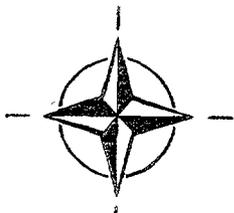


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EAST-WEST CONTACTS

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2. Following the practice at previous Ministerial meetings, the latest Contact List will be available at Reykjavik in the form of the attached routine NATO press background note for release at 1200 Reykjavik time on 24th June, 1968.

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BELGIUMA. Contacts on the political level

- Belgian and Polish experts held talks on disarmament questions at Brussels 9th-13th March, 1968.
- A Hungarian parliamentary delegation led by Gyula KALLAI, National Assembly President, visited Belgium 14th-21st May, 1968. Talks with Messrs. STRUYE, VAN ACKER, and HARMEL were held.

B. Planned contacts on the political level

- The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs plans to visit his Rumanian and Yugoslav counterparts during autumn 1968.
- Visits to Belgium of Ivan BASHEV, Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jiri HAJEK, Czechoslovakian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Janos PETER, Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, are envisaged.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- "Belgian Technical Week" was held at Warsaw, 15th-24th January, 1968.
- Second meeting of the Polish/Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union (UEBL) mixed commission (under the Polish-UEBL economic, industrial and technical co-operation agreement), at Warsaw 18th-23rd January, 1968.
- Pierre WIGNY, Belgian Minister of Justice with responsibility for cultural affairs, was in Hungary on an official visit 1st-5th February, 1968. He participated in the "Belgian Cultural Days" at Budapest.
- First meeting of the BENELUX-Hungarian mixed commission (under the BENELUX-Hungarian commercial agreement) at Budapest from 25th January-9th February, 1968. A trade protocol was signed.

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- Belgian-Polish conversations about the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), at Brussels 9th-13th March, 1968.
- Mr. LAVRICHENKO, Deputy Chief, Department of International Economic Organizations, USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited Brussels 28th-29th March, 1968. Belgian-Soviet conversations about the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) were held.
- First meeting of the Hungarian/Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union (UEBL) mixed commission (under the Hungarian-UEBL economic industrial and technical co-operation agreement), at Budapest, 1st-5th April, 1968.
- First meeting of the Polish-BENELUX mixed commission (under the Polish-BENELUX commercial agreement), at The Hague 8th-11th April and 22nd-26th April, 1968.
- First meeting of the Czechoslovak/Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union (UEBL) mixed commission (under the Czechoslovak-UEBL industrial and technological co-operation agreement), at Prague, 29th April - 4th May, 1968.
- First meeting of the BENELUX-Czechoslovak mixed commission, (under the BENELUX-Czechoslovak commercial agreement), at The Hague, 29th April - 6th May, 1968.
- Under a non-governmental agreement between Belgium, the Netherlands, and the Soviet Union concerning the peaceful use of atomic energy:
 - (1) a Belgian-Netherlands nuclear physics delegation visited the USSR 6th-18th December, 1967 (Belgian participants were Mr. NEVE de MEVERGNIES, Head, SCK Service, Mol, and Professor P. MACQ, Catholic University of Louvain);
 - (2) a Belgian-Netherlands-USSR symposium on reactor fluctuations was held at Petten (Netherlands) 12th-21st December, 1967;
 - (3) five Soviet scientists visited Belgium 6th-23rd May, 1968.
- The Soviet Minister of Culture, Ye A. FURTSEVA, arrived at Brussels 27th May, 1968, to attend the ceremony of presentation of prizes at the Queen Elizabeth musical competition. She had contacts with the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs and with the two Ministers for Cultural Affairs.

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- Gheorghe CIOARA, Rumanian Minister of Foreign Trade, was to visit Brussels, 10th June, 1968.
- D. Military visits
 - Visit of a Belgian military delegation to the USSR 17th-25th June, 1968.

