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Reference LOSTAN 2507. Subject is Rules for Engagement of Unidentified Aircraft - MC 66.						
1. Following is for SECGEN.						
2. There is an urgent military need to have in being agreed rules for engagement of unidentified aircraft. This fact has been recognized since early 1953, and continual efforts have been made from that time onwards to draw up and promulgate suitable rules.						Planners Enfru Parnaby Pedone
3. By mid-1956 it had become apparent that further attempts to reach agreement on an all-embracing set of rules to be applied over the entire NATO area were unlikely to be successful, and instead the document now known as MC 66 was drafted. This document aimed at						
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setting forth agreed rules and applying them only to areas where the immediate need was greatest and on which it was hoped that agreement could be reached without undue delay. Subsequently the area could be extended as might be made possible by further negotiation.

4. Since it is now mid-1958 and MC 66 has still not been approved, this line of action cannot be considered to have been wholly successful. Nevertheless military requirement remains unabated and unsatisfied, and SGN earnestly hopes that, now that agreement on MC 66 is apparently within sight, everything possible will be done to foster agreement and avoid further delay. Although the document may be open to subsequent improvement, and in the light of experience and changing circumstances the rules themselves may be found to require amendment from time to time, approval of MC 66 in its present form will at least meet the immediate military requirement.

5. In light of above general explanation, the answers to your specific questions are as follows:

A. NO. There is no immediate requirement for these rules to apply to the Azores, which can be covered by bilateral negotiation between authorities concerned.

B. Similarly it would be the responsibility of the national authorities concerned (e.g. United

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Kingdom for Cyprus, which does not come under NATO)  
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to state whether or not the MC/rules had been adopted for the islands in question. Presumably the answer would be YES.

C. Again Algeria was not deliberately excluded; it was merely not included in the area to which agreement of all NATO nations need be sought. It will be for France to decide on adoption of rules for Algeria.

D. MC 66 only required agreement of nations to the area specified in your (i); versions (ii) and (iii) were not intended at this stage. SGN would welcome such subsequent extensions of the area by national authorities as may become possible.

6. To sum up, MC 66:

a. Offers a set of rules, and specifies an area in which nations can agree that rules shall apply.

b. Enables nations to adopt, on their own initiative, the same rules for their areas of responsibility not included in the defined area.

7. Annex. SGN has no comment on text of NOTE at Annex, except to suggest that you might consider the insertion, by way of explanation, of the thoughts expressed

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in para 6a and b above. These could go either before para 1 or between paras 2 and 3.

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