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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd February, 1971  
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I. MEETING OF WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS, BUCHAREST,  
18th AND 19th FEBRUARY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received French and English texts of the communiqué issued at the end of this meeting from the French Delegation and the International Staff;
- (2) noted contributions(1) giving the preliminary comments of the French Embassy in Bucharest and of the United Kingdom Authorities on the meeting;
- (3) agreed to continue discussion in order:
  - (a) to analyse the communiqué;
  - (b) to exchange information on the actual course of events during the meeting;
- (4) noted that, when additional information was available, the International Staff will prepare a preliminary report on the meeting and its communiqué as the basis for further discussion in the Committee.

(1) Definition: Henceforth the use of "noted contributions" means that either:

- (i) a statement was made; or
- (ii) a paper or a "non-paper" was distributed; or
- (iii) a paper or "non-paper" was introduced orally and distributed.

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II. POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted requests to national authorities for additional information on the following points:
  - (a) the rumoured meeting between Polish and Soviet leaders in Eastern Poland around 14th - 15th February;
  - (b) the present climate of relations between Poland and the Soviet Union;
  - (c) the nature and quantity of direct or indirect economic aid recently granted by the Soviet Union to Poland;
  - (d) reports of continuing worker unrest in Poland;
  - (e) the rôle and strength of a group reportedly opposing Mr. Gierek and his political allies;
- (2) noted contributions from the Belgian, Canadian, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States Representatives on the points mentioned in 2(a) to (e) above and on the agricultural situation in Poland.

III. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Delegation analysing relations between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, particularly concerning the Macedonian issue.

IV. EAST-WEST CONTACTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Canadian Representative of the following visits to the Soviet Union:
  - (a) the Canadian Minister for Trade had visited the Soviet Union in January for talks and a meeting of the Canadian-Soviet Mixed Commission; documentation on this commission was available to interested delegations at the Canadian Delegation;

- (b) the Canadian Prime Minister, whose earlier visit to the Soviet Union had been postponed in October 1970, would visit that country from 17th to 28th May;
- (2) noted that the Belgian Delegation would report further on the visit of Ambassador Forthomme to Czechoslovakia for regular consultations with Czechoslovak senior officials;
- (3) noted also that the Danish Delegation would provide information on the visit of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Copenhagen.

V. LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR 1971

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed that there would be no official Icelandic participation at this Fair;
- (2) noted that the Italian Authorities would be interested to know what attitude other authorities, who might be sending technical officials to the Fair, would adopt with respect to the presence of these officials at the opening ceremony;
- (3) was informed that no Canadian official would be present in Leipzig.

VI. FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY

The COMMITTEE:

noted contributions by the Danish and Norwegian Representatives on the points raised by Ambassador Enckell in the course of his recent visit to Copenhagen and Oslo and by the Canadian, Italian and United States Representatives on the unofficial visit of President Kekkonen to Moscow starting this day.

VII. RUMANIAN POSITION ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Belgian Delegation clarifying Rumanian views concerning participation by nations at multilateral exploratory meetings on a Conference on European Security.

VIII. POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Canadian Delegation would shortly make available a further speculative evaluation of these developments.

IX. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The COMMITTEE, in accordance with the instructions given at the Council's meeting of 13th January(1):

- (1) heard statements by the Canadian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Netherlands, Turkish and United States Representatives on recent developments in the Mediterranean and the Middle East;
- (2) noted that, on the basis of this discussion and on further information which might be made available either orally or in writing, the International Staff would, towards the end of March, prepare a draft as a basis for the discussion of the Ad Hoc Drafting Group on the Mediterranean.

X. APPROACHES BY NORTH KOREA

Reference: AC/119-R(71)11, Item XI(1)

The COMMITTEE:

noted the following reports on this subject:

- no approaches had been made to Germany;
- ~~North Korean journalists had visited Denmark and Norway and the North Korean Ambassador in Moscow had visited Copenhagen.~~ *See 6077 following*
- **unsuccessful** attempts had been made by North Korea to establish a permanent Trade Mission in the Netherlands;
- some approaches in connection with North Korean journalists had been made in the United Kingdom.

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(1) C-R(71)3, paragraph 44

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XI. DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN GUATEMALA CITY ON THE REVISION OF THE WARSAW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED BY THE HAGUE PROTOCOL, CONCERNING AIRLINES' LIABILITY TO VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL AIR ACCIDENTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed of the positions that the Norwegian and United States Representatives at the Guatemala City Conference would take on the various issues previously raised in the Committee and of the general line that the Netherlands was likely to adopt concerning the Vienna formula;
- (2) noted that it would be useful if those delegations which had not yet made known the positions that their Governments would take on these questions could do so at as early a date as possible.

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XII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 1st March, at 3.30 p.m.

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