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RELEASE OF GENERAL EISENHOWER FROM ASSIGNMENT
AS SUPREME COMMANDER, ALLIED POWERS EUROPE

Note by the Secretary General and Vice Chairman
of the Council

1. I have, as Vice Chairman of the Council, received the following message from Mr. Pearson, Chairman of the North Atlantic Council:-

"As Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, I have received today the following message from the Secretary of State, which should at once be transmitted to the other members of the North Atlantic Council for their information:-

BEGINS:

I have the honour to inform you that General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower, has requested the Government of the United States to initiate appropriate action to secure his release from assignment as Supreme Commander, Allied Powers Europe, and that the President of the United States has agreed to withdraw his designation as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, which was made pursuant to the request of the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, December 19th, 1950, as recorded in Document C6-D/7.

OTTAWA
April 12, 1952.

ENDS"

2. The Council will wish to discuss the issues raised in this communication at the earliest possible opportunity, and a further notification will be made to you.

SHAPE - Supreme Cdr
of Eisenhower

Palais de Chaillot,
Paris.