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To : Permanent Representatives
From : Secretary General

EXERCISE FAIRWIND FOUR

The attached memorandum on Exercise FAIRWIND FOUR has been sent me by the Standing Group Representative.

2. I should like delegations to let me know, if possible, before 12th May, whether they have any comments to make on this Exercise or on the proposed Press release.

(Signed) P.-H. SPAAK

27th April, 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Attention: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Exercise FAIRWIND FOUR

1. Exercise FAIRWIND FOUR, a NATO Naval Air Exercise, will be held between 25th May and 12th June, 1959 in the Eastern Atlantic area and Scandinavian waters under the direction of the Joint Commanders-in-Chief Atlantic area.

2. It is one of the regularly conducted Allied Command Atlantic Exercises held in conjunction with the annual movements of the United Kingdom Home Fleet.

3. The first phase of the exercise will be a weapon-training period in United Kingdom home waters from 25th May to 6th June. The second phase will consist of tactical exercises in air defence and anti-submarine warfare while the forces taking part are en route to the Skagerrak between 8th and 12th June.

4. Approximately 40 ships and 50 aircraft will participate.

5. It is proposed that the following Press release be issued at 1400 hours on 22nd May, 1959 by SACLANT, JOINTCINCEASTLANT and the Danish, Netherlands, Norwegian and United Kingdom Ministries of Defence:

"A NATO Naval/Air Exercise will be held between 22nd May and 12th June in the Eastern Atlantic area and Scandinavian waters under the direction of the Joint Commanders-in-Chief, Eastern Atlantic area (Admiral Sir William Davis and Air Marshal Sir Bryan Reynolds). The object is to provide tactical and weapon-training for the participating nations in co-ordinating air and anti-submarine operations. Netherlands, Norwegian, Danish and British naval units and maritime, bomber and tactical aircraft will take part."

6. SACLANT and JOINTCINCEASTLANT have reviewed this exercise for political implications and have concluded that at present no political implications exist. However, in view of the Berlin situation, SACLANT considers that the Council should be advised of these exercise plans as they now stand. SACLANT has pointed out that, if political implications should develop in connection with the second (tactical) phase, this part of the exercise could be cancelled at short notice.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE:

(Signed) R.A. PIGOT
Brigadier, RM