

10th April, 1967

To: Secretary General

cc. Deputy Secretary General

Directeur du Cabinet
Acting DSG/ASG for Economics and Finance
ASG for Production, Logistics and Infrastructure
Acting ASG for Scientific Affairs
Executive Secretary

From: Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs

Subject: Present Status and Organization of the Future Tasks of the Alliance

I have brought together in this paper all available information as regards the present status of the future tasks of the Alliance and have set out certain recommendations for your consideration.

I. NATIONAL RAPPORTEURSSub-Group 1 (A)

Rapporteur (UK)

Watson, J.H.A.
Assistant Under Secretary of
State Foreign Office and
former Ambassador.

Sub-Group 1 (B)

Rapporteur (Germany)

Schütz, Klaus
Secretary of State Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

Sub-Group 2

Rapporteur (Belgium)

Spaak, Paul-Henri
Minister of State

Sub-Group 3

Rapporteur (US)

Kohler, Foy
Deputy Under Secretary of
State, State Department

Sub-Group 4

Rapporteur (Netherlands)

Not yet named

Publicity

The United Kingdom Delegation has indicated to us that in their view a press release was in order. The British think that it should be very short, simply giving the names of the Rapporteurs and leaving it to capitals to fill out their background. The British point out that the December Ministerial Communiqué publicised this exercise and that ~~from a~~ ^{from the} public opinion point of view it was therefore well to show that NATO was proceeding with its work. Mr. Schütz will not attend the first meeting of the Sub-Groups and will be represented by Mr. Ruete from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

According to our information most of the countries will be represented at least at the initial meetings of the Sub-Groups by members of their Delegations. The French delegates will be "assisted as appropriate", according to the French POLADS Representative, by:

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| Sub-Group 1 | M. Jacques Andreani Direction d'Europe (Europe Centrale) Ministère des Affaires Etrangères |
| Sub-Group 2 | M. J.B. Raimond Sous-Directeur pour l'Europe Centrale, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères. |

The United States will probably be represented by

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| Sub-Group 1 (A) | Mr. Z. Brzezinski Member of the Policy Planning Council |
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| Sub-Group 1 (B) | Mr. H. Sonnenfeldt, <i>Director</i> <i>Research and Planning Division for</i> <i>State Affairs</i> |
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| Sub-Group 2 | Mr. R.S. Bowie Counselor, Department of State <i>Committee</i> |
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Germany has not yet decided whether anyone will be sent from Bonn.

IV. ASSIGNMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT OFFICERS

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~~The following is a list of officers assigned to~~
~~represent you on the Sub-Groups:~~

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| Sub-Group 1 | Mr. Jaenicke Mr. Chapman <i>Mr. Newman</i> |
| Sub-Group 2 | Mr. Bacchetti Mr. van Campen |
| Sub-Group 3 | Mr. Hockaday Mr. Alacakaptan |
| Sub-Group 4 | Mr. Roberts M. le Nail |

It may be that in the future Sub-Group 1 will sub-divide itself into ^{*new*} two parts. In this case we would recommend that Mr. ~~Jaenicke~~ be assigned to Sub-Group 1 (A) and Mr. Chapman to Sub-Group 1 (B). We would like to note, however, on this point that it probably would be preferable if this Sub-Group could remain together even though it was required to produce two reports and had two national Rapporteurs.

The subjects of Soviet foreign policy and the future security of Europe are so closely linked that the Sub-Groups should maintain a certain unity. If you agreed you might wish to suggest that the Rapporteurs - United Kingdom and Germany - take turns in sharing this Sub-Group.

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V. COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

We believe it advisable that at least ^{at} in the initial meetings of the Sub-Group, the International Secretariat be represented in force in order to ensure that we can respond with flexibility to the needs of the Sub-Groups. Accordingly, we suggest the assignment of the following Committee Secretaries:

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| Sub-Group 1 | M. de Burlet |
| Sub-Group 2 | M. Leconte |
| Sub-Group 3 | M. Klette |
| Sub-Group 4 | M. Tansever |

VI TIMETABLE

for signing
 The Sub-Groups will determine their procedures of work. Nevertheless, for the purposes of overseeing the development of the exercise, it may be anticipated that after their initial meetings, the Sub-Groups will disband and reconvene after the Rapporteurs have written the first papers. It should be expected that the preparation of ~~these~~ papers take at least one month and that the Sub-Groups could ~~therefore~~ not meet again before the week of 15th May.

If this is indeed the schedule that is adopted, and since final papers for Ministerial meetings must go to capitals at least two weeks before the meetings, there will be at the most only two weeks for the Special Group to determine and prepare its progress report to Ministers (15th to 29th May). It may be imagined that the Group will have two choices:

1. Send a very brief statement indicating the organization of the work directed by Ministers and the reports under preparation, or
2. Send a similar statement, but annexing the reports of the Sub-Groups at whatever stage of their preparation they may have reached. It may be expected that Sub-Groups will proceed at different speeds and that consequently their reports will be completed according to different schedules.

VII RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that:

2. as soon as the Dutch have named a Rapporteur you circulate a PO setting out the names of the Rapporteurs, of the participants and of the International Secretariat officers who will work on each of the Sub-Groups;
1. *appointment of a Coordinator and the*
 you approve the assignments of International Secretariat officers and Committee Secretaries to the Sub-Groups.

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you approve a press release along the lines suggested by the British.