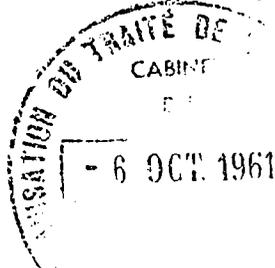




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From: Executive Secretary

NATO Planning for Berlin Emergency
Estimation of advantages and risks in carrying
out specific plans

Reference: Annex B to PO/61/765. ✓

As you will remember, during the course of discussion of Annex B to PO/61/765 at the Council's meeting on Wednesday, 4th October, the Canadian Representative, referring to para.10 of Annex B, - part of the specific instructions to NATO Military Commanders-, asked whether it was clear that the military Commanders were being asked to estimate only the military advantages and military risks entailed in putting specific plans into operation. He seemed nervous that the second sentence of para.10 might be taken to suggest that military Commanders would give their assessment of political advantages and risks, which was, in his view, inappropriate.

2. The sentence concerned reads as follows:
"In each case, the expected advantages and estimated risks should be set out in specific terms to accompany plans."

The Canadian Representative went so far as to suggest that it might be deleted.

3. After some discussion in the Council, you undertook to find out how General Norstad would interpret this sentence, should it be given to him as part of his instructions.

4. On the instructions of the Deputy Secretary General, I raised this matter with General Norstad's political advisers. I have this morning been informed by Mr. Stoessel that he has discussed the matter with General Norstad who made the point that he could not be expected to refrain from commenting on the advantages and risks in a very broad way, should he be given this instruction.

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5. General Norstad suggested that the Secretary General in explaining how, he, General Norstad, would interpret this instruction, might use a formula on the following lines:

"General Norstad feels that, in commenting on the expected advantages and estimated risks in implementing various plans, he would find it impossible to draw a hard and fast line between what is political and what is military, but any comment he would make would of course be done in his capacity as the responsible NATO Military Commander."

6. I agreed with Mr. Stoessel that I would put this formula to you and that you would discuss it further with General Norstad if you saw any disadvantages in using it.

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