

January 14, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Subject: Presidential Approval of North Atlantic Pact Documents.

The two papers presented to the President by the Secretary of State concerning the North Atlantic Pact are ready for the President's approval. These papers are: "Strategic Concept for the Integrated Defense of the North Atlantic Area" and "A Concept for Providing the Production and Supply of Munitions under the North Atlantic Treaty." The Secretary of Defense concurs in the Secretary of State's recommendation that the President approve these papers.

Because certain negotiations are still being carried on by the Department of State, State requests that the White House make no announcement of the President's approval of these papers prior to January 18. It is possible that a delay in negotiations may require the announcement of the President's approval to be delayed beyond January 18. The President will be kept informed of State's desires in this respect.

The Bureau of the Budget is preparing an Executive Order and an implementing letter from the President to the Secretary of State, both of which should be signed at the time the White House announces the President's approval of these documents.

The Department of State is preparing a press release for Mr. Ross' use. No ceremony is necessary.

Respectfully,

CLARK M. CLIFFORD

