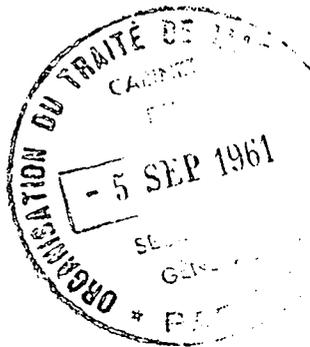


NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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PARIS, XVIIe,  
Palais de l'O.T.A.N.  
Porte Dauphine

Paris, September 4th, 1961

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith the text of the statement regarding certain military measures which I made in the Council to-day.

A copy of this letter and its annex is being sent directly to each Permanent Representative and to the Standing Group Representative.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(J.A. de Ranitz)  
Deputy Permanent Representative

His Excellency  
Mr. D.U. Stikker,  
Secretary General of NATO,  
Paris.

The Netherlands Government has carefully studied the plan of action for NATO Europe put forward by SACEUR.

As to the recommendations regarding measures which could be taken at short notice, two sets of measures should be distinguished :

1. those which can be taken short of mobilisation, and
2. those which involve mobilisation measures.

As far as the first category is concerned, my Government deems it important that the recommendations made by SACEUR be followed by all the member Governments of the Alliance. It is prepared, in principle, to take the following steps, and assumes that its Allies have taken or will take comparable action :

- (1). to recall, if necessary, one of the two drafts of military personnel who are at present on a so-called short leave after having completed their period of first service. This measure, which can be implemented within 24 hours, would be in anticipation of the next step to raise the manning levels;
- (2). to raise the manning levels of M-day units to 90% of war authorised strength by extending the period of first service from 18 to 20 months for other ranks (soldiers) and from 21 to 22 months for officers, N.C.O.'s and technicians respectively. The manning levels required by SACEUR would thus be reached by the 1st of November, 1961;
- (3). the temporary stationing in Germany of one "light brigade". A period of not more than three months is at present envisaged, but the possibility of a further extension of this period will be studied;
- (4). to maintain, until the 1st of April, 1962 the 4 Hunter squadrons at present available.

My authorities have not yet been able to complete their study with regard to the recommendation on equipment procurement, owing to the short time available.

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I now come to the second category of recommended steps, those which would involve mobilisation measures, and I refer to the recommendations under c. and d. of the Netherlands Chapter of SHAPE document 167/61 ("to increase manning of control and reporting units to support 24 hours operation" and "increase combat-ready rate of aircraft (now 58%) to at least 70% and crews (now 88%) to 100%"). The Netherlands Government is prepared to consider the implementation of such measures in consultation with its Allies.

My Government has noted that the Council has not asked SACLANT and CINCCHAN to give their views on these matters. It is of opinion that this should be done as soon as possible.

4th September, 1961

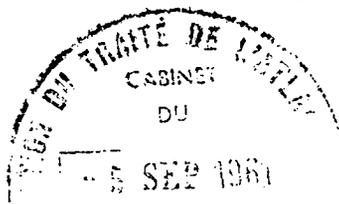
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