

MINUTE OF JOINT SPANISH-UNITED STATES MILITARY DISCUSSIONS HELD ON
18, 19 AND 20 NOVEMBER 1968

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1. In accordance with the purposes of the governments of the United States and Spain, expressed through their respective Foreign Ministers, military representatives of both countries have met in Madrid in order to exchange points of view leading to the possible renewal of the Spanish-U.S. Defense Agreement.

2. In recognition of the increased common danger that threatens the Western World and the security problems of Spain and the U.S., the military representatives of the two countries have agreed that appropriate military measures should be taken by their respective countries, acting together to contribute to the defense of the Free World.

3. After having exchanged preliminary views on the common threat, it was agreed that:

a. We should identify in greater detail those threats which, within the zone of a common strategy, could affect either country, jointly or singly.

b. We should jointly study the ways to better meet the threats which affect both countries, and determine the appropriate tasks and missions which each of our countries should undertake, bilaterally or unilaterally.

c. We should study the joint planning procedures, basing arrangements, and training and equipment requirements necessary to accomplish the tasks and missions agreed in b) above.

4. With this object in mind, it is agreed that:

a. There should be a series of military conversations carried out under the direction of our military representatives, designated for the purpose, taking as a base, the Spanish Memorandum of 17 June 1968 (which has been accepted by both parties as a point of departure) and the presentation made by General Diez-Alegria and General Wheeler on the 18th and 19th of November 1968.

b. The next meeting will take place in Madrid on 4 December 1968 in order to examine and report in detail the points covered in paragraphs 3a and 3b above.

c. The agenda will be prepared and exchanged before the next meeting and each successive meeting.

5. Finally, it is our express desire that the succeeding military conversations, such as those which have ended today, continue in an atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and trust, that would lead to the desirable continuation of our already long and beneficial military relations.

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