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Subject: Third meeting of Sub-Group 1 of the Special Group
on Future Tasks of the Alliance, held on 27th and
28th June, 1967

In addition to the national contributions already received at the time of the previous meeting, the following papers were submitted, either before or during the present meeting:

- comments from the Belgian Delegation on the Rapporteur's paper of 6th May, 1967; ✓ 20/6/67
 - comments from the Netherlands Delegation on the same paper; ✓ 19/6/67
 - a letter from Mr. Seidenfaden (Denmark) to Ambassador Watson, together with an Annex setting forth Danish comments on the questions raised in Annex I of the Rapporteur's paper in connection with the Soviet Union; ✓ 22/6/67
 - a reply from Mr. Schutz to the Secretary General's letter concerning the above-mentioned paper by the Rapporteur; Motrice
 - a note from the German Delegation reproducing the substance of an article in the *Yvestia* on a collective security system in Europe; ✓ 27/6/67
 - a note by Ambassador Watson on the attitudes of East European Governments to improved economic relations with Western Europe. ✓ 23/6/67
2. The following papers were expected in the near future:
- a report from the Danish Delegation containing information from the Danish Embassy in Moscow;
 - a paper from the German Delegation on relations with the Soviet Zone of Germany;
 - comments on the above paper from other countries;
 - a contribution by the United States Delegation on the respective merits of East-West bilateral and multilateral contacts and of contacts at sub-governmental level;

- a paper from the United Kingdom Delegation on possible guidelines regarding the strategic and military aspects of détente; it is hoped in this respect that all delegations will express in writing their views on this subject;
- a note from the Rapporteurs on the outcome of their discussion with the Rapporteur of Sub-Group 3 on certain points of military as well as political import.

3. It was also hoped that countries (in particular, Italy) wishing to lay particular stress on détente possibilities through economic agreements would submit material to substantiate their views.

4. The Sub-Group resumed discussion of the Rapporteur's paper on 6th May, 1967 and in particular Chapter II "European Settlement" and Chapter III "The German Problem" and stress was laid by most delegations on the differentiation between these two long-term elements of détente and the short-term prospects and possibilities. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to draft guidelines on these two questions, which governments might accept to adopt in their future discussions with East European countries.

5. The Sub-Group also discussed in part the practical steps and procedures in Chapter IV and it was agreed that the Rapporteurs would re-draft this Chapter substantially in the light of the discussion.

6. It now remains for the Sub-Group to discuss possible organizational consequences for NATO of the conclusions of its study of East-West relations. In this respect a proposal was submitted informally by the United States Delegation and it is possible that further proposals may be submitted by other delegations. The Rapporteurs were invited to raise this question at their next meeting with the Rapporteurs of other Sub-Groups in order to avoid proliferation and duplication. The same applies to two other, as yet undiscussed matters: publicity and co-ordination between the Sub-Groups on security aspects.

7. Finally, the Sub-Group agreed that, in preparing their first draft report, the Rapporteurs should have full freedom. This draft would be examined at the next meeting, after which, the Rapporteurs would prepare their final report which they would endeavour, under their own responsibility, to render as fully representative as possible of the various views expressed.

8. The Rapporteurs undertook to circulate their draft report towards the beginning of September and the Sub-Group agreed to meet again at 3.30 p.m. on 18th and on the whole day of 19th September, 1967.

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(Signed) L. LINTALL-SMITH

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