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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd October, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Norwegian Delegation reporting on the visit of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Norway from 18th-20th September;
- (2) noted that a delegation representing the Revolutionary Committee of the City of Peking had visited Denmark from 25th September to 2nd October;
- (3) was informed that the Soviet authorities had requested the Norwegian Under-Secretary of State for Defence to postpone his visit to the Soviet Union scheduled to begin on 3rd October;
- (4) noted that the Yugoslav Prime Minister would visit Norway from 9th-11th October;
- (5) noted that a group from a Soviet defence academy would visit the Danish Defence Academy from 9th-13th October;
- (6) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that Prince Charles would visit Yugoslavia from 23rd-27th October.

II. POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

in response to the request of the Norwegian Representative at the meeting on 19th September(1), was informed by the Canadian Representative that his Embassy in Warsaw had not noted any recent indication of a co-ordinated Warsaw Pact propoganda campaign against "right-wing and fascist tendencies" in the West.

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III. HUNGARY

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Delegation providing comments on the analysis of the situation in Hungary previously circulated by the Danish Delegation on behalf of the Nine.

IV. ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation on the implications of the defection of Pacepa;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative providing comments by his Embassy in Bucharest on the paper circulated by the United Kingdom Delegation at the last meeting on the internal situation in Romania in the light of the defection of Pacepa.

V. VISIT OF YUGOSLAV DEFENCE MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES

The COMMITTEE:

noted a suggestion by the Canadian Representative that the Committee exchange views on recent press reports concerning this visit.

VI. WARSAW PACT MEETINGS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation on the Warsaw Pact meetings expected to take place in the next few months.

VII. CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, VIETNAM AND CUBA - WARSAW 27TH-29TH SEPTEMBER

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative referring to a report on this Conference in Rude Pravo on 30th September.

VIII. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting (a) a speech made by Hodja on 23rd September on Albanian foreign relations and (b) a conversation between the Albanian Foreign Minister and the new Italian Ambassador in Tirana on 28th September;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting (a) a Chinese news agency commentary of 23rd September on Albanian relations with Bulgaria and (b) articles in Zeri i Populit and other Albanian newspapers on Albanian relations with China.

IX. SINO-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Representative reporting on the 8th session of Vice-Ministerial discussions between China and Vietnam in Hanoi and on the Chinese attitude to relations with Vietnam;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Danish Representative providing the comments of her Embassy in Peking on the two papers circulated by the United States Delegation in July on Sino-Vietnamese relations.

X. ARRIVAL OF CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE WEST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Canadian Representative that his Authorities were ready to receive 500 Chinese students;
- (2) noted that the Chinese wished to send 50 students to Norway;
- (3) requested delegations to inform the Committee of the numbers of Chinese students which their Authorities had agreed to receive.

XI. VISIT OF INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative commenting on this visit.

XII. SOMALIA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Turkish Representative that during a recent visit to Ankara, the Somalian Ambassador in Tehran had informed the Turkish Authorities of a meeting between Fidel Castro and Soviet and Ethiopian officials on 15th September to plan an attack on Somalia; the Somalian Ambassador had called on Turkey to provide assistance if this attack were to materialise.

XIII. ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Delegation on this subject.

XIV. DANISH-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON DISARMMENT

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Danish Representative that during his consultations with Danish officials in Moscow in mid-September, Ambassador Israelyan had commented on the Soviet proposal for a multilateral agreement on negative security guarantees.

XV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMMENT

(a) Press Releases

The COMMITTEE:

noted that since no objections had been raised by 29th September, the revised draft Press Release in POL/DS(78)59(Revised) for exercise DETERRENT FORCE had received political approval.

(b) Study on CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before it the draft study prepared by the International Secretariat in ISD/196;
- (2) noted suggestions by the Norwegian Representative to amend paragraphs 11, 19 and 28;
- (3) noted a suggestion by the Belgian Representative to include a paragraph on the conclusions to be drawn for the future from the Belgrade meeting;
- (4) agreed to have a further exchange of views on ISD/196, on the basis of instructions, at its meeting on 17th October.

(c) Implementation of the Final Act

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation by the International Secretariat of the questionnaire in POLIDS(78)40;
- (2) noted a suggestion by the Canadian Representative, supported by others, that Allied embassies in East European countries might hold joint consultations on this matter.

(d) Experts' Meeting on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes -
Montreaux

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative of his Authorities' reservations about the Swiss ideas for organizing this meeting; the ensuing discussion reflected differing views expressed by other delegations;
- (2) had circulated to it by the United States Delegation the text of the Swiss invitation to the Montreaux meeting;
- (3) had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a revised tabulation of replies by the Allies to the Swiss note of 20th April, and agreed to consult further on this question.

(e) Romanian proposals for Military Exchanges

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek Representative that his Military Attaché in Bucharest had been approached by the Romanian authorities; the Greek Authorities would probably agree to the showing of a film to selected audiences in Athens and Bucharest and to the holding of an exhibition of photographs and pictures in the two capitals.

(f) CSCF Discussions between Canada and Czechoslovakia

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Delegation reporting on the discussions held in New York on 25th September between the Canadian and Czechoslovak Foreign Ministers.

XVI. PRESS LEAKS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the expression of concern by the French Representative at an article in the International Herald Tribune of 29th September concerning the Committee's discussions of the situation in Albania and of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's visit to the Balkans.

XVII. VISIT OF JAPANESE GROUP TO NATO HEADQUARTERS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a report by the French Representative for information on the visit of a second Japanese group to NATO Headquarters.

XVIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th October, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.