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To: Secretary General

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From: Acting Secretary of Sub-Group I on "East-West Relations"  
of the Special Committee on the Future of the Alliance

Subject: Second meeting of the Sub-Group held on 11th May, 1967

The Sub-Group had before it a paper prepared jointly by the two Rapporteurs, Mr. Sahm of the German Delegation and Mr. Watson of the United Kingdom Delegation, on the subject of "The Political Aims of the Alliance With Regard To:

- (a) East-West Relations in General;
- (b) European Security, The German Problem and the Nature of a European Settlement".

This paper was accompanied by an Annex submitted by the United States Delegation setting forth two "scenarios" based respectively on the most optimistic and most pessimistic probabilities in the evolution of the situation in the next five years.

2. The Sub-Group studied Section I of the main paper and, in particular, the definition of "detente" and various aspects of the policy of pursuing "detente" through bilateral contacts with the East (with particular reference to the indivisibility of "detente" between the Members of the Alliance). Practically all members of the Group expressed their views on these two aspects of the subject, as a result of which there appeared a few areas where the consensus was not immediately apparent.

3. The Sub-Group then examined Annex I of the main paper and agreed to consider it as a basis for its future report. It was decided that the various factors listed in this Annex should be presented not as questions but as elements to be taken into account in assessing the pressures currently pushing the Governments of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe towards extending the "detente" into a European settlement.

4. The Sub-Group also received written views from the Norwegian Delegation, a note from the Secretary General examining Soviet-European policy in the light of recent public statements by Soviet leaders and his comments on the proposal for an outline by the German Delegation incorporated in the paper on "The Political Aims of the Alliance". These various documents will be examined by the Sub-Group at a later meeting.

5. Finally, it was agreed:

- (a) that delegations would submit in writing their views on the paper prepared jointly by the two Rapporteurs, at the latest by 10th June, 1967;

- (b) on the basis of these views the Rapporteurs would prepare an improved version of their paper to serve as a final report by the Sub-Group;
- (c) in the mean time, the Rapporteurs would draft an interim report, on their own responsibility, for submission to the Sub-Group and, consequently, to the Ministerial meeting in Luxembourg, it being understood that the question as to whether this interim report should refer to matters of substance already discussed would be cleared at the meeting to be held on 19th May, between the Rapporteurs of the various Sub-Groups;
- (d) that the next meeting would be held on 27th June, 1967 and possibly also on 28th June.

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