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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization

SUBJECT: Danish Defense Proposals

The Problem

1. The Danish authorities have informed the North Atlantic Council and the appropriate NATO military authorities in accordance with paragraph 8(a) of C-M(55)82 (Final) of contemplated changes in their defense contribution to NATO.

2. In accordance with paragraph 8(c) of C-M(55)82 (Final), the NATO military authorities shall provide the North Atlantic Council with an estimate of the military effect of the proposed alterations. This report contains this estimate.

Factors Affecting the Problem

3. On 4 March 1959, the Danish Representative on the North Atlantic Council outlined to the Council certain changes which were being made by the Danish authorities in their military contribution to the NATO defense effort.

4. Since that date, a number of communications and discussions have been held between SACEUR and the Danish military authorities concerning the defense contribution. These have been taken into account in preparation of this paper.

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1 ENCLOSURE

- 1. Summary of new Danish Force Goals & MC 70 Force Requirements

*Noted by the Council
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5. A comparative summary of the new Danish force goals and MC 70 force requirements, setting forth the shortfalls in each case is contained at Enclosure 1.

Analysis of Proposed Danish Military Contribution to NATO by Service

6. Land Forces. Danish land forces, as part of the NATO defense forces, have the tasks of

- a. Protecting Danish territory from invasion by enemy troops;
- b. Together with the air force, providing air defense;
- c. Assisting the other two services in closing the Straits.

The land force contribution to this latter task is minimal. The proposed Danish land forces are deficient in M-Day ground formations, ground nuclear delivery means and surface-to-air missile units, and thus have an inadequate capability to carry out these tasks.

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- a. Contributing to the reduction of the enemy's air atomic capability;
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*See footnote % on Enclosure 1.

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The lack of a strike squadron and a SSM unit, with their nuclear capability, will most seriously reduce the RDAF's capacity to cope with the tasks assigned. The reduced air defense capability will jeopardize the air defense of Denmark and of Danish forces. The lack of an atomic capability both in offense and defense also seriously decreases the effectiveness of the RDAF.

Overall Analysis of Proposed Danish Military Contribution to NATO

9. The NATO military authorities consider that the proposed Danish force contributions, except with respect to the naval force posture which is close to being acceptable, are entirely inadequate to fulfill their NATO missions. This proposal, which abandons MC 70 force levels for Denmark and which establishes new force levels even lower than those now obtained, does not meet the minimum needs for security. Moreover, for the Alliance as a whole, this will mean that the area of Denmark and the Baltic exits will constitute the weakest link in the NATO security arrangements - a situation which will lessen the effectiveness of the NATO shield, particularly its overall deterrent value.

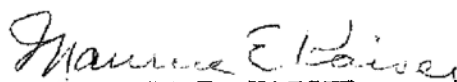
Conclusion

10. It is concluded that the proposed Danish changes to their forces available to NATO will result in a contribution which is entirely inadequate to fulfill their NATO mission.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the North Atlantic Council note this report which contains the NATO military authorities' estimate of the military effects of the proposed alterations to the Danish military contribution to NATO.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:


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Proposed Danish Force Goals Compared to MC 70 Goals, Showing Resulting Shortfalls

		<u>MC 70</u> <u>/63</u>	<u>SHAPE Plan-</u> <u>ning Guidance</u> <u>**</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Shortfalls</u>
<u>Army</u>					
M-Day		3/3	3/3	2/3	1/3
1st Echelon		4/3	4/3	4/3	1 2/3
2nd Echelon		1 2/3	1 2/3		
<u>Navy</u>					
DD/DE/PC	DD DE PC	4 7 0	8 DD/DE 15 PC	8*	3*
SS		4	4	5%	0
CM		6	6	8%	0
MS		0	14	12	0
SDC#		0	8	9	0
FPB		16	16	12	4
<u>Air</u>					
Strike		1/25	1/25		1/25
Attack		2/50	2/50	2/36	⊕
Recce		1/18	1/18	1/18	
SSM		1	1		1
AWX		3/48	3/48	2/32	1/16
SAM		3	3	1	2

* Patrolcraft Destroyer Type: A vessel of about 1700 tons - 30 kt speed 4/5 inch guns. New construction vessels. These Danish ships are acceptable to NATO military authorities in lieu of the DD/DE types listed in MC 70. But SHAPE indicates a further requirement for 15 PC "Coastal Escort" class vessels as is shown.

** Provided for information only. The "Proposed" and "Shortfall" columns are compared to the MC 70 column.

Seaward Defense Craft. 100 ton vessels, capable of sonar surveillance, to be used in conjunction with the magnetic detection loops in the passages through the straits.

% Additional numbers in consonance with paragraph 39, page 58, of MC 70. Not in excess to MC 70 requirements.

⊕ No shortfall indicated because of improvement in equipment.

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