CANADA

- B. Planned contacts on the political level
 - G.B. GROZEV, Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, plans a 15-day inspection tour to the Bulgarian Embassy in Ottawa during summer, 1968.
- C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters
 - Notes were exchanged modifying the Canadian-USSR air agreement of 11th July, 1966, at Ottawa 12th December, 1967.
 - On 28th December, 1967, Mr. Bruce WILLIAMS, Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia, presented credentials as Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia.
 - On 18th January, 1968, Mr. Bruce WILLIAMS, Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia, presented credentials as Canadian Ambassador to Rumania.
 - Negotiations for an air agreement between Canada and Czechoslovakia were successfully concluded at Ottawa in February 1968. The agreement has not yet been signed.
 - Trade negotiations between Canada and Rumania were held in Rumania February 1968.
 - Negotiations for renewal of the trade agreement between Canada and Hungary took place in March 1968 at Budapest.
 - Basile RAUTA, Rumanian Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade visited Canada 21st March - 5th April to sign a 3-year trade agreement between Rumania and Canada. The agreement has not yet been ratified but is provisionally in force.
 - Trade discussions between Poland and Canada took place 14th-18th March, 1968 at Ottawa.
 - Emil DRAGANESCU, Rumanian Minister of Power, visited Canada, 17th-19th March, 1968.
 - A USSR gas industry delegation visited Canada 6th-29th May, 1968.

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- A Yugoslav scientific delegation led by Dr. Dolfe VOGELNIK, President of the Yugoslavian Federal Council for the Coordination of Scientific Activities, visited Canada 8th-15th May, 1968, on invitation from the Canadian National Research Council.
- A Canadian Board of Grain Commissioners delegation headed by Commissioner A.V. SVOBODA visited the USSR and Eastern Europe 16th May - mid June, 1968.
- A Bulgarian trade and economic delegation led by Penko PENKOV, Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, visited Canada 29th May for 7 days for discussions with the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce.
- J.L. GRAY, President of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., visited the USSR and Eastern Europe in May.
- Negotiations for a student and faculty exchange between Carleton University in Canada and the University of Leningrad, USSR, were concluded in May, 1968. The agreement has still to be ratified by the Carleton Senate and the University of Leningrad's Academic Council.
- M.V. CHEREZOV, RSFSR, Deputy Minister of Agricultural Construction, USSR, visited Canada 10th-28th June, 1968 to study Canadian methods of agricultural construction.
- Trade negotiations between Hungary and Canada at Ottawa were planned for June.
- The Honourable Maurice SAUVÉ, Canadian Minister of Forestry and Rural Development, will visit the USSR 5th August for 30 days.
- The Canadian Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Jean-Luc PÉPIN, will visit Poland and the USSR in the summer of 1968.
- In 1967, there were 19 official political contacts between Canadian and East European or Soviet leaders (unreported in the previous East-West Contact List of 13th December, 1967), including visits to Canada of the President of Czechoslovakia, Antonin NOVOTNY (14th - 19th May, 1967), Czechoslovak Prime Minister LENART (26th-28th June, 1967), Soviet First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Dmitri POLYANSKY (13th-17th August, 1967), and Yugoslav President of the Federal Executive Committee Mika SPILJAK (18th-25th September, 1967), as well as other Ministerial and Parliamentary visits. Many of these were in connection with EXPO '67 and the Canadian Centennial Year. There were also 25 negotiations, agreements or contacts on cultural, economic or technical matters. Additionally, many East European political figures and senior officials visited EXPO '67 unofficially. For example, among the 6,000 Soviet visitors were more than 120 Ministers (USSR, RSFSR, or Union Republic level) or Deputy Ministers, 18 State Committee Chairmen, 10 Academy of Science Presidents (USSR and Republic level) and 22 senior Party officials. Visitors from Czechoslovakia included 10 government Ministers, 12 Vice-Ministers, 9 National Assembly Committee Chairmen, 8 Mayors, and 50 other Party and government officials.

