

4th October 1961

To : Permanent Representatives

From: Secretary General

NATO PLANNING FOR BERLIN EMERGENCY

Ref: PO/61/765 of September 27

Before the Council resumes its discussion of PO/61/765, I thought it might be useful to summarize some of the points which have been made during the first discussions of this paper which took place on Tuesday, 3rd, and Wednesday 4th October.

I. Annex A

Some members of the Council have questioned the wording of the last sentence of paragraph 8 of Annex A. Although it has been recognized that this Annex is a report by the French, U.K. and U.S. governments to the North Atlantic Council, it has been suggested that a slight alteration might add more clarity to the text. Any change of this kind would naturally have to be agreed by the three governments and it will be up to them to state their views at the next meeting of the Council on the amendment which will be found at annex.

II. Annex B

1. The Permanent Representatives will find attached at Annex some of the amendments which have been suggested during the discussion. These amendments relate to the first sentence of paragraph 3, the last sentence of paragraph 6(a) and to 6(c) ^{the last sentence} _{of 6(b)}.

2. ~~About~~ the other points which have been raised during the discussions, I wish to call the attention of Permanent Representatives to the following remarks :

6(a). A question was put as to the real meaning of the sentence stating that the over-all strategy applicable on a world-wide scale should include "as appropriate, political, diplomatic, economic, psychological, military and para-military measures".

The exchange of views has clearly shown that the words "political and diplomatic measures", amongst others, does not exclude in any way the possibility of using, if and when appropriate, the United Nations machinery. I would suggest that with this clear understanding there should be no need to alter the text as it stands.

6(d)(iii) ⁽³⁾ The discussion on this point ^{made by} has led Mr. Finletter to state his interpretation in the following words: ^{is answer to the suggestion that this part could be deleted}
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Several delegates which had raised questions about this wording, have declared themselves in complete agreement with the statement. I hope, therefore, that with this understanding there will be agreement not to modify this paragraph 6(d)(iii) ⁽³⁾.

Finally, as I have pointed out in answer to several questions, it seems that Annex B states in several places in slightly different words that decisions will have to be made "by political authorities" (in 6(b)), "by governments through the Permanent Representatives (in 7), "by governments" (in 8). There is also a reference to a "specific political decision" with no more mention in 6(d)(iii). It does not seem clear to me at the present stage of the discussions how this different wording could, if necessary, be brought better into line. It would seem to me that the necessary clarification could be made only when the Council have taken up again the discussion on the control of the use of nuclear weapons, for which purpose I am circulating at the request of the delegations in another document some of the reference papers which were quoted during the discussion of the Council on Wednesday, 4th October.

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I. Article 8 of Annex A

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II. Annex B

The following amendments have been suggested during the discussions by the Council on Tuesday, 3rd, and Wednesday, 4th October:

Para 3: Delete the first sentence and read :

"Every effort will be made to attain the foregoing objectives by negotiations and through the application of non-military measures".

Para 6(a): Last sentence to be read as follows:

"The selective application of these measures, agreed upon both in Europe and on a world-wide basis, is designed to contribute to the purpose of arriving....."

Para 6(b): Last sentence to be read as follows:

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Para 6(c): Third sentence to be redrafted as follows:

"They must, therefore, retain the defence of the Alliance members as a central consideration, and they must not commit capabilities to the prejudice of the over-all capacity to defend NATO territory, keeping in mind the risk of a possible crisis created by the Soviets in the way of a diversion ~~of~~ any point ~~of~~ the territory of ~~the~~ Allied Command ~~in~~ Europe."

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Suggested AmendmentsI. Article 8 of Annex A

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The following amendments have been suggested during the discussions by the Council on Tuesday, 3rd, and Wednesday, 4th October:

Para 6(a) Delete the first sentence and read as follows:

"The selected application of these measures, agreed upon both in Europe and on a world-wide basis, is designed to contribute to the purpose of arriving"

Para 6(b): Last sentence:

Para 6(c): The 3rd sentence to be redrafted as follows:
 "They must, therefore, retain the defence of the Alliance members as a central consideration, and they must not commit capabilities to the prejudice of the over-all capacity to defend NATO territory, keeping in mind the risk of a possible crisis created by the Soviets in the way of a diversion on any point of the territory of the Allied Command in Europe."