Note from A. Gromyko to V.M. Molotov regarding the plan of the article regarding the Atlantic Treaty, 15 January 1949

To Comrade V.M. MOLOTOV

In the enclosed note I have stated my considerations concerning the plan of the article (or of a corresponding statement) regarding the Atlantic Treaty.

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Of the article about the Atlantic Treaty

(Or of a corresponding statement)[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. The main task of the article is to reveal the aggressive nature of the treaty and its incompatibility with the principles of the United Nations Charter and with the international obligations undertaken by the states in accordance with the Charter.

2. For this purpose the article should explain the following issues:

a) To explain that the treaty is a tool of American imperialism and that it aspires for global supremacy,

b) To explain that it is directed against international democracy and first of all against the USSR, the leader of democratic movement,

c) To reveal the connection between the Atlantic Treaty with the Western bloc and with the Marshall Plan,

d) To show that not everything is coordinated between the expected participants of the treaty and in this regard to point at contradictions concerning this treaty between the goals of the ruling circles in the US and the national interests of its other country-participants, including Britain and France. However, the information in the article about such contradictions should be subordinated to the primary goal – revealing of aggressive nature of the treaty.

e) In a corresponding form the article should contain a warning to Scandinavian countries, Turkey, Iran and in general to the neighbouring countries of the USSR.

f) In the article, it is necessary to connect the Atlantic Treaty and its goals with the policy of the USA and Britain concerning Germany.

3. In the article it is necessary to give a definite reply to the statement of the Atlantic Treaty of the State Department from January, 14. However its form should not be a reply, as politically it would put us in a defensive position.

4. The article should be written in a firm, but calm tone. We should not let it be regarded abroad as a sign of the Soviet Union’s concern.

[FPARF, f. 06, inv. 11, fold. 2, file 16, pp. 1-3]

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1. The document shows the logic and arguments deployed by Soviet diplomats in preparing the text of the USSR’s declaration – well known memoranda dated 29 January and 31 March 1949. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)