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COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1959.

ACTION SHEET

I. FOLLOW-UP ON COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) instructed the International Staff to prepare a first draft summary of the Council's discussions on the Middle East in accordance with the directives issued by the Council at its private meeting of 25th February, 1959;
- (2) agreed to examine this draft at a future meeting.

II. CIRCULATION OF NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The COMMITTEE:

noted that paragraph 8 of the Security Committee's draft report to the Council (AC/35-WP/15, 2nd Revision) accurately reflected the Committee's views on this question.

III. EXCHANGE OF NOTES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that Canada had received notes from Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Rumania on the Soviet proposals of 10th January on Germany;
- (2) also noted that Canada would send Czechoslovakia a similar note to the one the Canadian authorities had sent to the USSR.

IV. OPINION OF SATELLITE COUNTRIES ON SOVIET INTENTIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a proposal by the Portuguese Delegation on the desirability of members of the Committee collecting and the Committee examining

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information relating to the opinion of the satellite countries on Soviet intentions;

- (2) agreed to discuss this suggestion when the Committee had examined the experts' draft report on trends and implications of Soviet policy.

V. 21st CONGRESS OF THE USSR COMMUNIST PARTY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the French Delegation would submit a note (to be distributed under reference AC/119-WP(59)32) on the evolution of relations between the USSR and China, Yugoslavia and the under-developed countries in the light of the statements made at the 21st Congress;
- (2) also noted that the French Delegation would submit a note (to be distributed under reference AC/119-WP(59)33) on the subject of economic competition with the capitalist countries, which had been mentioned at the 21st Congress. (This note would also be distributed under a reference of the Sub-Committee on Soviet Economic Policy.)

VI. BOARDING OF A SOVIET TRAWLER

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the United States Delegation on the boarding of a Soviet trawler as a result of a break in transatlantic cables.

VII. INSTALLATION OF MISSILE LAUNCHING BASES IN SATELLITE COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

invited delegations in a position to do so to forward information on the installation of any missile launching bases in satellite countries, particularly in Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania.

VIII. UNITED STATES AID TO EGYPT

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the United States Delegation on the resumption of economic and technical aid to the United Arab Republic.

IX. THE SITUATION IN THE LEBANON

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the Netherlands Delegation drawing its attention to economic difficulties encountered by the Lebanon, which had been dealt with in a document of the Committee of Economic Advisors (AC/127-WP/20).

X. REPORTS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the Chairman who would, at the next meeting, give the International Staff's views on the finalizing, for the forthcoming ministerial meeting, of the December 1958 reports on Eastern Europe and the Far East.

XI. POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS BY A CIVILIAN AIR TRANSPORT COMPANY IN EASTERN GERMANY

The COMMITTEE:

requested the German Delegation to send a note (to be distributed under reference AC/119-WP(59)34) on the attempts a civilian air transport company in Eastern Germany (Interflug) might make to enter into traffic agreements with the Western countries.

XII. BERLIN VISIT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the German Delegation asking delegations to notify their Ministries for Foreign Affairs that the German authorities wished to invite the officials of these ministries to visit Berlin;
- (2) requested delegations to inform the Committee, at the next meeting, of the names of officials wishing to visit Berlin.

XIII. STRIKES AND THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the Italian Representative

on the desirability of determining whether or not the parallelism observed in some cases between the outbreak of political strikes in certain countries (particularly in public utilities) and a heightening of international tension was purely coincidence;

- (2) agreed to decide later whether a study of this kind came within the terms of reference of the Committee of Political Advisors.

XIV. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th March, 1959 at 10.30 a.m.

Palais de Chaillot,
Paris, XVIIe.