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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April, 1969

ACTION SHEET

I. BUDAPEST DECLARATION CONCERNING A POSSIBLE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Canadian, Danish, French, German, Greek, Icelandic, Netherlands, Norwegian, Turkish and United States Representatives of various démarches on this subject made by Soviet, Hungarian and Rumanian officials;
- (2) noted that when information had been received from all delegations, the Secretariat would draw up a comprehensive list of these démarches and the specific issues raised.

II. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that Soviet Ambassadors had made démarches on this subject at the beginning of April in Ankara, Athens, Copenhagen, the Hague, London, Oslo and Reykjavik.

III. EAST-WEST CONTACTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United Kingdom Minister of Technology would visit the Soviet Union from 13th to 20th May;
- (2) was informed that an Albanian parliamentary delegation would arrive in Turkey on 6th May that [redacted] a Czechoslovak parliamentary delegation would visit Turkey [redacted] between 20th and 30th May.

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IV. ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET MAY DAY PARADE

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that the German Authorities preferred to be represented at a level below that of Ambassador but would follow any consensus reached in the Committee; they would welcome information regarding the intentions of other governments.

V. SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN REACTIONS TO THE WASHINGTON MINISTERIAL MEETING

The COMMITTEE:

requested delegations to provide the Secretariat with any information or comments which they might receive from their Embassies abroad, to enable the preparation of a report on Soviet and East European reactions to the Washington Ministerial Meeting.

VI. RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY ALLIED EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that United States Embassy officials in Moscow had recently been refused permission to visit Leningrad, Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius; the United States Delegation would welcome any assessments of the reasons for this action, as well as any information as to whether those Allies to whom similar restrictions had been applied were contemplating reciprocal measures.

VII. NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that the Icelandic Parliament was expected to ratify the Treaty before the end of April.

VIII. DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

(1) had an exchange of views and information on recent developments in Eastern Europe with particular reference to:

- the internal situation in Czechoslovakia and the recent changes in the Czechoslovak leadership;
- Albania's current attitude towards the Soviet Union, and Albanian/Yugoslav relations;

- the recent Warsaw Pact manoeuvres in Bulgaria;
 - the forthcoming Summit Meeting of COMECON.
- (2) agreed to have an exchange of views at its meeting of 13th May, on the basis of an outline of questions to be circulated by the Secretariat, on the apparently increasing rôle of the military in the formulation of Soviet policy; questions for inclusion in the outline should be forwarded to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

IX. AD HOC GROUP TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON FIELD TEST 15 - EXERCISE "FIRST LOOK"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the United Kingdom Delegation suggested terms of reference for this Group;
- (2) after a preliminary exchange of views, agreed to discuss this question further as the first item at its meeting on 29th April.

X. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th April with National Experts.

Tuesday 29th April at 11 a.m.

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