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Dear Colleague:

There are attached for the use of your representative to Sub-Group 3 of the Future Tasks of the Alliance Study, copies of a draft Sub-Group 3 status report from the Rapporteur to the Chairman of the Special Group. The draft status report will be a subject for discussion at the meeting of Sub-Group 3 scheduled for May 18.

I would be grateful if you would bring this draft report to the attention of your representative to Sub-Group 3 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James N. May

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Deputy Secretary of Delegation

The Lord Coleridge, Executive Secretary
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Future Tasks of the Alliance

Sub-Group 3

(Future Defense Policy)

Draft Status Report

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Manlio Brosio, Chairman
Special Group
Future Tasks of the Alliance

SUBJECT: Sub-Group 3 Status Report

Sub-Group 3 has held two meetings - April 18 and May 18, 1967. We have had a substantive discussion of the topics which we shall address in our report, and this discussion has been very helpful in determining the approach which will be taken in this portion of the study. As a result of our discussions, I have developed an expanded outline for the report of this group which is attached. I believe it reflects a general consensus of the group as to the issues that we should address.

There is particular interest in identifying the nature of detente, its relationship to deterrence and its implications for Alliance defense policies; we will try to explore the continuing need for an integrated defense effort and its importance to broader political objectives of the Alliance; we will examine the potential benefits and risks of arms control measures in relation to the security requirements and political objectives of the Alliance; we intend to examine whether foreseeable political developments suggest the need to further modify NATO defense policies in the future. We intend to focus particularly on the contribution of NATO defense policies to such broader political objectives as internal Western Europe unity, Atlantic partnership, future political settlement and a lasting peaceful order in Europe.

As rapporteur, I intend to prepare an initial draft of our report, based on the attached outline, during the next several weeks. We then intend to meet again to discuss this draft. We plan to have a final report ready for the Special Group to consider by late summer.

I believe our study is well launched, and that we can make a useful contribution to identifying the future defense tasks of the Alliance.

Foy D. Kohler,
Rapporteur, Sub-Group 3

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