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To: A.S.C.(P.A.)

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From: A.C. Kohn

Subject: Follow-up of the December Ministerial Meeting

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I herewith submit to you a list of ideas and suggestions put forward at the December Ministerial Meeting including, where possible, recommendation for action. The list contains only political proposals made in the Council; it does not include topics related to re-location.

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IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION PUT FORWARD  
AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PARIS, DECEMBER, 1966

1. Future Tasks of the Alliance

Following the suggestion made by the Belgian Foreign Minister (C-VR(66)68, page 8) which was supported by the Canadian, U.K., Netherlands, Norwegian, Turkish, Portuguese, German, U.S. and French Representatives (C-VR(66)68, pages 19-38; C-VR(66)69, pages 11-37; final communiqué, paragraph 13). ✓ a resolution was adopted (C-M(66)145) ✓ according to which the Council undertook:

"... to study the future tasks which face the Alliance, and its procedures for fulfilling them, in order to strengthen the Alliance as a factor for a durable peace. It will examine ways of improving consultation within the Alliance, including the European member countries.

In carrying out this study at a high political level, the Council will UTILISE the most appropriate possible procedures for fulfilling its mandate."

Recommendation

Agreement on the procedure to be followed (ad hoc study group composed of government experts; group of "wise men" - Ministers and/or experts -; study by the Permanent Council or POLADS and/or experts) and on the substance (scope of the study, terms of reference) will have to be reached at an early stage in the Permanent Council and through preceding contacts between the Secretary General and the Secretariat on the one hand and delegations - especially the Belgian Delegation - on the other.