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SACLANT "Y" PLANNINGBACKGROUND

1. On 15 January 1954 SECDEF designated the Director, NSA, as the U.S. authority with whom the SACLANT "Y" Officer (Cdr. George Noack, USN) can communicate on DF matters. On 27 January 1954, this authority was delegated to CNO.
2. Since that time, Naval representatives of the U.S., U.K. and Canada have met with the SACLANT "Y" Officer to develop a RPDF program for SACLANT. This planning was conducted in COMINT channels.
3. When the RPDF program was completed, the SACLANT "Y" Officer set about drafting a charter for SACLANT "Y" operations, based on SAC/E/R/T, approved by USCIB, LSIB, and CRC, and on the SHAPE "Y" charter ratified by U.S., U.K. and [ ] military authorities.
4. The SACLANT "Y" draft charter has been agreed by the Director, GCHQ, and Admiralty on behalf of the U.K., and by the Director, NSA, and representatives of CNO on behalf of the U.S. The draft is now in the hands of the Canadian COMINT authorities and approval is anticipated sometime this month.

CURRENT CONSIDERATION

5. Cdr. Holmes of ONI has informed the USCIB Executive Secretary and NSA representatives that Admiral Wright, SACLANT, does not wish to include [ ] as an initial participant in SACLANT "Y" planning unless authorized to do so by competent authority.
6. In conversations with Capt. Taylor and Cdr. Holmes, it was agreed that the Director as the putative national authority on "Y" matters would recommend to USCIB that the Board approve an invitation to the [ ] military authorities to participate in the initial stages of SACLANT "Y" planning. After this approval, DNI would then inform SACLANT that he was authorized by competent authority to include the [ ] USCIB 32./7 circulates this recommendation to USCIB.
7. The Directors, NSA, GCHQ, and CRC, and representatives of Admiralty and CNO, have agreed that overt international planning for SACLANT "Y" should be extended to include [ ] Inclusion of [ ] in the initial planning conference, which will be sponsored by SACLANT, is based on the precedent established by USCIB and LSIB at the time of the SHAPE "Y" conference in October 1953. It is believed that participation by [ ] a member of the Standing Group and charter member in SHAPE "Y"

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planning, in the initial overt stages of SACLANT "Y" planning will help to allay any suspicion of prior collaboration among the U.S., U.K., and Canada.

8. SAC/E/R/7 does not include any provision for procedures whereby representatives of NATO nations other than the U.S., U.K., and Canada will participate in SACLANT "Y" planning. Hence the recommendation to have USCIB approve [ ] participation so that Admiral Wright will have the authority which he considers necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

9. It is recommended that USCIB approve participation by the [ ] in the initial SACLANT "Y" planning conference, and that the Navy member (DNI) be instructed to notify SACLANT of this approval.

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