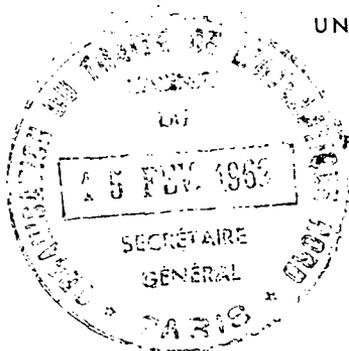


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February 15, 1962.

My dear Secretary General,

Thank you for your letter of February 14. So far as I am concerned, I see no objection, and indeed great advantage, in paper BQD-M-22 being given to the Council at a very early date. Indeed, this has been our view from the beginning. So far as I know, the reasons why this has not yet been possible are two-fold:

- (a) because it was desired to have a final review of the paper by the Ambassadorial Group with you during your recent visit to Washington;
- (b) because it was felt that there would be advantage in General Norstad giving his further briefing to the Council before the document was circulated. As you know, the briefing was held up because of General Norstad's illness.

I have been given to understand, however, that it is now possible that General Norstad will be able to give his briefing to the Council next Monday, February 19. In that event, subject to final checking with London and with the other three Permanent Representatives principally concerned, my own view would be that the document should be

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circulated to the Council at the close of the briefing meeting. I hope to be able to confirm these preliminary views very soon.

I am sending copies of this letter to the other three Permanent Representatives.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Masera

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