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SPECIAL GROUP

Some initial suggestions by the U.K. Representative

We should look at practical problems and likely tasks in order to see what analysis or study has to be done, what procedures have to be followed, and what improvement is required in the mechanism of the Alliance.

There is no need to agree finally at this stage on the tasks. Let us postulate some tasks, do the studies which they require, and then see if we can confirm the definition of the tasks.

Tasks and Studies

A central task which comprehends many others:- To establish (a) what are the political and military conditions for progress towards European security, (b) how should we conduct this movement, both bilaterally within a framework of agreed policy, and multilaterally.

This task requires studies of the following matters, with an indication of the body which could carry them out or is doing so already:-

DEFINITION OF STUDY

BODY TO CARRY IT OUT

Soviet foreign policy
The evolution of other Eastern European states.

Sub-group of the Special Group, with experts.

Proposals for arms control and disarmament, with special reference to Europe

Another sub-group, with disarmament experts, consulting D.P.W.G. as required.

What are the conditions for the balanced reduction of forces? What reduction on each side is consistent with Western security?

Sub-group to formulate terms for a study by D.P.W.G.

Bring up to date the analysis of existing bilateral East/West contacts.

Political Advisers

*political
sub-problems*

/What are

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What are new ideas for these contacts? *some political philosophy*

What strategy and what minimum force posture is necessary during the process of détente, in order to provide security for the West?

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Political Advisers

D.P.W.G.

Military Committee

N.P.G.

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Second Task

2. Improvement of political consultation.

Studies: What has been done and what has not been done to execute proposals on this subject by the Three Wise Men?

What decisions or procedures are required in order that consultation should take place effectively and at an earlier stage in the national decision-making process?

Studies to be undertaken by Polads.

Third Task

3. Improvement of contact with the public.

Study of the possible rôle of a NATO Assembly, and of recent proposals by the NATO Parliamentarians.

Study to be undertaken by a sub-group, and on the basis of questions formulated by them, with the NATO Parliamentarians.