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SPECIAL GROUP ON THE FUTURE TASKS OF THE ALLIANCE

Summary record of a Private Meeting held on Wednesday,
29th March, 1967

ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDIES ENVISAGED

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Special Group in its private meeting on Thursday, 23rd March, 1967, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Secretary General, had learned regrettably that Canada was not in a position to accept rapporteurship of Sub-Group 4. The Special Group had then invited Italy to assume rapporteurship of that Sub-Group, and, as a by-line, had even considered a dual invitation to Italy and the Netherlands.

2. The ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE said that he had instructions to express regret that his Government was not able to assume rapporteurship. At the same time, his authorities wanted to state that they would give support for a Netherlands rapporteur.

3. The NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE declared that he was authorised to accept that his Government would nominate a rapporteur for Sub-Group 4.

4. The CHAIRMAN welcomed this readiness and stated that this was acceptable to all.

5. In reply to a question by the Chairman with reference to the names of any rapporteurs, the BELGIAN and the UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES informed the Special Group that Messrs. Spaak and Foy Kohler respectively would be the rapporteurs of Sub-Groups 2 and 3. The United States Representative added that their representative on Sub-Group 2 would be Mr. Robert Bowie.

6. The NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE said that his Authorities were thinking in terms of nominating not necessarily an official, but someone with parliamentary experience familiar with NATO problems.

7. The CHAIRMAN recalled that during the meeting of 23rd March, it had been suggested to postpone the dates for the first meetings of the Sub-Groups from 10th and 11th April to 13th and 14th April. He wondered whether these dates appeared acceptable.

8. The UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE felt that Mr. Bowie might prefer a later date since he was expected in Paris with NATO on 20th April for the first meeting of the Special Working Group on International Technological Co-operation. His authorities, however, wished to leave priority of choice to Mr. Spaak.

9. From the ensuing discussion a general consensus in principle developed to schedule the meetings of Sub-Groups 1 and 2 for 17th April and those of Sub-Groups 3 and 4 for 18th April.

10. Answering a question by the Belgian Representative, the CHAIRMAN thought that these first meetings should, in principle, last one day.

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