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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: "Improving the Effectiveness of NATO's Theater Nuclear Forces" - Status of Action in NATO -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

~~(C)~~ Since the subject paper was introduced in NATO at the Hamburg NPG Ministerial, the following actions have taken place:

- a. On 27 January 1976, ADM Wienel, USREPMC, introduced the paper into the NATO Military Committee for assessment by NATO Military Authorities (NMA).
- b. NATO Registry reproduced and distributed additional copies for each NATO delegation eligible for participation in the NPG (less Greece) and those participating organizations that received the RD/FRD version of the paper.
- c. Sanitized versions of the paper were passed to both the French and Greek delegations in early February.
- d. SYG Luns has suggested to the Chairman, NATO Military Committee, that preliminary military views should be made available to the NATO Permanent Representatives during April 1976 based on the assumption that the spring NPG Ministerial could take place during early June 1976.
- e. The NATO Military Committee has tasked SACEUR and SACLANT to forward their first assessments of the paper by 5 April 1976. We understand that SACEUR plans to submit his definitive assessment by that date.
- f. In response to a SHAPE request, a J-5, OATSD/AE team is planning to visit SHAPE during the period 1-5 March 1976. The team will provide assistance in the preparation of the SACEUR assessment of the paper.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652. AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED  
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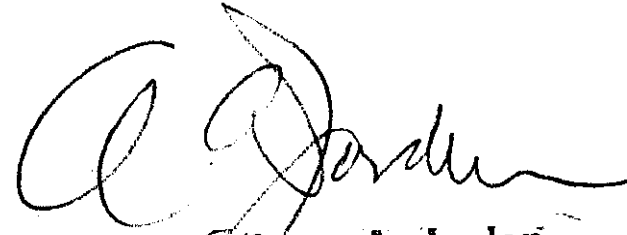
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~~(C)~~ There have been no discussions related to the paper in the NATO NPG Staff Group, which could yet indicate the degree of acceptance or other reactions in NATO NPG countries. Some countries have said they will rely on the NATO Military Authorities' assessments. The Netherlands delegation has asked US Mission, NATO whether the Nike Hercules paragraph in the paper presages reductions in that system. The US NATO Defense Advisor has informed his Netherlands counterpart that the paper was provided to NATO as a vehicle to initiate frank discussion and that specific actions based on the paper are not appropriate at this time.



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