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INFRASTRUCTURES.C.S. RECOMMENDATIONSECTION C, paras. 7-10

SHAPE to produce revised requirements for Telecommunications, Depots Support and Airfields, taking into account existing assets.

Economies in Airfield standards to be considered.

SECTION F, para 1(3)

Planning of Infrastructure to be expedited and based on firm deployment and procurement phasing.

Suitable NATO agencies to determine most economical construction standards and improve contracting procedures.

Infrastructure requirements to be reduced as a result of economies in other military programmes (See Appendix 'C').

SECTION H, para. 2(c)

A small temporary team to be set up to make recommendations on measures for speeding progress, to make a realistic evaluation of infrastructure requirements on a minimum basis, and to make proposals for regular reviews and reports by nations and NATO agencies.

APPENDIX 'C' TO SECTION C

(a) The Standing Group to co-ordinate the infrastructure requirements of various Supreme Commanders;

(b) Naval bases, port facilities, radar and fuel storage, to be added to the commonly financed category of infrastructure;

(c) Nations to give all possible information to SHAPE as existing or planned facilities in the Infrastructure field;

(d) A system of priorities for infrastructure to be carried out. Items which cannot be completed by 1954 to be deferred;

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(e) Existing facilities to be used for Headquarters and further research made into the use of existing facilities in telecommunications;

(f) An overall radar plan for the NATO area to be prepared;

(g) Use of existing airfields to be considered;

(h) Minimum standards including possible departure from universal 8,000 ft. runways to be considered for airfields;

(i) Economies to be considered in the use of existing training facilities;

(j) A further investigation to be made into possibilities of economies in depot support (stocks might be held in Central Supply Pools);

(k) General review of requirements for fuel storage to be made. The possibility to be investigated of improving distribution systems rather than building up levels of reserves of P.O.L.

APPENDIX C TO SECTION F

Suggests various economies in the cost of the SHAPE infrastructure plan.

Recommends the formulation of a definition of common infrastructure "which will include a cost sharing formula".

"SHAPE should have authority to establish priorities of infrastructure within its jurisdiction".

Determine an economic programme; if beyond the countries' resources extend the "contract area"; if this does not work use military construction units.