

case, provide a definitive blue-print of the proposed Organization, and there will be need for further deliberation before the Military Representatives Committee is convened or a planning group established. Moreover, the United States has already indicated to the United Kingdom that after the Arab States have been approached the situation should be reassessed before further steps are taken. There will thus be further opportunity for the United States to propose changes in the Organization as presently outlined, particularly where these changes are essentially of a supplementary nature.

Subject to the concurrence of the Department of Defense, this Department proposes that the United Kingdom should be informed, in the general terms of the attached memorandum, that the changes proposed in their paper of July 7 are not acceptable, but that the United States approves the draft of June 27 as the basis for an initial exchange of views among the sponsoring powers. The United Kingdom is most anxious to circulate the memorandum to the other sponsoring powers, and we would be grateful to receive the views of the Department of Defense as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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*Memorandum by the Acting Regional Planning Adviser, Bureau of Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs (Hoskins), to the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs (Byroade)*¹

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¹ The source text is Attachment I to a memorandum by Hoskins to Byroade, dated July 25, not printed, and is a revision of an Apr. 7 paper on the same subject, Document 67. The covering memorandum suggests that since too many discussions with the British and French in the past had foundered because NEA had not held discussions and come to agreement with EUR and the Department of Defense and other agencies of the U.S. Government, no more discussions should be held with the other powers until agreement had been reached with other parts of the Department of State and other agencies. (Secretary's Letters, lot 56 D 459, N)

Attachment II to the July 25 memorandum, "Suggestion of a possible solution of two NE problems: A stronger regional defense and a Syrian-Israeli peace", is not printed.