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PROCUREMENT OF TROL CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

At the Defence Planning Committee meeting of 7th December, 1967, I recalled that the proposal submitted by the United Kingdom for meeting the Simplex equipment for TROL point-to-point, using ALVIS with VENDOR, was to be the subject of feasibility and reliability tests. These tests were carried out on 7th and 8th February, 1968, and reported by SHAPE in their letter 655.2/23-2 dated 29th February, 1968 (INFRASEC/68/22); the results showed that there were no basic difficulties with the revised configuration.

2. I also informed the Committee, at the last discussion on this subject, that the NATO Commands were undertaking a study on the lines available for their Simplex circuits and would report on the extent and the nature of the modifications and additions required to permit the use of ALVIS with VENDOR for Simplex operation. This study (reported in the SHAPE letter 6550.2/23-37 dated 27th December, 1967 (INFRASEC/68/5)), showed the additional installation and rental costs that would be involved.

After numerous discussions in the Infrastructure Committee, agreement was finally reached at the meeting on Thursday, 4th April, 1968 (reported in DP/4-R/629).

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Concurrently with the above, discussions had also been under way in the Infrastructure Committee on the text of the request for quotations, which had to be modified to take into account recent developments. At the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 4th April, a final text was agreed upon.

The extended discussion on all these issues seems now to have led to a resolution of all outstanding problems. The Defence Planning Committee is therefore invited to give a formal authorisation to SHAPE to issue the request for quotations.

(Signed) Manlio BROSIO

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