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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE
THE JOINT STAFF
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: NATO Intelligence Procedure

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum for Participating IAC Agencies
from the U. S. Member Standing Group Intel-
ligence Committee dated 15 January 1951

1. The Central Intelligence Agency concurs in the proposals put forward in Reference (a) and believes that the procedure for forwarding an interim estimate to SHAPE is sound under the present circumstances which demand immediate intelligence guidance for that Headquarters.

2. On the other hand the Central Intelligence Agency, without minimizing the difficulties which will be encountered in obtaining the assent of all the NATO National Staffs, strongly urges the speedy development of the intelligence planned for the guidance of the Standing Group. This, the Central Intelligence Agency believes, should be based on as broad a concurrence as possible without prejudice to its value as intelligence.

3. The Central Intelligence Agency believes moreover that the interim estimate as a statement of Soviet capabilities, covers the ground adequately and contains nothing inconsistent with existing National Intelligence Estimates. The exploration of factors affecting Soviet intentions appears somewhat inadequate but this no doubt is due to the fact that the paper represents an attempt to reconcile various national viewpoints.

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