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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

PL 86-36/50 USC 3605  
EO 3.3(h)(2)

Subject: SACLANT 'Y' Planning.

Reference: USCIB 7./16 dated 8 July 1955.

1. Vote sheet action on the reference resulted in approval by all members of USCIB.

2. The Department of the Navy has accordingly been notified of this action and has, in addition, been furnished with the following comments which accompanied the vote sheet reply by the National Security Agency member:

"3. The following comments are provided with regard to the specific recommendations as follows:

a. 'That USCIB concur in the first item of the SACLANT agenda, which involves discussion of Annex C to ID-145.'

COMMENT: The U.S. has no objection to discussing Annex C. However, in COMINT channels both GCHQ and NSA have indicated to CBNRC that there is no objection to Canada's proposing discussion on several points involving Annexes A. and B. It is our understanding that Canada will insist on such discussion. The U.S., therefore, should not be committed to discussion solely of Annex C.

b. 'That USCIB approve the approach to the countries enumerated in paragraph 3.'

COMMENT: NSA has agreed with GCHQ to support SACLANT's proposal to approach nations simultaneously on SACLANT 'Y' Planning. However, the situation is not so obvious as paras 1 and 2 of the Navy paper would make it seem.



The U.S. should indicate that it agrees a simultaneous approach to the countries enumerated in paragraph 3 is appropriate.

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c. 'That USCIB request SACLANT to advise CNO if such approach is to be other than assumed.'

COMMENT: In inviting the U.S. to participate in a SACLANT 'Y' planning conference, SACLANT has anticipated favorable replies to its invitations, issued in March 1955 to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to participate in SACLANT 'Y' planning. Since JCS has not completed its consideration of this matter and SECDEF therefore has not been given the opportunity of designating a national SACLANT 'Y' authority, SACLANT should be told that in the matter of notification of changes in the approach pattern, the U.S. point of contact should be the duly constituted and designated U.S. national SACLANT 'Y' authority, notification of whose designation will be forwarded to SACLANT.

"4. It should be clearly understood that if the action described in the comment in 3.c. above has not taken place or cannot be firmly anticipated before 22 August 1955, U.S. participation in the SACLANT 'Y' planning conference on that date is impossible."



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