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45TH MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN 1980

Held on Friday, 5 December 1980 at 1500 hours
in the Situation Centre, (Presentation Room),
NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium

PRESENT

Chairman:	Admiral R.H. Falls
Belgium:	Lieutenant General Y. Dedeurwaerder
Canada:	Lieutenant General R. Gutknecht
Denmark:	Lieutenant General P.O.W. Thorsen
Germany:	Lieutenant General E.D. Bernhard
Greece:	Lieutenant General E. Papaefstathiou
Italy:	Vice Admiral G. Fantoni
Netherlands:	Lieutenant General J.C. Zoutenbier
Norway:	Major General Ole Miøen
Portugal:	Lieutenant General J. Ferreira Valente
Turkey:	Vice Admiral S. Erqin
United Kingdom:	Admiral Sir Anthony Morton
United States:	General R.L. Lawson
Deputy Chairman:	Lieutenant General Lincoln D. Faurer
Director, IMS:	Air Marshal Sir Alan Davies

ALSO PRESENT

French Military Mission:	Général de Corps d'Armée P. Crousillac
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Item 1 PRELIMINARY MILITARY ADVICE (NR)

The Chairman reported to the Committee the results of a recent meeting of the Permanent Representatives and the reaction of the Secretary General to the Military Committee memorandum(1) which provided Military Committee advice on the measures which SACEUR had proposed, and further advised on the situation in Eastern Europe.

The Committee discussed at length the role of the Military Committee as the principal source of military advice to the North Atlantic Council and the Defence Planning Committee, and emphasised the importance of ensuring that MNCs were provided with timely political guidance in times of tension. With that objective in view, the Chairman undertook to approach the Secretary General with the request that the Military Committee memorandum(1) be formally considered by Permanent Representatives.

Continuing, the Chairman said that he thought it probable that a consensus would be obtained for the first three of SACEUR's measures, i.e. those relating to intelligence gathering activities. However, he thought that further amplification would be required on the tasks and readiness of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic and the Standing Naval Force Channel, and that similar amplification would be needed on those of SACEUR's measures which related to the availability of an AWACS Force and his requested measures on Air Defence.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED to instruct the International Military Staff to prepare further papers on both of these subjects, and in these papers:

- To delete from the paper on Standing Naval Forces, any reference to the Standing Naval Force Channel.
- To consider separately the deployment of AWACS aircraft for intelligence gathering and SACEUR's recommended measure on Air Defence readiness.

(1) MCM-EKD-84-80, 4 Dec 80 (NS)

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In the subsequent discussions on the content of the papers to be produced, the Military Committee offered guidance to the International Military Staff on the retention of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic as a force in being; on the importance of an AWACS Force for intelligence collecting purposes should the situation in Eastern Europe deteriorate further, and on the necessity for a deeper study of the Air Defence measures requested by SACEUR.

In summing up, the Chairman said that the papers(1) requested by the Military Committee would be prepared by the International Military Staff and would be distributed to Military Representatives by 1300 hours, Saturday, 6 December 1980. Military Representatives undertook to examine the papers and to forward their comments to the Secretary, IMS by 0900 hours on Monday, 8 December 1980.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE.

(1) Enclosure to IMSWM-EKD-288-80, 6 Dec 80 (NS)

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