

Subgroup 4

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To: Professor Patijn

From: Secretary of Sub-Group No.4 on Developments in Regions  
outside the NATO Area

Subject: Progress Report to the Special Group on the Future  
Task of the Alliance

Attached herewith, you will find my draft of the progress report which you may care to submit to the Special Group, as agreed at the last meeting of the Sub-Group.

2. I am not quite happy about the wording of Point (3) on page 1, amended in accordance with the instructions you gave me over the phone. An alternative version could read as follows:

"Could NATO extend its consultations beyond the purely procedural co-ordination of its members' attitudes and develop common rules of behaviour in connection with world problems?"

3. Could you please return to me the final text of this report as approved by you, not later than 10th May.

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Sub-Group No.4, created to examine "developments in regions outside the NATO area", held its first meeting on 18th April, 1967.

2. The Sub-Group devoted this meeting to an exchange of views on the question of how best to carry out the task assigned to it. The discussion centred mainly on the outline of a work programme the Sub-Group would eventually adopt as the first phase of the exercise and, in particular, on six specific points of which a slightly amended version is reproduced hereunder.

- (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 extend its consultations beyond the purely procedural co-ordination and the developments of common rules of behaviour in connection with world problems?
- (4) Is there a task for the Alliance <sup>as such</sup> outside the NATO area?
- (5) The possibility of setting up a policy-planning machinery for the Alliance.
- (6) Should NATO concern itself with aid to developing countries? If so, should NATO lay down policy guide lines in this matter to be followed by member countries?

3. At the end of the meeting it was agreed that in view of the given time schedule, the Sub-Group should aim at concluding its study before the meeting of <sup>the</sup> Ministers next December.

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4. At its next meeting on 23rd May, the Sub-Group will examine a draft outline of their report to be prepared by the Chairman on the basis of the six points enumerated <sup>above</sup> and any suggestions that member representatives may have communicated to him.

(Signed) C.L. PATIJN