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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY

to the

NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE

on

"STRATEGIC CONCEPT FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA"

Reference: D.C. 6/1

The enclosure, which sets forth the action taken by the North Atlantic Council on D.C. 6/1, is circulated for consideration by the North Atlantic Defense Committee.

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ENCLOSURE

"MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE"

"The North Atlantic Council held its third session on Friday, January 6, 1950, in room 5106 New State Building at 3:30 p.m. At this session the Council took the following action:

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- "2. Approved D.C. 6/1, 'Strategic Concept for the Defense of the North Atlantic Area,' as approved by the Defense Committee on December 1, 1949 (note statement, attachment A [Appendix], by the Portuguese Ambassador);"

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"/s/ Edwin M. Martin  
Edwin M. Martin  
Secretary"



NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL  
CONSEIL DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Attachment A

January 6, 1950

NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL  
Third Meeting

Statement by the Portuguese Delegate concerning the approval by Portugal of the strategic concept for the integrated defense of the North Atlantic Area.

"It should be noted that the Portuguese representative at the last meeting of the Defense Committee proposed an amendment to paragraph 8(g) of the paper now under consideration by the Council.

Consideration of this amendment was postponed until the next meeting of the Defense Committee by which time the Parties will have had opportunity to study in detail all its ramifications. Therefore, the Portuguese approval of the strategic concept for the integrated defense of the North Atlantic area is without prejudice to the settlement of this question in the Defense Committee.

In reference to paragraph 8(d), the Portuguese delegate to the Paris meeting of the Defense Committee proposed another amendment which was approved. In submitting that paragraph 8(d) to the requirements of special accords, the Portuguese Delegate had in view the possibility of enlarging or restricting, in practice, the scope of the paragraph, not only according to necessity, but also as demanded by the circumstances of the different countries considered. For the Portuguese Government this means that in its new wording the referred paragraph could not be interpreted as signifying in any case the obligation of accepting in peacetime the international collaboration in the control or management proper of military installations in its own territory.

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