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ALERT MEASURES - STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Note by the Secretary General
and Chairman of the Council

(Previous reference: C-M(57)72)

As requested by the Council at its meeting on 12th June 1957 (1), the Standing Group have reported on the progress made in negotiations between countries and NATO Commands on Alert Measures as of 1st September, 1957. The Standing Group's report is annexed.

2. Delegations may obtain additional detailed information from the Office of the Standing Group Representative, on request.

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Status of Alert Measures Negotiations

1. Negotiations between countries and CINCHAM/CINCMAIRCHAN remain unchanged from the position given in C-M(57)72, but a review of measures is still under way and consequently negotiations are actively in progress. However, a final agreement has not yet been reached.

2. Negotiations between countries and SACEUR remain unchanged.

3. Changes in the status of negotiations between countries and SACLANT since the position shown in C-M(57)72 are as follows:

(a) Denmark: Negotiations have been completed. No measures are agreed. Denmark has agreed to implement ten national alert measures should either SACLANT or Area Commanders-in-Chief request implementation of alert measures or, in an emergency, declare a "Simple Alert".

(b) France: Negotiations have been completed. Seven "Simple alert" measures and parts of two others are placed in Category I (authority of implementation delegated to SACLANT). Five "Simple alert" measures and parts of three others are placed in Category II (agree to implement on request of SACLANT). Ten "Simple alert" measures and parts of three others are placed in Category III (decision to implement is reserved by the French Government).

No "Reinforced alert" measures were placed in any category. In addition, the French reply stated that SACLANT can declare a "Simple alert" in a case of extreme and sudden emergency with the agreement of the French Government.

(c) United Kingdom: Negotiations have been completed. Ten "Simple alert" measures and parts of three others are placed in Category I. Thirteen "Simple alert" measures and parts of four others are placed in Category II. Parts of three "Simple alert" measures are placed in Category III.

Seven "Reinforced alert" measures are placed in Category I. Eight "Reinforced alert" measures are placed in Category II. Two "Reinforced alert" measures are placed in Category III. Three "Reinforced alert" measures have not been assigned to categories pending clarification.

All pertinent measures carry the reservation that full implementation will depend on the scale of mobilisation and further that requisitioning of merchant ships is not involved.