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On development of terms of reference for Working Group on Logistics in Peace and War, there have been several informal meetings ^{of} by SCNEP, ~~of himself~~, Gregh, French, Germans and ourselves. In addition to ^{AC/19-D/218} ~~...~~, an informal Horsted draft (which SCN has) was considered, as well as draft floated by SCNEP on basis of instructions received yesterday from SCN.

All of these encountered serious difficulties because of following positions:

(1) French efforts to tie hands of Working Group by reaffirmation of doctrine that logistics is purely national responsibility and should remain so;

(2) German unhappiness with ~~terms~~ ^{terms} of reference that would not allow disagreements between ~~them~~ their national military authorities and NATO military authorities to be ~~discussed~~ ^{noted}; (3) a ~~series~~ ^{series} of other points that were overcome in the course of discussion, such as role of cooperation of NATO Military Authorities and various questions of drafting. All members privately expressed uneasiness ~~at not having~~ ^{if} matter ^{not} resolved before Ministerial Meeting, since it might lead to another Strauss ~~explosion~~ ^{explosion}.

In burst of effort to meet deadlines, frank and constructive meeting today resulted in general agreement on personal basis that main thing to do was to set Working Group to work, that best way to phrase terms of reference was by drawing on language of C-3(60)33.

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and ~~to be disclosed in Working Group~~ that if there were differences between NATO Military Authorities and national defense authorities on any military point, this could be disclosed in Working Group, but resolution of these differences was matter to be taken up between national and NATO Military Authorities and would be beyond competence of Working Group to recommend thereon.

Following text being circulated to ARC today, and will be considered at ARC meeting Monday December 5, with view to having NAC approve do December 7. All members of informal group said they would/EM best with their authorities to obtain approval. German Representative particularly anxious to get matter out of way.

Begin Verbatim Text. To prepare the discussion by the Permanent Council of the new concrete measures to be taken to improve the logistic situation in the ACE region, as proposed by the NATO Military Authorities pursuant to C-M(60)33, a Working Group is established to consider these measures and make reports to the Permanent Council, including recommendations on the political, financial, economic and production aspects.

In the first instance the Working Group would address itself particularly to the logistic and training problems affecting the Central Region.

The Working Group shall include:

- (a) National representatives especially qualified in fields related to questions to be examined by the group, as designated by national authorities;
- (b) Members of the International Staff.

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In addition NATO Military Authorities will provide, as required, military representatives to assist the group by presenting requirements and furnishing such technical advice as may be useful to the Working Group.

End Verbatim Text.

U.S. Representative (Wolf) believes draft preserves essence of position reflected in Norstad and SQN drafts, and we strongly urge we be authorized to accept without change Monday in order to keep matter from arising on Ministerial agenda.

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