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"Summary fifth mtg North Atlantic Council 11 am
Sept 18:

1. Agenda item 1, relationship between NATO-OEEC.

Council adopted C 5-D/7 (rev) with two changes proposed by Bevin. Deleted phrase in first para "particularly in connection with measuring the impact of and suggesting means of financing the MTFD"; and added to end final para the phrase "and is referred to the depts for that purpose"

2. Agenda item 2, raw materials problems (C 5-D/h rev).

Council adopted resolution. Stikker agreed, but expressed hope that depts would work out proper coordination with OEEC.

3. Agenda item 3, resolution on MTFD (C 5-D/5 rev).
Adopted without discussion.

4. Agenda item 4, questions affecting defense West Europe (D-D/52).

Spofford reported depts had exchanged views on German and integrated force. Had agreed were points on both problems on which further consultation with govts required by

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some mins. Agreed recommend that Council recess for as short a period as possible, perhaps week, to enable govt consultation take place. Deps recommended that Council continue discussion today and suggested each express views on two phases, indicating which points require consultation with govt, and stating govt attitude at this time.

Spofford stated deps recommended brief communique, merely indicating Council had recessed to permit consultation govts.

5. Council agreed to short recess, on understanding meeting would be set at time most convenient for mins. If min could not attend personally, govt would be suitably represented.

6. Council agreed each min should be given opportunity raise any question and make such statement on issues he cared to make, after Schuman, Lange and Cunha made clear they did not desire reopen entire German debate.

7. Country views given as follows: Van Zeeland accepted wholeheartedly concept of unified force. Agreed to principle of unified command, single commander, assisted by international staff. Expressed satisfaction that force would be made up of national contingents, and also at US decision take full share in force and send additional units to Europe. All should recognize that must make maximum effort raise required force.

Could see wide area agreement on German participation in defense in one form or another. Must insure that German attitude would be favorable. Belgium accepted principle of German participation in form to be decided upon criteria of maximum effectiveness. This decision raises many internal, legal and constitutional problems.

Pearson had hoped German participation could be decided now in principle. However, impressed with Schumans

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difficulties and agreed postpone one week. On integrated force, welcomed ideas of US. Believed would effect desirable simplifications of pact machinery. Raised problem of better liaison between SG and non-members and pointed out this would be more important if functions of SG increased as proposed. Suggested consideration doing away with DC and DFEC, and having but one council at ministerial level, at which appropriate ministers could appear as required.

Explained unique position Canada as small overseas nation with local defense problems. Stated Canada forming new army for UN and NATO but made clear making no commitment now how Canada would be associated with unified force. Asked for NATO guidance on disposition of equipment Canada prepared make available, through stocks and new production from \$300 million program. Requested progress on standardization so Canada could replace equipment, but did not specify US equipment.

De Kauffmann explained Denmark and Norway positions generally similar and preferred speak after Lange. Schuman hoped study during recess would result in rapprochement. Raised again question getting Germans to build line of fortifications, and proposed that might comm study. If could announce at end ten days would have favorable effect on public opinion Eur and Ger, since forts would be built along eastern frontier.

Benediksson agreed principle integrated force, but felt countries more directly concerned should decide on this and German question.

Sforza had little to add but hoped will reach agreement as soon as possible. Deeply appreciated US proposals and entirely agreed principle integrated force. Agreed Pearson's remarks re SG, and with Schuman's proposal for building German fortifications. Latter would prove we thinking only of defense, not aggression.

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Each stated in general agreed on unified force but must consult govt. On Ger, greatly impressed with secys statement, which resolved many their doubts.

Stikker stated nothing to add to earlier Ger statement. Netherlands Parliament has discussed and arrived at position he earlier expressed. Agreed in principle on integrated force. Agreed with Pearson re better liason with SG. Cited proposed action by North Atlantic Ocean Planning Group re Dutch fleet and stated SG should insure that countries brought in when problems affecting them discussed. SG should maintain close contact with council, where political guidance obtained.

Lange stated several questions. Wanted US to explain phrase in statement re "adequate force to insure successful defense Eur including West Ger." Did this mean all of NAT area or only central Europe? Questioned authority of Chief Of Staff on training, pointing out that what done with forces allocated to NATO would have direct bearing on natl forces not so allocated. Requested info re effect of integrated force on present regional planning groups. Stated any change in North Atlantic Ocean Group should be decided by council.

Lange associated himself with Pearson and Stikker and Sforza re SG, saying liason must be improved, if authority broadened.

8. Council adjourned until 3.

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