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1. Letter to General Norstad
2. Forwarding note to CGIC of above letter and requesting to inform the Standing Group and the Military Committee.

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL
TO STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

In accordance with the decision of the 21st August, the Council at a restricted meeting held on 4th September heard the statements of permanent representatives concerning the measures taken by NATO governments to meet the plan of action outlined by SACEUR in document SHAPE/167/61 to improve rapidly the military strength of Allied Command Europe in the light of the Berlin crisis.

2. The statements, which were submitted in writing, are attached, i.e. Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Oral statements made at the meeting are summarised below.

[See texts of draft letter to General Norstad: paragraphs 3-10]

11. From the practical standpoint, I would suggest that in the first place you forward to SACEUR copy of this letter and its attachments, requesting him to furnish his comments by the beginning of next week on the response given by countries to SHAPE/167/61. These comments would then be communicated informally to the International Staff, who would add a brief assessment of the non-military implications of these responses.

12. SACEUR's comments would be sent at the same time to me and to the Standing Group and the Military Committee. The next step, which should take place a few days after, would be the despatch to the Council of a consolidated document which would contain the assessment made by the appropriate NATO military authorities and the International Staff. This assessment would be considered as a matter of urgency by the Council.

DRAFT FORWARDING NOTE TO SCORP OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
LETTER TO GENERAL NORSTAD

In implementation of the Council's decision of yesterday I wish to inform General Norstad of the statements made at the Council and of the action contemplated concerning the measures taken by NATO governments to meet the plan of action outlined by SACEUR in document SHAPE/167/61 to improve rapidly the military strength of Allied Command Europe in the light of the Berlin crisis.

I should be grateful if you would forward the attached copy of the letter which I have send to General Norstad to the Standing Group and the Military Committee. I hope that the action suggested in this letter will meet the agreement of the Standing Group and the Military Committee.

NATO SECRETDraft Letter from the Secretary General to General Norstad.

In accordance with the decision of 21st August, the Council, at a restricted meeting held on 4th September, heard the statements of Permanent Representatives concerning the measures taken by NATO governments to meet the plan of action outlined by you in document SHAPE/167/61 to improve rapidly the military strength of Allied Command Europe in the light of the Berlin crisis.

2. The statements, which were submitted in writing, are attached, i.e. Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Oral statements made at the meeting are summarised below.

3. Belgium: As stated in the Belgian reply to the Interim Review Questionnaire, Belgium is prepared to increase her contribution by \$ 30 million. Difficulties now facing Belgium in the Ruanda Urundi are preventing her from doing more at the present time. However, if the political attitude of the Alliance would make it necessary, the Belgian government would ask Parliament to agree to a further reinforcement of Belgian forces. The Belgian Representative stressed that military decisions were to be linked with a political attitude commonly agreed within NATO.

4. Canada: will make its views known after the Session of Parliament of 7th September. The government is making plans to reinforce Canada's overseas forces.

5. Greece: will reply on 10th September.

6. Italy: will furnish a reply on 5th September. Accepts in principle all the measures set out in SHAPE/167/61 and will implement them before the end of 1962. The personnel strength and the level of preparedness of army units will be increased; the equipment and logistic situation will be improved. New credits will be requested.

7. Norway: has not yet been able to complete its study.

8. Portugal: as already stated, Portugal is not in a position to provide a new contribution.

9. Turkey: has not yet received instructions.

10. In the light of the above, I proposed to the Council that an assessment of the military effects of the measures announced by member countries in comparison with the action requested to be taken should be made by the appropriate NATO military authorities and the International Staff as soon as possible. I have also expressed the opinion that the immediate measures taken in response to the Council's decision of 21st August should not interfere with the 1961 Interim Review and the long-term planning studies.

My proposal and the latter opinion were endorsed by the Council.

11. From a practical standpoint, I would suggest that in the first place you should furnish your comments by beginning of next week on the response given by countries to SHAPE/167/61. These comments would then be communicated informally to the International Staff, who would add a brief assessment of the non-military implications of these responses.

12. Your comments would be sent at the same time to me and to the Standing Group and the Military Committee. The next step, which should take place a few days after, would be the despatch to the Council of a consolidated document which would contain the assessment made by the appropriate NATO military authorities and the International Staff. This assessment would be considered as a matter of urgency by the Council.

NATO SECRETDraft Letter from the Secretary General to General Eberstadt.

In accordance with the decision of 21st August, the Council, at a restricted meeting held on 4th September, heard the statements of Permanent Representatives concerning the measures taken by NATO governments to meet the plan of action outlined by you in document SHAPE/167/61 to improve rapidly the military strength of Allied Command Europe in the light of the Berlin crisis.

2. The statements, which were submitted in writing, are attached, i.e. Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Oral statements made at the meeting are summarised below.

3. Belgium: As stated in the Belgian reply to the Interim Review Questionnaire, Belgium is prepared to increase her contribution by \$ 30 million. Difficulties now facing Belgium in the Rwanda Urundi are preventing her from doing more at the present time. However, "if the political attitude of the Alliance would make it necessary, the Belgian government would ask Parliament to agree to a further reinforcement of Belgian forces." The Belgian Representative stressed that military decisions were to be linked with a political attitude commonly agreed within NATO.

4. Canada: will make its views known after the Session of Parliament of 7th September. The government is making plans to reinforce Canada's overseas forces.

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7. Norway: has not yet been able to complete its study.

8. Portugal: as already stated, Portugal is not in a position to provide a new contribution.

9. Denmark: has not yet received instructions.

10. In the light of the above, I proposed to the Council that an *a joint* assessment of the military effects of the measures announced by member countries in comparison with the action requested to be taken should be made *on the basis of a first answer by September 10th, 1962, by the appropriate NATO military authorities and the International Staff* *who will be accompanied by you, General Eberstadt* *as soon as possible.* I have also expressed the opinion that the immediate measures taken in response to the Council's decision of 21st August should not interfere with the 1961 Interim Review and the long-term planning studies.

My proposal and the latter opinion were endorsed by the Council.

11. From a practical standpoint, I would suggest that in the first place you should furnish your comments by beginning of next week on the response given by countries to SHAPE/167/61. These comments would then be communicated informally to the International Staff, who would add a brief assessment of the non-military implications of these responses.

12. Your comments would be sent at the same time to me and to the Standing Group and the Military Committee. The next step, which should take place a few days after, would be the despatch to the Council of a consolidated document which would contain the assessment made by the appropriate NATO military authorities and the International Staff. This assessment would be considered as a matter of urgency by the Council.