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General Norstad gave me following account his lunch yesterday in Italy with Adenauer.

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Lunch and discussion afterward lasted four hours. Chancellor was in fine form, and he set sharp, vigorous tone for exchange of views.

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Norstad intervened to correct record at this stage going back over Sixth Fleet question, US efforts to consult with France on African problems in past two years, and fact that integration did not violate national units. He said it was the delicate point of atomic control that underlay withdrawal of US strike squadrons from France. Spaak complained that NAC never really told whole story on this.

Norstad expressed belief that US people are not going to turn over atomic weapons to any country for independent use and added that he personally shared this popular sentiment. He said that US could not base its policy on this important question on the national prestige of this or that country.

At this point Norstad alluded his Pasadena speech of last December and to thinking that lay behind it, that is, idea of NATO as the fourth atomic power.

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Norstad touched on integration theme at end and while making clear that 300,000 US troops would not move out of Europe merely because de Gaulle says he is against principle of integration, nevertheless US military presence in Europe was firmly based on this principle as embodied in NATO military system.

Berlin touched on only briefly by Chancellor who described current East German measures as most serious challenge to date.

Norstad's over-all impression was that Adenauer remains essentially sound in his outlook on NATO and European problems and that in his relationship with de Gaulle his tactics are carefully designed to preserve the over-all benefits of the post-war Franco-German rapprochement without selling the Alliance or the United States down the river.

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