DENMARK

A. Contacts on the political level

- During an unofficial visit to Copenhagen on 18th March, 1968, the Polish Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. NASZKOWSKI, held political talks with Danish ministers.
- A Danish delegation of disarmament experts visited Warsaw 27th-30th May, 1968; the Danish Minister for Disarmament, K. Helveg PETERSEN, visited Warsaw 29th-30th May, 1968 in this connection.
- The Polish Prime Minister, Josef CYRANIEWICZ, was to visit Denmark 10th-13th June, 1968.

B. Planned contacts on the political level

- The Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Janos PETER, is expected to visit Denmark during the last half of September, 1968.
- The Bulgarian Prime Minister, Todor ZHIVKOV, is scheduled to visit Denmark 11th-16th September, 1968.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- A Danish-Polish agreement on carrying out salvage operations was counter-signed at Warsaw 26th January, 1968. A Danish government delegation arrived at Warsaw 20th February, 1968 for talks on rescue actions and the recovery of sunken property in the internal and territorial waters of both countries.
- A Danish-Bulgarian trade protocol for 1968 (under the 1966-1970 trade agreement) was signed at Copenhagen 23rd February, 1968.
- Rumania and Denmark signed a cultural agreement at Copenhagen 20th March, 1968. The agreement provides for the exchange of scientific and cultural teams, exhibitions, etc.
- Within the framework of the 1966-1970 long-term trade agreement, a protocol for goods exchanges in 1968 between Denmark and Rumania was signed at Copenhagen 20th March, 1968.
- A Danish-Polish trade protocol for 1968 (under the 1966-1970 trade agreement) was signed at Copenhagen 27th March, 1968.
- A Hungarian-Danish radio agreement was concluded at Copenhagen in March, 1968 under which co-operation between the two radio national companies will be extended and musical, theatre, film and children's programmes will be exchanged.

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- A Rumanian trade delegation, headed by the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Victor IONESCU, made a week's tour of Danish business firms, 2nd-8th April. The delegation was invited by the Copenhagen Chamber of Commerce.
- A Polish-Danish protocol on cooperation in the field of education, science, protection of health, culture and art in the period up to 1970 was signed at Copenhagen 24th April, 1968.
- The Polish Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs, Stefan PERKOWICZ, visited Denmark 2nd-8th May, 1968.
- A Danish-Yugoslav road transport agreement was signed at Belgrade 13th May, 1968.
- The Hungarian Minister for Agriculture, Imre DIMENY, was to visit Denmark 10th June, 1968.
- Danish-Czechoslovak negotiations on cultural relations were to take place at Prague 10th-20th June, 1968.

FRANCEA. Contacts on the political level

- The Polish Deputy Foreign Minister officially visited France 3rd-7th February, 1968. He conferred with French Foreign Minister COUVE de MURVILLE.
- The French Minister of Culture, André MALRAUX, paid an official visit to the USSR 27th February - 7th March, 1968.
- The Hungarian Prime Minister, Jeno FOCK, arrived in Paris for a five-day visit 25th March. He had talks with Premier POMPIDOU and was received by President DE GAULLE 29th March.
- The French Minister of Defence, Pierre MESSMER, arrived at Moscow 18th April, 1968 at the invitation of the Soviet Minister of Defence, Marshal Andrei A. GRECHKO, for a 10-day visit.
- President DE GAULLE visited Rumania 14th-18th May, 1968.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- A meeting of the Czechoslovak-French mixed commission ended at Prague 8th February, 1968, with the signing of a trade protocol for 1968.

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- An agreement concerning Franco-Czechoslovak television cooperation during 1968 was signed at Paris 21st February, 1968.
- A group of French specialists arrived at Warsaw 27th February, 1968 for talks on an agreement on transport between Poland and France.
- Raymond MARCELLIN, French Minister-Delegate for Planning and Development, arrived at Warsaw 29th February, 1968 for a four-day visit. He and other French officials conducted talks with Polish officials on problems of industrialization and regional development.
- A French-Hungarian agreement on civil law procedures was signed in Paris 19th March, 1968.
- A delegation of the Legal Commission of the French National Assembly met with members of the Legal Commission and other standing commissions of the Rumanian Grand National Assembly in March 1968.
- Representatives of the French Organization for Standardisation arrived at Warsaw 27th March, 1968 for a three-day visit to discuss the state of implementation of the provisions of the Paris protocol of autumn 1967.
- An agreement on French-Rumanian television cooperation was signed at Bucharest 30th March, 1968.
- Polish Foreign Trade Minister, Witold TRANCZYNSKI, arrived at Paris 31st March, 1968 for an official five-day visit at the invitation of the French government.

