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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR JOINT MEETING WITH
THE STANDING GROUP

Memorandum by the Standing Group Liaison Officer

Attached herewith is a provisional Agenda (Appendix A) and a list of questions (Appendix B) which resulted from a meeting of the Working Group which the Standing Group Liaison Officer was directed to establish.⁺

2. The list of questions appears to be somewhat lengthy but all of these questions have been put down since they were raised by individual Delegations and it was felt desirable that the wish of the Delegations should be recorded. In fact, the majority of them will automatically come up in the strategic presentation and therefore it would seem that their number is not of very great importance. The representatives who attended the Working Group are in agreement with this list. France and the United Kingdom have drawn attention to its length, but for the reason stated above it was not considered desirable to alter it.

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⁺C-R(52), Item VI.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR JOINT MEETING WITH THE STANDING GROUP
IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 27th OCTOBER, 1952.

ITEM I STRATEGIC PRESENTATION BY THE STANDING GROUP
Details of the lay-out of this presentation are not inserted here as they are not yet firm. It appears at the moment, however, that this presentation will be divided into three parts each of which will be presented by one member of the Standing Group.

ITEM II GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE STANDING GROUP PRESENTATION
Whether this discussion will take place a.m. or p.m. will depend on how long the presentation takes but as it is thought that it will last about an hour and a quarter there should be at least a general discussion in the forenoon.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. THE RELATION BETWEEN COVERING FORCES AND RESERVES
2. THE IMPACT OF SOVIET ACTION OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA, e.g. MIDDLE EAST, ON STRATEGIC PLANNING
3. THE STATE OF FORCES PLANNING FOLLOWING ON THE ACCESSION OF GREECE AND TURKEY
4. THE RELATION OF THE PAPERS TO BE FORWARDED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AS MADE BY THE STANDING GROUP
5. THE INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE STRATEGY OF NATO OF NON-CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
6. GLOBAL STRATEGY IN ITS RELATION TO NATO STRATEGY
This might develop into a discussion on how to set about this matter at this stage rather than what precisely to do in regard to the strategy itself.
7. CONFIRMATION THAT NATO STRATEGIC PLANNING IS BASED ON A FORWARD STRATEGY

QUESTIONS NOT ARISING FROM THE STRATEGIC PRESENTATION

8. SACEUR's STATUS REPORT
In particular the priority to be established between meeting present commitments and increasing goals.
9. CLARIFICATION OF THE FUNCTIONS AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE STANDING GROUP
In particular the basis on which the Standing Group strategic guidance paper has been prepared.
10. POSITION IN REGARD TO THE STUDY ON AUTHORITY AND ORGANISATION FOR ISSUING STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS
11. THE PROBLEM OF CLEARING EXERCISES WHICH HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
12. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING
13. CLARIFICATION OF PRECISE MEANING OF THE TERM "FORCE REQUIREMENTS" IN THE PROPOSED ITEMS FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
This has in fact been explained to the Working Group but as some confusion evidently exists it has been placed on the Agenda.