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COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

Meeting held on 11th December, 1962

ACTION SHEET

I. REQUEST OF THE ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR GENERAL CLEARANCE FOR AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTING REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES FOR UNITED NATIONS FORCES

Continuing discussion begun the previous week, the COMMITTEE:

- (1) were informed that the Belgian government had not been approached by the Acting Secretary General of the United Nations;
- (2) noted that the Netherlands government had received the request, which was still under study by competent authorities;
- (3) further noted that the Norwegian government had also been approached and, in principle, had agreed to the request.

II. SWISS GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE 20TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

Continuing discussion begun the previous week, the COMMITTEE:

took note of statements by the Canadian, French and German Representatives.

III. MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a further assessment by the French Representative of the recent meeting of the CPSU Central Committee;
- (2) noted that the French Delegation proposed to circulate at a later date a note setting out the views of the French authorities on the conclusions which could be drawn from the meeting;
- (3) noted that this subject would be raised for discussion at a later meeting; meanwhile it was hoped that other Delegations might also circulate assessments of the meeting.

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IV. CUBAN PURCHASE OF THREE ILYUSHIN AIRLINERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Cuban Ambassador had again approached the Belgian authorities concerning their earlier request for overflight rights for the airliners in question; no definite reply had been forthcoming, and the Belgian authorities proposed to delay giving one as long as possible;
- (2) noted that the Cuban government was seeking an alternative southern route and to that end had approached several governments.

V. POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULAR AIRLINE SERVICE BETWEEN BULGARIA AND ALGERIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Italian authorities were inclined to believe, judging by the number of recent requests they had received for overflight rights, that Bulgaria was contemplating the establishment of a regular service between Sofia and Algeria; it appeared that doctors were being flown in increasing numbers from Bulgaria to Algiers;
- (2) noted that the French Representative would make enquiries, and hoped to have further information, in accordance with the Italian Representative's request.

VI. TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND CUBA

The COMMITTEE:

were informed that in November the Cuban government had made an approach to the Norwegian government, proposing that a Cuban delegation should visit Oslo in the near future to negotiate a trade agreement; the Norwegian Ambassador in Havana had been instructed to say that while, in principle, the Norwegian government was not opposed to such a visit, for practical reasons it would be impossible for the visit to take place in the early months of 1963.

VII. SOVIET ZONE NOTES PROTESTING AGAINST THE "VVN" TRIAL IN BERLIN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Netherlands and Norwegian governments had refused to accept a Soviet Zone note, delivered to them with a Czech note of transmittal;
- (2) further noted that the Canadian Ambassador in Prague had been instructed to consult his NATO colleagues on the advisability of returning the Soviet Zone enclosure to a covering note by the Czech government, which had been delivered to the Canadian Embassy in the absence of the Ambassador.

VIII. PROPOSED AD HOC MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN EXPERTS

Concluding discussion of the proposal by the Expert Working Group on Latin America that they should hold an ad hoc meeting early in the new year to prepare a report on the repercussions in Latin America of the Cuban crisis, the COMMITTEE:

agreed that the next series of Meetings of Expert Groups should begin with a meeting of the Latin American Experts, probably towards the end of February, the possibility being left open that the Committee might wish to review and up-date the Experts' report some time in April.

IX. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be convened at the discretion of the Chairman, or in response to a request by a Delegation.

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