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- The Polish Minister of Foreign Commerce, Witold TRAMPCZYNSKI, began a week-long visit to France 31st March, 1968. He had a series of high-level conversations with French officials aimed at stimulating Franco-Polish trade and industrial co-operation.
- A Rumanian-French cultural, scientific and technical collaboration plan was signed at Bucharest 5th April.
- Jean THOMAS, Inspector General of the French Ministry of Education, and member of the French National UNESCO Commission, arrived at Bucharest 18th April, 1968 at the invitation of the Rumanian Ministry of Education.
- A Rumanian parliamentary delegation arrived in Paris 21st April, 1968 at the invitation of the office of the French National Assembly. The group stayed in France until 30th April.
- The Czechoslovak Minister of Power, Josef KORAC, arrived in Paris 22nd April, 1968 for a visit. The following day he met with Pierre MASSE, head of the Electricity and Gas Services of France.
- A protocol on co-operation in the nuclear field for 1968/69 was signed between Rumania and France 29th April, 1968. The protocol envisages an increased exchange of specialists, scholars, scientific documents, and research projects.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANYA. Contacts on the political level

- Mr. H. RUETTE, Assistant Secretary of State in the German Foreign Office, conducted preparatory talks with the Yugoslav Ambassador in Paris 22nd-30th January, 1968 with a view to the resumption of diplomatic relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and Yugoslavia. (The Federal Republic of Germany and Yugoslavia resumed diplomatic relations 31st January, 1968.)

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

- German proposals on the exchange of declarations renouncing the use of force between the Federal Republic of Germany and the USSR and, possibly, between the Federal Republic of Germany, the East European states, and the other part of Germany, were handed to the Soviet Ambassador at Bonn on 9th April, 1968.
- The Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs was scheduled to visit Yugoslavia officially 12th-14th June, 1968.
- C. Negotiations, agreements, and contacts on cultural economic and technical matters
 - The third supplementary protocol to the 7th March, 1963 protocol on the results of the negotiations of German and Polish delegations on trade and ocean shipping was signed in Bonn 15th December, 1967.
 - Federal Republic of Germany-Yugoslav trade talks were held 15th-26th January, 1968 with a view to signing a long-term trade agreement; the talks were interrupted without an agreement having been concluded.
 - The Federal Republic of Germany and Czechoslovakia exchanged ratification documents for a new trade agreement and the establishment of trade missions in the two countries 7th February, 1968.
 - J.E. MAKSAREV, President of the USSR Patent Office, visited the Federal Republic of Germany 20th-30th April, 1968 at the invitation of the President of the German Patent Office and the Federal Minister of Justice.
 - A German-Bulgarian mixed commission on economic relations between the two countries began negotiations 5th June, 1968 with a view to signing a third supplementary protocol to the protocol on trade and payments of 5th March, 1964.

ICELAND

- A. Contacts on the political level
 - Bulgarian Foreign Minister Ivan BASHEV visited Iceland 7th-11th April, 1968.

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C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- An agreement between Iceland and Bulgaria on the abolition of visas was signed in Reykjavik 10th April, 1968.

