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Dear Secretary General,

As I announced this morning I am sending you the following comments of the Federal German Authorities on the Memorandum of the Standing Group SGM-448-61 of 17 August 61:

1. My authorities have already agreed within the Military Committee in Permanent Session to the memorandum now submitted to the Secretary General through the Standing Group.

2. The request by CINCENT that a fighter-bomber squadron be made available to the ACE mobile forces has been met by the Federal Ministry of Defence.

3. It is not possible for the time being to withdraw the assigned reinforced paratroop battalion from its EDP tasks and to organize a new paratroop battalion to replace it.

4. The German authorities maintain their reservation that any employment of the German component outside the SKAGEN-ALPS area would need agreement by the Federal Government. The Federal Government therefore agree to an arrangement under which ACE mobile forces shall be employed by SACEUR only after approval by the NATO Council.

I am sending copy of this letter to the Permanent Representatives and to Standing Group Representative.

Yours very sincerely

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His Excellency Mr. Dirk U.Stikker
Secretary General of NATO
Paris