

I told Mr. Pearson that Senators Vandenberg and Connally had proposed to Mr. Acheson a number of modifications of the draft articles, and I indicated the nature of the change which they suggested in Article 5. He was very put out to hear this. I made it clear to him that we did not yet know whether the State Department would propose the alterations suggested by the Senators. I did not mention to him their desire to eliminate the article giving a blessing to economic and social collaboration between the parties.

I mentioned that the views expressed by the Senators would probably delay proceedings here still further. Mr. Pearson remarked that he intended to devote his speech today on the Address wholly, or almost wholly, to the Atlantic Pact.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Ambassador in United States*

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TOP SECRET

1. Reference your WA-261 of February 2, North Atlantic Treaty, the following are my comments.

2. *Italy.* I should not oppose an invitation to Italy to become a signatory to the Treaty unless the State Department offers an acceptable alternative solution to the Italian problem.

3. *Algeria.* I would accept in the circumstances the inclusion of the three departments of Algeria.

4. *Extension of invitations.* I agree that invitations should be extended by the United States, in the name of the seven countries, to other countries likely to accept or hesitating about accepting. This would certainly include Norway, probably Italy, and possibly Denmark, Ireland, Portugal and Iceland, depending in the latter cases on what their reactions have been to the informal approaches. With regard to Norway and possibly Denmark, I feel that an invitation should be issued in the very near future to relieve Swedish and possibly Russian pressure on those countries. With regard to Ireland, we are considering asking Johnson to take up with MacBride the question of Irish participation. As Johnson will be new to the Dublin post, I think it is undesirable for him to raise the question with the Cardinal. Johnson will not be in Dublin until February 10 or 11, by which time it may be too late for him to raise the matter in any case.

In any event, I propose to discuss the matter with Hearne here.

5. *Publicity.* I agree that a full paraphrase of the draft articles should be promptly approved for release in the capitals of those countries participating in the Working Group. I think that this is important and that the governments and peoples con-