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BRIEF FOR THE CHAIRMAN  
MEETING OF THE SPECIAL GROUP ON THE FUTURE TASKS OF THE  
ALLIANCE ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH  
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You may like to say:

"Our last meeting, in my view, represents the considerable progress the Special Group has made. We agreed on the subjects to be studied and on the countries which would be invited to nominate rapporteurs. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the subjects of Sub-Group No. 1 "East-West Relations" have been sub-divided into 1(a) and 1(b) as a consequence of the understanding reached in my office on the evening of Friday last week. The understanding is expressed in the second revise of our Working Paper. The United Kingdom will nominate a rapporteur for Sub-Group 1(a) "The political aims of the Alliance: in general East-West relations in the light of an analysis of the foreign policy of the Soviet Union and of the Eastern European countries"; the German Delegation will nominate a rapporteur for Sub-Group 1(b) "The political aims of the Alliance: with regard to European security, the German problem and the nature of a European settlement".

I suppose that our most urgent task now is to invite countries to nominate their rapporteurs and to indicate the names chosen to me or to our Secretary, by Tuesday, 26th March.

The actual meetings of the Sub-Groups should, if I may so propose, begin on 3rd April for Sub-Groups 1 and 2, and on 4th April for Sub-Groups 3 and 4.

May I ask for comments on this suggested work programme?"