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SOVIET BLOC

Supplementary Note by the United States Delegation

In response to the discussion on East/West exchanges at the 22nd November meeting of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations and decisions taken at that time, particularly those noted in points 4 and 5 under II-7 of the Summary Minutes (AC/52-D(R)/64), and as supplementary to the United States Notes, AC/52-D/190 and AC/52-D/197, the following information is presented to the Committee.

2. Following the events in Hungary in late October and November, the United States Government reviewed its policy of contacts with the USSR and the Soviet satellites and reached the following conclusions:

- (a) to suspend for an indefinite period officially approved exchanges with the USSR;
- (b) not to encourage Soviet attendance at non-governmental international conferences held in the United States but to leave decisions as to invitations to the sponsors concerned;
- (c) with regard to the satellite countries in Eastern Europe, to endeavor to accelerate the program of exchanges with Poland, to continue as previously planned with regard to exchanges in Czechoslovakia, not to initiate any exchanges for the time being with Romania in view of its actions during the Hungarian crisis, and to suspend currently all programs with Hungary. As the United States has no diplomatic relations with Albania and Bulgaria, no exchanges occur with these two countries.

3. The United States does not favour revision of C-M(56)98 at this time. Although officially approved exchanges with the USSR have been suspended, no new policy has been established.

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