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MEMORANDUM FOR : Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Attention : Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : SACLANT's Comments to Netherlands's plans for accelerated force build-up.

References : (a) PS 61/764 dated 28 Sept 1961 - Annex B  
(b) SACLANT 3064/NETH/C-879 dated 23 Sept 1961

SACLANT has commented as follows on the Netherlands's plans for accelerated force build-up (ref. (a)).

1. Though not clearly indicated in ref (a) it is assumed that the contributions of 6 DE/DE and MSO types are intended as 5 MSO to CINCHAN and 1 DE/DE to SACLANT. The third category A SS required was already planned in the normal country plans for end-61. It is therefore noted with satisfaction that the Netherlands intend numerically to meet the improved force posture by 1 Jan 62.

2. The extension of the period of service for certain categories of regular personnel and others is noted. It is hoped that these measures will materially improve the operational effectiveness of the Netherlands units.

3. SACLANT is pleased that implementation of these measures has already been started."

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