

support in Quebec for a purely military pact and that some Article along the lines of Article 2 was important to get the support of that province and of other political elements.

9. On Article 4 Mr. Acheson said that the Senators did not like the use of the word "security". Mr. Bonnet objected to their attitude, saying that the other two expressions did not amount to the same thing as "security", which covered a broader field.

10. On Article 5 Mr. Acheson added that the Senators thought that the second paragraph of Article 6 might well appear in Article 5 itself. They are also afraid that the "concert" will decide what is "necessary" under this Article. Mr. Bonnet said that his Government considered the inclusion of the word "military" very important and emphasized that the present wording was the result of a great many compromises.

11. On Article 5 BIS Mr. Bonnet asked what was to happen about Algeria. After a short amount of debating back and forth Mr. Acheson replied that he thought the question of including Algeria by now was purely metaphysical. It was inconceivable that Algeria could be separately attacked, and a "local scrimmage" there would not give rise to the commitments in the Treaty. Mr. Bonnet pointed out that the inclusion of Algeria was a political consideration for France similar to the many political considerations advanced by the United States. Italy was very briefly mentioned, and the only new point was that the inclusion of Italy, according to Mr. [Halvard] Lange, would make Norwegian participation more difficult.

12. On Article 10 Mr. Acheson said that the Senators thought that all seven of the present negotiating Powers should have to ratify the Treaty before it becomes effective.

13. In conclusion Mr. Acheson warned against letting other countries know about what the Norwegians had said to him. He said that the next meeting might be late this week at earliest. Ends.

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TOP SECRET

Following for Wrong only from Pearson. Begins: Reference your WA-322 of February 7 and my telephone conversation with you today.

1. The lack of U.S. enthusiasm for Article 2 on the grounds that it may be an unnecessary complicating factor with Congress is perhaps understandable. Such an article to some extent duplicates existing articles in the bilateral agreements negotiated between the United States and western European countries under the Eco-