

Canadisk indberetning fra mødet den 31. oktober 1962 i NATO's ministerråd om NATO's beredskabsplaner om Berlin (Berlin Contingency Planning)

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BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING  
COUNCIL RESUMED DISCUSSION IN RESTD SESSION OCT31. ACTING SEC GEN  
CIRCULATED A DRAFT DECISION PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE BERCON/  
MARCON PLANS AS IN PARA 8 OF PG/62/641 OF OCT8, AMENDED IN ACCOR-  
DANCE WITH THE PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT OCT29 AND REPORTED  
IN PARA 2 OF MYTEL 2532 OCT29.

2. I THEREFORE INDICATED THE APPROVAL OF CDN GOVT IN A STATEMENT  
BASED ON YOUR REFTEL INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE UNDERSTANDING IN  
PARA 2.

2. PORTUGUESE AND TURKISH PERMREPS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT  
ARE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE DECISION SHORTLY. ALL OTHER PERMREPS,  
INCLUDING ALL THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THE  
PROPOSED DECISION, SAID THEY COULD NOW APPROVE IT. AT THE SAME  
TIME A NUMBER MADE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD SIMILAR TO OUR OWN,  
TO COVER PARTICULAR POINTS OF DIFFICULTY THEY HAD EXPERIENCED.  
THUS ITALIAN PERMREP REFERRED TO ALERTS; DANISH PERMREP TO LEGAL  
PROBLEMS; NORWEGIAN PERMREP TO LEGAL PROBLEMS, THE USE OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS AND THE DIFFICULTY OF APPROVING ANY PARTICULAR SET OF PLANS  
EVEN AS A CATALOGUE; NETHERLANDS PERMREP TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY  
CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF PARALLEL POLITICAL PLANNING, ETC. I WILL  
NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT TO GO INTO THE DETAIL OF THESE STATEMENTS  
OF UNDERSTANDING. THEY WERE FORMAL STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD DESI-  
GNED TO ACCOMPANY ADHERENCE TO THE DECISION. A DOCU CONTAINING ALL  
OF THEM INCLUDING OUR OWN WILL BE CIRCULATED. WE WILL DRAW YOUR ATTEN-  
TION TO IT WHEN IT APPEARS.

4. COUNCIL ALSO INDICATED GENERAL WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE TWO

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RELATED DOCUS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIPARTITE AND NATO CONTROL AND THE PREFERRED SEQUENCE OF MILITARY ACTIONS ON THE BASIS SET OUT IN PARA 4 OF MYTEL 2532 AND PARA 4 OF MYTEL 2515 OCT27. AS YOU KNOW THESE FORMULAE PROVIDE FOR QUOTE NOTING UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ACCEPTING UNQUOTE THESE ASSOCIATED PAPERS AS A BASIS FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSION BUT DO NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE FORMAL DECISIONS OF APPROVAL AS SUCH.

5. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN FUTURE MTGS THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON PARALLEL POLITICAL PLANNING, ON ALERTS IN BERLIN CONTEXT, AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF SOME OF THE CONTINGENCY PLANS.

6. ALTHOUGH NO RPT NO OTHER DEL TOUCHED ON QUESTION OF ECONOMIC COUNTERMEASURES, I THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL OTHER DELS OF THE RELATED DECISIONS OF WHICH YOU AUTHORIZED ME TO INFORM THE COUNCIL IN YOURTEL E2134 OCT30. IF THE ICELANDIC RESERVE IS ALSO LIFTED, I UNDERSTAND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ASPECT OF BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING WILL PROCEED QUIETLY IN THE CTTEE OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, ALTHOUGH BECAUSE OF THE SCHEDULE OF OTHER MTGS IN NOV AND DEC, DISCUSSION IN CTTEE IS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED MUCH FURTHER UNTIL JAN.

7. IN SEPARATE TELS I WILL BE SENDING (A) THE FINAL TEXT OF THE DECISION ON THE BERCON/MARCON PLANS; (B) THE TEXT OF MY STATEMENT DEALING WITH THIS DECISION; (C) THE TEXT OF MY STATEMENT ABOUT ECONOMIC COUNTERMEASURES

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