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DRAFT PO/BERLIN MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS

*Project - modification
1-5 sent for discussion
by 23 Oct to be
31 Oct to have remarks on case*

As agreed at the Council's meeting on 22nd October, the International Staff have prepared the draft decision recorded below for consideration by the Council in connection with the military contingency plans for Berlin, following discussion with individual delegations.

1. The Council took note of the Standing Group appraisal of the Berlin contingency plans proposed by the Major NATO Commanders⁽¹⁾ and agreed that these were responsive to the instructions to the NATO military authorities conveyed in Council Resolution O-N(61)104.
2. The Council approved in principle and for planning purposes the Major NATO Commanders' plans in the BERCON and MARCON series on the basis that these represent a catalogue of plans for possible action by NATO forces in the event that the efforts of the Three Powers to maintain access to Berlin in accordance with the LIVE OAK plans are unsuccessful - the selection and execution of any one of these plans being subject to a prior political decision by member governments at the time.
3. Should this catalogue of plans require revision or amplification in the light of changing circumstances, any significant amendments should be submitted to the Council by the NATO military authorities for approval on the same basis as the present catalogue."