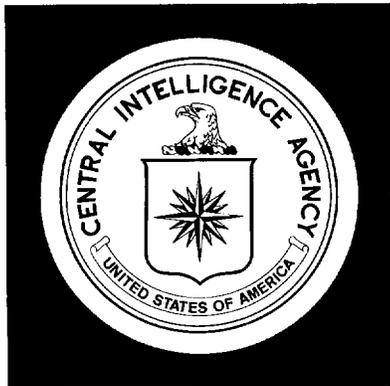


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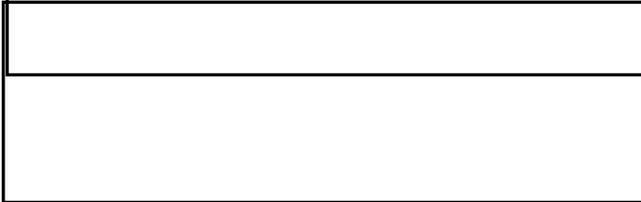
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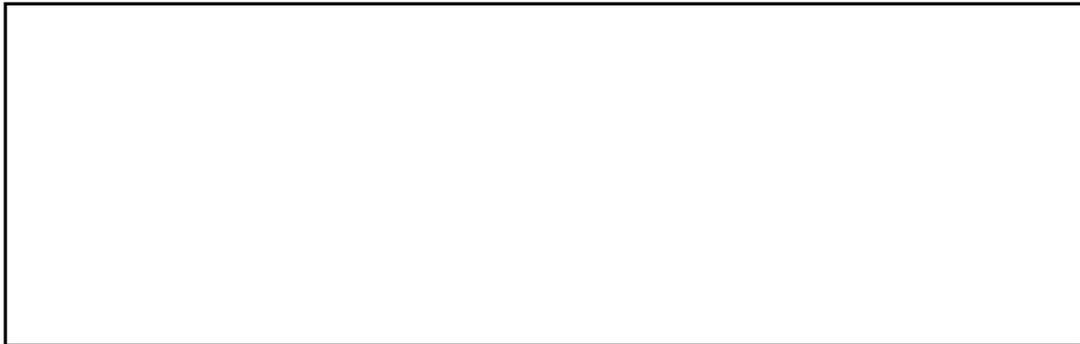


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*WESTERN EUROPE: CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON LAST WEEK CLEARED THE AIR SOMEWHAT ON PREPARATIONS FOR DRAFTING DECLARATIONS OF ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES. SEVERAL PROBLEMS REMAIN, HOWEVER, WITH THE DRAFTS BEING READIED IN THE EC AND NATO.

EC MEMBERS ARE STILL SKEPTICAL ABOUT INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO JAPAN'S ROLE IN AN "ATLANTIC" DECLARATION. THE EC REPRESENTATIVES WHO MET IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK SEEMED TO PREFER DEVELOPING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NINE AND JAPAN, WHILE THE US WOULD CULTIVATE ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH TOKYO. THREE ALTERNATIVES WERE TENTATIVELY REJECTED: ASSOCIATING JAPAN WITH THE US-EC DECLARATION, CAPPING THE US-EC AND THE NATO STATEMENTS WITH A THIRD DECLARATION, AND DEVELOPING A SEPARATE DECLARATION OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

THE EXTENT TO WHICH SECURITY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN THE US-EC STATEMENT AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE NATO DECLARATION ALSO REMAINS AT ISSUE. THE FRENCH DISLIKE BEING TOO SPECIFIC ABOUT ECONOMIC QUESTIONS EVEN IN THE EC DRAFT AND, OF COURSE, REMAIN OPPOSED TO DETAILED EC REFERENCES TO SECURITY. NEARLY ALL OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES EXCEPT FRANCE STILL FEEL THAT A NATO DECLARATION SHOULD GO BEYOND DEFENSE AND SECURITY MATTERS.

WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE AND SECURITY ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH PRESENTED IN A NATO MEETING ON 3 OCTOBER A DRAFT THAT WAS STRIKINGLY POSITIVE IN RECOGNIZING EUROPEAN DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES. ONE SECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD PLEDGE THE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE "COMMON DEFENSE." ANOTHER SECTION NOTES THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE EC TOWARD POLITICAL UNITY SHOULD, "WHEN THE TIME COMES," HAVE "BENEFICIAL EFFECTS" ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS THE EC COUNTRIES MAKE TO EUROPE'S DEFENSE.

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BOTH THE NATO ALLIES AND THE EC MEMBERS ARE NOW AWAITING A MORE SPECIFIC US INPUT FOR THE DRAFTING PROCESS. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IS ANXIOUS TO SUBMIT A DRAFT BASED ON ALL THE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN NATO, ALTHOUGH HE AGREED TO HOLD OFF UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO ALLOW FURTHER TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FRENCH DRAFT. A NEW US-EC MEETING IS SET FOR 18 OCTOBER IN COPENHAGEN.

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