

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE LEGAL ADVISER

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North Atlantic Treaty

July 25, 1949

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Ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty

1. Ratification, in duplicate, to be signed by the President and by the Secretary of State.
2. Warrant for affixing the seal to be signed by the President and initialed by the Secretary of State.
3. Ratification, in duplicate, and warrant are dated July 25, 1949.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
July 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Signed
as suggested
and the President
you to sign for
the State.

I suggest that you sign the instrument of ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty on Monday, July 25, at 11 a.m., and that the following persons be invited by The White House to attend the ceremony:

- The Vice President
- The Speaker of the House
- The Secretary of State
- The Secretary of Defense
- Senators Lucas
- Connally
- George
- Thomas
- Tydings
- Pepper
- Green
- McMahon
- Fulbright
- Representatives McCormack
- Kee
- Martin
- Eaton
- Dr. Francis O. Wilcox
- Vandenberg
- Wiley
- Smith
- Hickenlooper
- Lodge

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I am attaching a suggested statement to be made by you, if you agree, after the actual signing of the instrument.

Suitable press and radio coverage has been arranged by Mr. Ross and Mr. McDermott.

A. E. Robinson
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Enclosure:

Suggested statement.

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DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT



The American people value peace and freedom above all things. Our ratification of the North Atlantic Pact with the overwhelming support of the Senate and the people shows our determination to preserve this peace and freedom.

This Treaty is a historic step toward a world of peace, a free world, free from fear, but it is only one step. We have malice toward none. With our partners in the pact and other like-minded peoples we must, with God's help and guidance wage peace with every means at our command. We must keep ourselves morally and materially strong. We must play our part in helping to strengthen freedom everywhere. We must work patiently and tirelessly to make the United Nations ever more effective for its great task. We must seek ever greater unity of purpose and of action in the cause of peace.

Mr. Ross

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July 25, 1949.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FROM STATE DEPT.
WILL ATTENDING SIGNING AT 11. A.M.

- Hon. Dean Rusk
- Hon. Ernest Cross
- Mr. Lucius Battle
- Mr. Wm. Galloway
- Mr. John Foley
- Mr. Charles Sprucks
- Hon. Stanley Woodward



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The following persons have been invited to attend the signing
by the President of the instrument of ratification of the
North Atlantic Treaty on Monday July 25, 11:00 a.m.:

The Vice President, Honorable Alben Barkley
The Speaker of the House, Honorable Sam Rayburn
The Secretary of State, Honorable Dean Acheson
The Secretary of Defense, Honorable Louis Johnson

Senator Scott W. Lucas, Illinois
Senator Tom Connally, Texas
Senator Walter F. George, Georgia
Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Utah
Senator Millard E. Tydings, Maryland (unable to attend - out of the city)
Senator Claude Pepper, Florida
Senator Theodore Francis Green, Rhode Island
Senator Erien McMahon, Connecticut
Senator J. William Fulbright, Arkansas
Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan
Senator Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin
Senator H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey
Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Iowa
Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Massachusetts

Congressman John W. McCormack, Mass.
Congressman John Kee, West Virginia
Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Mass. (unable to attend - out of the city)
~~Congressman Charles A. Eaton, New Jersey~~ ? *awn*

Dr. Francis O. Wilcox, Secretary of the Foreign Relations
Committee of the Senate

