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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHANNEL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Movement Reporting of Soviet Warships  
in Peacetime in the ACCHAN Area

- References:
- a. CC(58)10 dtd 31 Jul 58
  - b. MCH/COS.TS. 15210 dtd 5 Jun. 58
  - c. SHAPE ltr AG 3500/28 INTEL dtd 25 Aug 58

1. The procedure for the coordination of movement reporting of Soviet warships in peacetime in the ACCHAN area (reference b) was submitted to the Standing Group by reference a. The Channel Committee recommended that the problem of coordination should be studied NATO-wide between the Major Commands and that the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) should be requested to act as coordinator of the study.

2. The principles stated for the organization for reporting the movement of Soviet warships, as contained in reference a, are under consideration with a similar proposal submitted by SACEUR by reference c (distribution to CINCHAN and CINMAIRCHAN).

3. The Standing Group has studied the matter of coordination of operations of national forces in tracking and reporting the movements of Soviet warships. It considers that the coordination of operations is a national responsibility and must result from arrangements made by the nations concerned. In view of the political implications of national forces being brought into contact with Soviet-Bloc vessels, the Standing Group concludes that the coordination of the operations of such forces should not be the subject of NATO-wide agreement.

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