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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st November, 1972  
at 10.30 a.m.

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I. PREPARATIONS FOR THE MPT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Canadian Representative that Romania had proposed that the Finnish Chairman of the MPT should only be nominated provisionally and that an informal meeting of the principal advisers of NATO member countries would be hosted by the Canadian Ambassador on 22nd November;
- (2) noted that the German Permanent Representative would, at the Council meeting on 22nd November, solicit the support of Allied Governments for the position of his Government on the denomination of the Federal Republic of Germany to be used at the MPT;
- (3) agreed that the requests of the German Authorities should be urgently reported to capitals and to representations in Helsinki.

II. CSCE/MBFR

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the following contributions:
  - by the Netherlands, Norwegian and United States Representatives reporting on Yugoslav views on the CSCE and, in particular, on that country's position regarding the treatment of Mediterranean and Middle East questions at the CSCE;

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- by the Italian Representative reporting on conversations between Ambassador Kovaliov and Italian Foreign Ministry officials and a conversation between the Italian Ambassador in Prague and Mr. Ruzek concerning the use of Italian at the MPT and CSCE;
- by the Turkish Representative reporting a conversation between the Romanian Ambassador in Ankara and the Head of the relevant department in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning MPT, CSCE and MBFR.

- (2) had its attention drawn by the Belgian Representative to an article in the East German review "Deutscher Aussenpolitik" criticising Western proposals for the discussion of freer movement of people, information and ideas at the CSCE.

III. CSCE: CULTURAL RELATIONS - JOINT MAGAZINE ABOUT EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The COMMITTEE, in preparation for the Council's discussion of C-M(72)70 on 22nd November:

had a further exchange of views on the proposal by the United Kingdom Delegation that the proposal for a joint magazine about European affairs be included in the Agenda paper as well as the guidelines paper.

IV. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting rumours circulating in Moscow concerning the illness of Mr. Brezhnev and dissension in the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

V. LIBYAN POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF PASSPORTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the United Kingdom Representative, the text of a draft consensus which was agreed ad referendum at a meeting of representatives of Western Embassies in Tripoli on 16th November, 1972;

- (2) was informed that the Italian, Netherlands and United States Authorities accepted this consensus, but suggested that démarches to be made to the Libyan Government should not use identical language;
- (3) was informed that the Portuguese Authorities had not been approached by the Libyan Government on this question but the Governments of Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and, possibly, the Soviet Union had;
- (4) in view of the importance that all countries should adopt a common line in replying to the Libyan initiative, agreed to keep this question under review and requested national authorities to report on their respective démarches to the Libyans.

VI. THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, MAY 1972 - OCTOBER 1972

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed that the text of the additions to paragraph 67 of C-M(72)56 proposed by the French and United States Delegations be submitted for the approval of the Council at the latter's meeting on 22nd November, 1972;
- (2) was informed by the Italian Representative of the position his Permanent Representative would take in the Council meeting with respect to the handling of the problem raised in paragraph 69 of the draft report to the Council.

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 24th November, 1972 at 3.30 p.m.

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