

cc. Monsieur F.D. GREGH

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Dear Mr Wolf,

The Secretary General has asked me to convey the following point of view concerning the paper which was circulated last Friday concerning the Relationship between NATO and the Three Powers in the Planning and Control of Berlin Contingency Operations.

As the Secretary General sees it, the Three Powers, generally speaking, are responsible for the planning and execution of probe or air escort operations but NATO may be involved in the support of such operations depending upon the reactions of the Soviet forces which are not really predictable. In certain cases, the stage at which NATO would intervene has been defined. However it is also recognised that other situations might arise in which control should be transferred to NATO. It is suggested that such cases would be a matter for political decision at the time.

The Council might like to know a little more of the "other conditions" mentioned in paragraphs 5b. (1) & (b) of the document. Therefore the Secretary General would very much appreciate being informed about the answer which the United States Delegation would be prepared to give to an enquiry on these two sub-paragraphs.

Yours sincerely,

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