

Article 5 as well. These words were a "must", he said. For future consideration, he threw out the thought that it might be advisable to have something in the preamble about hoping that greater security would be achieved in the near future by the inclusion of all free nations in regional or other collective security arrangements of some sort under the United Nations. The danger in such a remark, he felt, was that the Chinese, for example, might come forward all too quickly with a suggestion for a Far Eastern Pact.

8. Though no date was set for the next meeting of the Ambassadors' Group, it was agreed that they should discuss:

- (1) The admission of Italy;
- (2) The extension of invitations to other countries;
- (3) The draft Treaty (including duration);
- (4) Publicity; and
- (5) The timetable for future operations.

I am sending a separate message (WA-261) on the line which I might take.

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TOP SECRET

Reference my WA-260 of February 2nd, North Atlantic Treaty.

1. It is hoped that the next meeting of the Ambassadors' Group will reach decisions on many outstanding questions and that there may not be another meeting until the circle is enlarged by the addition of representatives of Norway and possibly some other countries. I therefore think it wise to indicate the line which I propose to take on a number of questions coming up at this meeting, unless you instruct me to the contrary.

(1) *Italy*. I would agree to an invitation to Italy to become a full party to the Treaty unless Mr. Acheson comes out for some different solution of the Italian problem.

(2) *North Africa*. I would agree to the inclusion of Algeria on the same condition.

(3) *Extension of invitations*. I would support the extension of invitations to Norway, and probably Italy, and also to other countries likely to accept or hesitating about acceptance. At the Working Group yesterday the view was expressed that the invited countries should be given the draft articles with the explanation that they constituted a working paper only and were therefore subject to change. Invitations