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SUBJECT IS EXAMINATION OF US PROPOSALS FOR A NATO  
SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

REFERENCES: (A) PARSEC 4228  
(B) PO/66/457

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1. NAC AT MEETING ON 5 OCT 66 CONSIDERED SUBJECT UNDER  
ITEM V AGENDA REF (A)
2. SEGGEN OPENED DISCUSSION BY RECALLING REF (B) AND POINTED  
OUT THAT THE GROUP SHOULD BE ABLE TO CALL UPON THE SERVICES OF  
EXISTING NATO GROUPS AGENCIES OR AUTHORITIES WHO MAY BE  
WORKING IN THE FIELD OF SATELLITES. HE SUGGESTED THE GROUP  
SHOULD HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH AT  
THE CALL OF ITS CHAIRMAN WHO HE SUGGESTED WOULD BE THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IF THE COUNCIL AGREES

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3. ITALIAN PERM REP STATED HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS  
NEVERTHELESS HE STATED HE WOULD LIKE PERM REPS TO BE IN CLOSE  
CONTACT WITH THE GROUP IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF  
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR

4. UK PERM REP STATED HE COULD AGREE TO REF (B) HOWEVER HE  
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CREATION OF TWO SENIOR COMMITTEES  
HE SAID THAT MAYBE ONLY ONE GROUP COULD BE ESTABLISHED BEING  
GIVEN FIRST AN INTERIM FUNCTION

SEGGEN REPLIED IT WAS THE INTENTION THAT THERE WOULD NOT  
BE CO-EXISTANCE OF TWO COMMITTEES BUT THAT THE INTERIM ONE  
SHOULD LATER BE CONVERTED TO THE PERMANENT ONE

5. NETHERLANDS PERM REP STATED HE COULD AGREE TO REF (B)  
BUT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO POINTS. FIRST HE SUGGESTED  
THAT PARA 4 BE AMENDED BY ADDING AFTER INNER QUOTE AMBASSADOR  
CLEVELAND END OF INNER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING WORDS QUOTE AND SUCH  
OTHER DATA AS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE BY DELEGATIONS UNQUOTE  
SECONDLY HE RAISED THE POINTS OF NETHERLANDS UNITS BEING  
STATIONED OUTSIDE NATO AREA AT CURACAO AND SURINAM AND HE  
ELT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS COULD  
BE ESTABLISHED WITH THESE UNITS. SEGGEN REPLIED THAT THIS

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SPECIFIC PROBLEM WAS TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE GROUP

6. GERMAN PERM REP STATED HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, HOWEVER HE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 (F) REF (B) SINCE HE FELT THAT DIFFICULTIES WOULD CERTAINLY OCCUR WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL INTERNAL ORGANISATION. HE SUGGESTED TO DELETE THE WHOLE SENTENCE.

7. US PERM REP THEN COMMENTED ON STATEMENTS MADE AND AGREED WITH NETHERLANDS PERM REP THAT DATA MADE AVAILABLE BY DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, HE AGREED ALSO WITH UK PERM REP THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE DUPLICATION OF COMMITTEES. HE FELT IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE COMPOSED OF TECHNICIANS BUT POLITICIANS HAVING AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT.

8. BELGIAN PERM REP CAME BACK TO THE STATEMENT OF ITALIAN PERM REP AND STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR PERM REPS. THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

9. NORWEGIAN PERM REP STATED HE COULD AGREE TO REF (B), PROVIDED THE RECOMMENDATION OF UK PERM REP AGAINST PROLIFERATION

OF NATO GROUPS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

10. TURKISH PERM REP STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM AND WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY STUDY AND WORK ON THIS MATTER. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE RESERVED HIS POSITION AS FAR AS THE FINANCIAL ASPECT WAS CONCERNED AND HE FELT THAT THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF TURKEY AND MAYBE SOME OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

11. GREEK PERM REP COULD AGREE TO REF (B). HE MENTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY SET UP A GROUP OF EXPERTS ON SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, AND HE WONDERED IF THERE WAS NOT ANY KIND OF DUPLICATION.

SEGGEN ANSWERED THAT THE GROUP MENTIONED BY THE GREEK PERM REP HAD BEEN GIVEN ONLY A LIMITED TECHNICAL AND MILITARY TASK. THERE WAS NO DUPLICATION AND THE SENIOR COMMITTEE COULD CALL UPON THE SERVICES OF THAT GROUP

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Please add the following paragraphs to Page 2 of DA IN 567948.

12. UK PERMREP came back to first sentence of para 3 and proposed a new wording as follows "this would be a high level group consisting of representatives who would be able under the authority of PERMREPS to handle all aspects of the problem". This was unanimously agreed.

13. Luxembourg PERMREP could agreed to ref (B). He stated, however, that his country had not yet taken any decision as far as its participation was concerned.

14. SEC GEN summed up the discussion by stating that the report ref (B) was approved subject to confirmation by Germany and Italy and that the amendments to paras 3 and 4 as suggested by UK and Netherlands PERMREPS would be incorporated.

15. Italian PERMREP finally stated that in the light of the discussion, he was in a position to lift his initial reservation.

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