ITALY

A. Contacts on the political level

- Mika SPILJAK, President, Federal Executive Council of Yugoslavia, visited Italy 8th-10th January, 1968.
- Visit to Italy 22nd-24th January, 1968, of Ion Gheorghe MAURER, Rumanian Prime Minister, and Gorneliu MANESCU, Rumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Ivan BASHEV, Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, made an official visit to Italy 19th-22nd February, 1968.
- Rumanian Foreign Minister Corneliu MANESCU talked with Italian political leaders from 16th-18th April, 1968 while in Italy enroute to the United Nations in New York.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- Guisto TOLLOY, Italian Minister for Foreign Trade, visited Rumania in November 1967.
- The Italian-Yugoslav mixed commission for economic and industrial co-operation met at Belgrade in November 1967.
- Guisto TOLLOY, Italian Minister for Foreign Trade, visited Bulgaria in December 1967.
- Mr. ZAGARI, Italian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, visited Bulgaria 10th-12th January, 1968.
- An Italian-Czechoslovak agreement on film production was signed at Prague 9th February, 1968.
- The Hungarian Minister for Foreign Trade, Jozsef BIRO, arrived in Rome for an unofficial visit 14th February, 1968.
- An Italian-Czechoslovak agreement on mutual trade for 1968 containing provisions aimed at promoting increases in imports and exports was signed at Rome 23rd February, 1968.

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- Leopoldo RUBINACCI, Italian Minister for Scientific Research, visited the USSR 16th-27th February, 1968, at the invitation of the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology. He was received by President PODGORNYY 26th February, 1968.
- The Soviet Deputy Trade Minister, Vladimir AIMINOV, held talks with officials of the Italian State Financing Institution IMI, at Rome 8th-11th March.
- Tadeusz OLECHOWSKI, Poland's Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, had talks with Italian officials 13th March, 1968. He met with Foreign Trade Minister Guisto TOLLOY and Foreign Affairs Under Secretary Guiseppe LUPIS.
- An agreement on film co-operation between Italy and Czechoslovakia was signed in Prague 25th March, 1968.
- The fifth session of the Italian-USSR mixed commission for cultural exchanges met at Rome 21st-26th March, 1968.
- The Italian-Polish mixed commission for economic, industrial and technological co-operation met at Warsaw 1st-2nd April, 1968. Italy and Poland signed a protocol on economic, industrial and technical co-operation at Warsaw 2nd April, 1968.
- A Soviet delegation, headed by the Soviet Minister of Internal Trade, Dimitri V. PAVLOV, arrived in Italy 3rd April, 1968 for a two-week unofficial visit. The delegation studied the possibility of collaboration with Italy in the field of supermarkets.
- A Soviet economic delegation led by Yevgeni CHKOURKO, USSR Deputy Minister for Light Industry, arrived at Rome 3rd April, 1968. The delegation discussed possible co-operation in the field of patents, standardisation and electric appliances with Italian officials.
- Three Italian/Soviet working groups on economic, scientific and technological co-operation met at Rome in April 1968.

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A. Contacts on the political level

- Mr. SZILAGYI, Hungarian Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Netherlands informally 23rd-25th November, 1967.
- Joseph LUNS, Netherlands Foreign Minister, visited Hungary 12th-15th February, 1968.
- General political consultations between official Netherlands and Rumanian delegations were held at Bucharest 8th-9th March, 1968.
- Joseph LUNS, Netherlands Foreign Minister, visited Yugoslavia 12th-17th March, 1968. He talked to President TITO and with Yugoslav Foreign Minister Marko NIKEZIC.

B. Planned contacts on the political level

- Foreign Minister LUNS probably will pay an official visit to Bulgaria during 1968.
- The Foreign Ministers of Hungary and Yugoslavia have accepted invitations to visit the Netherlands, returning visits of Mr. LUNS. Dates have not yet been fixed.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- A long-term trade agreement between the Netherlands and the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union, on the one hand, and of Rumania on the other, was initialled at Brussels 27th October, 1967.
- During consultations at Moscow, 7th-20th December, 1967, between Netherlands and USSR delegations, agreement in principle was reached on settlement of shipping matters.
- A trade agreement between BENELUX and Bulgaria was initialled 15th December, 1967.
- A Netherlands-Hungarian cultural agreement was signed at Budapest 14th February, 1968.
- A Netherlands-Hungarian agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-operation was signed at Budapest 14th February, 1968.

