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FUTURE TASKS OF THE ALLIANCE

List of Points to be discussed by the High-Level Meeting of the Special Group

- I. Historical Introduction which can be understood by the present generation.
- II. The present setting:
  - (i) Soviet ideological challenge, Soviet policy objectives, and military power;
  - (ii) Basic causes of tension between East and West;
  - (iii) Risks and opportunities for the rest of alternative policies towards the East;
  - (iv) Allied objectives towards the East.
- III. Impact and consequences of events outside the NATO area upon the interests of members of the Alliance.
- IV. Power, balance and cooperation within the Alliance.
- V. The continuation of the Alliance.
- VI. Role and future tasks of the Alliance:
  - (a) In Security and Related Problems:
    - (i) Common defence;
    - (ii) Disarmament measures.
  - (b) In the political field:
    - (i) Conduct of the Alliance in a period of detente;
    - (ii) European security, the German problem, the nature of a European settlement.
  - (c) Outside the NATO area;
  - (d) In inter-Allied Relations.
  - (e) Organization; future role and nature of NATO consultation.