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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 1968

ACTION SHEET

I. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in accordance with the instructions given it at the Council's meeting on 14th February, had a first exchange of views on this subject;
- (2) noted that the Secretariat would examine the feasibility of taking up the Greek Representative's suggestion that it should compile and compare the texts of previous Soviet initiatives along similar lines;
- (3) agreed to continue its discussion at the next meeting.

II. EAST-WEST EXCHANGES OF MILITARY VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a further exchange of views on the political aspects of this subject;
- (2) noted that the text of the replies given by Colonel Becker on behalf of the International Military Staff to the questions put by the Netherlands Representative at the last meeting(1) would be informally circulated;
- (3) noted that the Secretariat would prepare a draft report to the Council on this subject for consideration at a future meeting; to this report would be annexed a revised list of visits provided in POLADS(68)8 which would take into account comments made at the meeting and those to be provided directly to the Secretariat by delegations.

(1) AC/119-R(68)13 Item V(2)

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III. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard statements by the United States Representative giving the preliminary views of his authorities on the meeting of the Warsaw Pact held in Sofia and by the Turkish Representative on recent developments in Bulgaria;
- (2) noted the suggestion of the Greek Representative to add exchanges of views on recent developments in Czechoslovakia and Poland to the subjects already scheduled for discussion at the meeting to be held on 26th March;
- (3) noted the Chairman's request that if possible before the next meeting, the Secretariat should be informed whether additional officials from capitals intended to participate in the 26th March meeting.

IV. SOVIET ZONE NOTES

- (a) On the normalisation of trade relations

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the statement by the German Representative in which he confirmed that contrary to the allegations contained in the Soviet Zone notes, his government had not addressed notes to any West or Northern European state suggesting limitations on their trade with the Soviet Zone or the observance of other conditions in such trade; the German Representative described the conclusions reached in 1966 in the Council of the EEC and in other consultations which had taken place with respect to the provision of Government guaranteed credits to the Soviet Zone;

- (b) On certain legislation passed in the Federal Republic

Reference: .C/119-R(68)13 Item III (b).

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed that a similar note to those reported at the last meeting had also been sent to the Danish Authorities through their Ambassador in Warsaw;
- (2) was informed by the Netherlands Representative of the nature and contents of the letter to the head of the Western European desk in the Czech Foreign Office from the Netherlands Ambassador in Czechoslovakia acknowledging receipt of the Czech covering letter to which the Soviet Zone statement had been attached.

V. LETTER ADDRESSED TO CERTAIN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES BY THE
RAPPORTEUR OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE "NORTH ATLANTIC
ASSEMBLY"

The COMMITTEE, taking up this question on the initiative of the United Kingdom Representative:

- (1) was informed that the Permanent Representatives of Canada, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom and the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs of the United States Department of State had received letters from Senator Javits asking for the views of Governments as to specific subjects which might profitably be explored at the next meetings of the Political Committee of the "North Atlantic Assembly";
- (2) agreed to exchange views at the next meeting with the aim of coming up with subjects which might profitably be studied by the "North Atlantic Assembly's" Political Committee; this exchange of views would not prejudice how and what Permanent Representatives might wish to answer Senator Javits.

VI. PROVISION OF POLITICAL DATA TO THE SITUATION CENTRE

The COMMITTEE:

given a shortage of time deferred its consideration of this subject to its next meeting.

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19th March 1968 at 10.30 a.m.

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