

Draft reply by the French and British delegations to the WEU Council to written question 100 (London, 26 January 1967)

Caption: In a note dated 26 January 1967, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates written question 100 put to the Council by Étienne de la Vallée Poussin, a Belgian member of the Assembly Committee on Defence Questions and Armaments, together with the draft reply drawn up by the French and British delegations to the WEU and reproduced in the final version (see C(67)23). Etienne de la Vallée Poussin speculates on the possibility of other WEU Member States participating in the proposed Anglo-French project for the development of a variable-geometry aircraft. The Council replies that any governments interested in this project should directly approach the French and British Governments, which are prepared in principle to consider industrial participation by other countries, including members of WEU.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Written question 100
put to the Council by a member of the Assembly

The Secretary-General circulates herewith a reply drafted by the French and United Kingdom delegations to written question 100, put to the Council by M. de la Vallée Poussin, a member of the Assembly Committee on Defence Questions and Armaments (cf. C (67) 4).

This question will be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

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Text of written question 100 put to the Council

by M. de la Vallée Poussin

(C (67) 4)

Will the Council examine the possibility of extending the proposed Anglo-French variable-geometry aircraft project to the participation of other member countries of W.E.U. so as to ensure the development of a European aircraft of this kind?

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Draft reply

The Anglo-French project for the development of a variable-geometry aircraft was a subject of a joint statement by the two Governments to the Standing Armaments Committee on 4th June 1965 and of a discussion in the Committee on 9th September the same year.

The French and British Governments have decided to pursue jointly the preliminary studies on this project. It would therefore be appropriate if any government which may be in any way interested in this project, should approach, in the first instance, either the British or the French Governments. In principle the two Governments are prepared to consider industrial participation by other countries, including members of W.E.U.