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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL GRUEZTHER

SUBJECT: Rearmament of Germany

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1. At your direction conversations have been held by representatives of G-3 with the State Department on the subject of German rearmament. Colonel Byroade has proposed that Germany contribute to the defense of Europe by German troops being fitted into a European Army. His proposal is attached as Tab "A". In his letter of transmittal to General Schuyler he indicates that his proposal has been furnished to Mr. Acheson, Jessup, Matthews, Perkins, and Nitze. He has also stated that he has cabled the proposal to Mr. McCloy. Ambassadors Bruce, Douglas, and McCloy have cabled comments endorsing the principle of a European Army. In view of the high level State consideration of the Byroade proposal, it is deemed necessary to bring this matter to your attention.

2. A comparison of the Byroade proposal for a European Army with the current G-3 thinking is enclosed as Tab "B". Briefly, State objects to the nationalistic character of the proposed controlled rearmament of Germany and believes a fully integrated European Army could better defend Western Europe while still being politically acceptable. G-3 believes that considerations of nationalism now underlie the defense efforts of the Western Union and NATO and that acceptance of a rearmed Germany into NATO would provide adequate political and military controls as well as incentives. Stated another way, the State proposal in effect would reduce the military sovereignty status of the European countries to the level of Germany in order to secure her contribution; G-3 proposes to raise Germany's status to that of the other countries and accept her, subject to controls, into NATO and Western Union arrangements.

3. It is recommended that:

a. The Joint Chiefs of Staff forward their views on Rearmament of Western Germany to the Secretary of Defense (revised notes on JCS 2124/11 are being forwarded separately).

b. That during Joint Chiefs of Staff consideration of JCS 2124/11, you brief them on the elements of the State proposal for a European Army, along the lines of Tab "B".

c. That General Hapley be consulted on this matter, preferably by an appropriate staff visit from Department of the Army representatives, or alternatively by cable.

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COMPARISON OF PLANS

STATE : EUROPEAN ARMY

G-3 : GERMANY IN NATO

I. Basic Elements

1. Recruitment on national basis.

2. Procurement and Supply.

a. Common fund; proportional contribution from members.

b. Common direction of procurement to ensure efficiency, except:

(1) No production in vulnerable area.

(2) Germany not permitted mfr. hvy ordnance, etc.

3. Organization

a. Army and Corps Hq to be "International."

b. National contributions to be RCT's or Divisions.

(1) Maximum German Rank - Div Cdr.

(2) German contribute only grd forces.

c. All military contingents in Europe to be part of European Army.

(1) Provision for internal use of own forces.

(2) Provision for overseas use of own forces.

4. General Staff Direction and Control

a. International General Staff

(1) US and Germans participate.

1. Agree.

2.

a. National self-help, NATO mutual aid and US MDAP should be continued; these provisions appeal to self-interest, indiv. & collective. US must be final authority on its contribution.

b. Standardization and production efforts of NATO-MPSB should continue.

(1) Concur, but Ruhr potential should be exploited.

(2) Concur, controls of rearmament to be worked out.

3.

a. Not acceptable. International Hq. should be Senior Hq. only. Army & Corps should be national except Germans allowed none.

b. Net effect here appears to be to reduce other countries to level of Germany.

(1) Agree.

(2) Agree.

c. In war this only solution; in period of readiness it reduces sovereignty of each NATO nation to that of Germany.

(1) Agree - inherent.

(2) Agree - inherent.

4.

a. Agree in principle; should be in NATO; part of command plan.

(X) Agree in principle.

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4. General Staff Direction and Control - Continued.

b. High Commander.

(1) Complete jurisdiction over units.

(2) Must be US national

5. Overall Direction

a. US, UK, France, Germany, Benelux should comprise European Army.

b. CCS should be composed of US, UK, and French Chiefs; US should have dominant voice.

c. Should be plan for consultation by heads of States.

(1) Heads of States must decide
(a) declaration of war.
(b) initial offensive

(2) Heads of States must furnish global concept.

(3) Present North Atlantic Council of Ministers and Defense Committee should advise heads of States at meetings; should not prosecute the war.

b. Command plan should be developed by NATO.

5.

a. Believe Germany should be integrated into NATO, Western European Regional Planning Group and fitted into proposed NATO command plan.

b. Should take no position at this time in view of possible situations in early stage of war which might require changes.

c. Same as 5 b. above.

II. THE APPROACH

1. European Army allows build-up of France & Germany simultaneously; national approach requires Germany be kept behind France.

2. German participation in NATO is implied.

3. Public announcement of plan depends on capability to supply equipment.

1. Details of controls should be worked out by US, UK, and France.

2. Germany in NATO is heart of G-3 proposal.

3. Generation of forces themselves depend on this capability.

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| <p>4. US should determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. US cmdr in Europe acceptable?b. Effect of European Army on US Forces in Europe?c. Implications of CCS arrangement?d. Provisions of equipment? <p>5. US should then approach French and UK; later the Germans.</p> | <p>4. These problems require study.</p> <p>5. Agree.</p> |
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