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 ATTACHÉS SERVICES  
 SERVICE ATTACHÉS

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*Note du ministre de la Défense nationale  
 pour le Comité du Cabinet sur la défense*  
*Memorandum from Minister of National Defence  
 to Cabinet Defence Committee*

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## DISPOSITION OF SERVICE ATTACHÉS

1. The Chiefs of Staff Committee have reviewed the present disposition of Service Attachés (excluding Washington) in the light of the following factors and present circumstances:

- (a) the strategic importance of the countries to which attachés are appointed;
- (b) the necessity of increasing where possible our knowledge of the Soviet Union and the satellite countries;
- (c) the need for contributing to the United Kingdom-United States-Canadian pool of information so as to provide some basis for exchange;
- (d) the need to perform independent Canadian assessments of the validity of United Kingdom and United States intelligence, particularly where they disagree;
- (e) the possibility of the area becoming, in the event of war, a theatre of operations in which Canadian forces would be involved; and
- (f) the present situation in certain Iron Curtain countries owing to the attitude of the governments towards foreign attachés of the Western Powers.

2. Experience over the past few years has shown that an attaché from one Service cannot satisfactorily meet the intelligence requirements of another Service. This is particularly true in the case of the Soviet Union and the satellite countries where personal observation is important and is the chief means of acquiring information.

3. In the light of the above, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the following additions to and changes in appointment of attachés be approved:<sup>9</sup>

- (a) the following additional attachés be appointed:
  - (1) Naval attachés to Sweden and The Netherlands;
  - (2) (i) Military Attaché to Germany (Bonn)
  - (ii) Assistant Military Attaché to Sweden

<sup>9</sup> Le Comité du Cabinet sur la défense a approuvé ces recommandations le 25 avril 1950.  
 The Cabinet Defence Committee approved these recommendations on April 25, 1950.