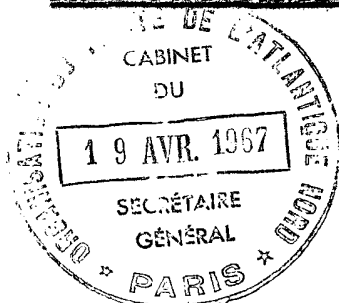


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To : Secretary General
 c.c. Deputy Secretary General
 Mr. Menne



From : Secretary of Sub-Group No.4

Subject: First Meeting of Sub-Group No.4 of the Special Group
(AC/261)

Sub-Group No.4 held its first meeting on 18th April, 1967 at 10.30 a.m. The discussion centred mainly on the following six points enumerated by Professor Patijn, the rapporteur of the Sub-Group:

- (1) The drafting of the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Group.
- (2) The examination of member countries' interests and responsibilities outside the NATO area and the way in which they affect the Alliance.
- (3) Could NATO develop (a common policy of behaviour) by extending its consultations beyond purely procedural aspects of the problem?
- (4) Is there a task for the Alliance outside the NATO area?
- (5) The possibility of setting up policy-planning machinery for the Alliance.
- (6) Should NATO concern itself with aid to less-developed countries? if so, should NATO lay down policy guide-lines in this matter to be followed by member countries?

The following decisions were taken at the end of the meeting:

- (1) Those members who had concrete proposals as regards to the presentation and contents of their report should communicate them in writing to the Chairman within two weeks from today.
- (2) The Chairman would prepare a draft outline of their projected report to the Ministers and circulate it in time for examination at their next meeting.
- (3) It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Group be held on 23rd May at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. if necessary.
- (4) It was noted that there will be further meetings of the Sub-Group in June, September and October and that the final report should be ready for examination by the Ministers in December.

Professor Patijn will forward a short report for the information of the Special Group before 15th May to assist them in their task of preparing a progress report for the Ministers in June.


(Signed) A. TANSEVER

18th April, 1967.