

(b) there exists any situation which constitutes a threat to or breach of the peace.”

10. *Article 5*. I share your doubts about Article 5 bis. Whatever description is used for the area to be covered by the guarantee, it is important for us that there should be no doubt that the Arctic archipelago is included. I understand, however, that the general view of geographers is that the continent of North America includes the area up to the end of the continental shelf. This includes Vancouver Island and Newfoundland and the Arctic archipelago, excluding Greenland. For the sake of clarity, however, I would prefer Article 5 bis to read along the following lines:

“For the purpose of Article 5 an armed attack against one or more of the parties to this Treaty shall be deemed to include an armed attack directed against:

1. The territory, the population or the armed forces of any party in Europe or North America;
2. The islands under the jurisdiction of any party in the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer;
3. The vessels or the aircraft of any party in the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer;
4. Algeria.”

1. I think this would leave little doubt that the Arctic islands are included, as they would be covered not only by the use of the phrase “North America” but also by the reference to islands under the jurisdiction of any party in the North Atlantic area.

12. I should be inclined to leave Article 5 as it stands, even though reference to Europe and North America is repeated in Article 5 bis. If the terms Europe and North America were deleted from Article 5, we should have to return to the original suggestion that Article 5 bis define the area to be covered by the guarantee in more or less precise terms. If we leave the terms Europe and North America in Article 5, Article 5 bis would not then be regarded as an all-inclusive Article and would not, I hope, be interpreted as limiting the generality of Article 5.

13. *Article 6. Paragraph 2*. As a matter of drafting, I suggest this would read better as follows:

“All measures taken under Article 5 shall be immediately reported to the Security Council, and shall be terminated as soon as the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.”

14. *Article 7*. I support the deletion of this Article rather than accept it in the form reported in your WA-76 of January 12, but would, of course, much prefer to have it read:

“Each party to this Treaty agrees not to accept any obligations in conflict with this Treaty or with the Charter of the United Nations”.

15. *Article 8*. I agree with the wording in your WA-3237 of December 24.

16. *Article 9. Accession*. I am not satisfied with the use of the term “neighboring European State”. I suggest substituting “any other country of the North Atlantic area”.