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BRIEF FOR THE SECRETARY GENERALMEETING OF SPECIAL GROUP ON THE FUTURE TASKS
OF THE ALLIANCE, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1967You may wish to say:

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In response to this request, I circulated on 16th November a PO (PO/67/832) which contains my suggested draft for this report. Since we have already had an exchange of declarations by Governments at our last meeting, I believe that we could now proceed directly to examine the draft before you, and see whether, from this examination, we can agree on the general ideas set out in this text. I trust that in this way we can move forward. For after this analysis we ought to try to arrive at a decision on the final make-up and formulations of the document to be presented to Ministers. In fact it is my hope that we can arrive at such a decision on the main lines of a common policy as quickly as possible, maybe even today. At that point we might also discuss exactly what activity of the Alliance we envisage for the period after the Christmas recess."

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i.e. fused*

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This is what I left with Buchetti earlier
this afternoon, but I have still (5.45pm) not
had confirmation whether ^{MR}Brown accepts it. *Brill*

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"It is with pleasure that I welcome once again those distinguished visitors from capitals who attended the meetings of the Special Group a fortnight ago, and who remain faithful to the task entrusted to them.

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