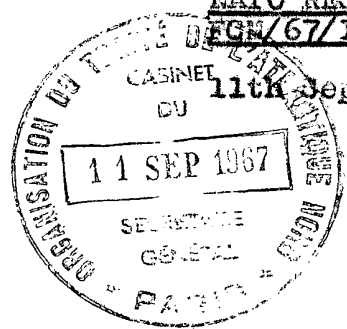


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To : Directeur du Cabinet

c.c. Mr. van Campen
Mr. de Burlet

From: Deputy Executive Secretary

Date of the next meeting of Sub-Group 2 of the
Special Group on the Future Tasks of the Alliance

As only the dates of either 25th and 26th September or 6th and 7th October remain available for the next meeting of Sub-Group 2 I have made the round of all delegations and hereunder list their preferences:

- Belgium Mr. Spaak does not seem to like the dates of 25th/26th September too much and seems inclined to prefer 6th/7th October. I have, however, informed the Belgian Delegation that those opposing the dates of 6th and 7th October motivate their objection with the move of their top representatives.
- Canada They would prefer 6th/7th October.
- Denmark Have a preference for 25th/26th September.
- France Can join the majority.
- Germany Have a preference for 25th/26th September but could eventually join the majority.
- Greece Have a slight preference for 6th/7th October but can join the majority.
- Iceland Have a preference for 25th/26th September.
- Italy Would prefer 6th/7th October but may be able to join the majority.
- Luxembourg Prefer 25th/26th September.
- Netherlands Has a slight preference for 6th/7th October.
- Norway Await a reply from Oslo.
- Portugal Prefer 25th/26th September.
- Turkey 6th/7th October would be very difficult as a date. 25th/27th September is not too welcome because of the imminent NPG Ministerial meeting, but Ambassador Dirigi thinks nevertheless that he can manage the date of 25th/26th September.
- United Kingdom Prefer 25th/26th September.
- United States The Delegation has not yet obtained the views of its top representatives.

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2. In the light of this situation, I consider that it would be best to confront the Council with the difficulties experienced by some of its members and let the Secretary General, under Any Other Business, bring up this point. I shall submit separately a speaking brief for this purpose.

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