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Note by the Secretary General to Mr. Guillaume, Legal Adviser

cc : Deputy Secretary General
DSG/ASG for Economics and Finance
Executive Secretary
Standing Group Representative

Subject : BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANS

In the Standing Group document SCM-479-62 and its major NATO Commanders' contingency plans in connection with Berlin (which you will be receiving under separate cover), reference is made to problems in relation to international maritime law which might arise in the event of a Council decision to execute certain of the so-called MARCON operations.

I should be grateful if you would study this matter with a view to preparing a report for consideration by the Council. In a PO note which is being issued in preparation for the Council's discussion on the Berlin contingency plans, I shall be informing delegations that you are to undertake such a study. At the same time I shall be inviting delegations to send the International Staff any material which may be available in capitals as a result of studies undertaken by the legal experts in member countries' Foreign Ministries in connection with the present exercise.

It will probably not be possible for you to complete your study in time for the Council's meeting on September 19th, but you should aim to have a paper ready for circulation by the end of the month.

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