conference."

2. With particular reference to paragraph 29 of the Communiqué, details concerning the proposals put forward by the French Government, the NATO Task Force and the Third NATO Parliamentarians Conference, and on which the Science Committee is to make recommendations to Council for appropriate action, are contained in an International Staff document which will be issued shortly. Copies of this document will be circulated to Representatives at the next meeting of the Manpower Planning Committee.

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