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PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON NATO COMMAND IN THE CHANNEL AND SOUTHERN NORTH SEA

Note by the Executive Secretary

The attached letter and Press Communique on NATC Command in the Channel and Southern North Sea is circulated to the Council Deputies for consideration.

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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION

STANDING GROUP

CHANNEL COMMITTEE

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12th December, 1951

MEMORANDUM

FROM : THE SECRETARIES OF THE CHANNEL COMMITTEE
FOR : THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES
SUBJECT : PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON NATC COMMAND IN THE CHANNEL
AND SOUTHERN NORTH SEA
ENCLOSURE : Agreed Press Communique.

At a meeting of the Channel Committee the Chiefs of Naval Staff of Belgium, France, the Netherlands and United Kingdom approved a draft press communique to be issued when necessary after the Channel Command had been approved by the Council in Rome.

2. This agreed draft Press Communique is forwarded herewith for such action as may be considered appropriate by the Council Deputies.

FOR THE CHANNEL COMMITTEE: -

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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

NATO COMMAND IN THE CHANNEL AND
SOUTHERN NORTH SEA

Measures recently agreed by the North Atlantic Treaty Nations include provision for an allied Naval and Maritime Air Command of an area embracing the Channel and Southern North Sea.

2. For the immediate solution of mutual problems the Chiefs of Naval Staff of the adjacent countries (Belgium, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom) will form a "Channel Committee" acting as a local agency of the Standing Group. Permanent representatives of the Chiefs of Naval Staff are established in London.

3. An Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel acting in conjunction with a Maritime Air Commander-in-Chief is entrusted with the overall conduct of operations in the area. Admiral Sir Arthur John Power the present Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth will be the first Allied C. in C. Channel.

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