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- A 60-member Netherlands economic mission, headed during the first few days by Under Secretary of State for Transport and Waterways, M.J. KEYZER, visited Poland 12th-27th February, 1968. Talks concerned Netherlands-Polish trade and economic relations.
- A Netherlands-Yugoslav agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-operation was signed at Belgrade 13th March, 1968.
- Netherlands and Polish delegations consulted about signing a road transport agreement at Warsaw 2nd-5th April, 1968.
- A Netherlands trade exposition was held at Bucharest 19th-28th April, 1968. It was opened by the Netherlands Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mr. L.J.M. VAN SON.
- A Netherlands-Rumanian road transport agreement was signed at The Hague 23rd April, 1968.
- A Netherlands commercial exposition was held at Prague 12th-19th May, 1968, in connection with a visit of a Netherlands economic mission to Czechoslovakia. The mission was headed during the first few days by the Netherlands Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. L. de BLOCK.
- A Netherlands-Bulgarian agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-operation was initialled at Sofia, 20th May, 1968.
- The Rumanian Minister of Foreign Trade, Gheorghe CIOARA, paid a return visit to the Netherlands, 4th-10th June, 1968.

NORWAYA. Contacts on the political level

- Mr. NASZKOWSKI, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland, visited Norway 19th-23rd March, 1968, at the invitation of the Norwegian Foreign Minister.
- A Norwegian parliamentary delegation visited Rumania 3rd-11th May, 1968.
- A Polish parliamentary delegation visited Norway, 22nd-30th May, 1968.

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B. Planned contacts on the political level

- A Norwegian parliamentary delegation is scheduled to visit the USSR 25th June-3rd July, 1968.
- Bulgarian Prime Minister, Todor ZHIVKOV, will visit Norway officially 16th-22nd September, 1968, after an official visit to Denmark 11th-16th September.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- Trade negotiations with Czechoslovakia were held at Prague, 29th January-10th February, 1968.
- The Norwegian Minister of Education and Church Affairs, Kjell BONDEVIK, visited Czechoslovakia 10th-15th February, 1968. He was received by the Czechoslovak Ministers of Education and Foreign Affairs as well as by the director of the Secretariat for Religious Affairs.
- Negotiations on the cultural exchange programme with Yugoslavia were held at Belgrade, 14th-18th March, 1968.
- Negotiations on the cultural exchange programme with the Soviet Union were held at Oslo 24th-26th April, 1968.
- Negotiations on the cultural exchange programme with Bulgaria will be held at Sofia, probably in June, 1968.

TURKEYA. Contacts on the political level

- The Bulgarian Premier, Todor ZHIVKOV, paid an official visit to Turkey from 20th-26th March, 1968. He was accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Minister of Justice, and Director of the Balkans Section of the Bulgarian Foreign Office.
- The Yugoslav Prime Minister, Mika SPILJAK, and Foreign Minister Marko NIKEZIC, visited Turkey 29th March - 2nd April, 1968, at the invitation of Turkish Premier Suleyman DEMIREL.
- A delegation of nine Soviet parliamentarians visited Turkey 12th-22nd April, 1968.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- Bulgaria and Turkey signed a road transport agreement 15th December, 1967 at Sofia.
- Rumania and Turkey signed a road transport agreement at Bucharest 23rd December, 1967.
- A Turkish-Rumanian agreement abolishing visas was signed at Ankara 31st January, 1968.
- Yugoslavia and Turkey signed a road transport agreement at Belgrade, 10th January, 1968.
- The Chairman of the Bulgarian State Committee for Planning, Apostol PACHEV, accompanied by a delegation of thirteen experts, visited Turkey 11th-21st February, 1968.
- A USSR-Turkish trade protocol covering the period 1968-69 was signed at Ankara 23rd February, 1968.
- Bulgaria and Turkey signed a protocol on goods exchange at Sofia 28th February, 1968.
- Yugoslavia and Turkey signed a trade protocol covering 1968-69 at Ankara 1st March, 1968.
- An immigration agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria was signed at Ankara 22nd March, 1968. It is expected to result in the resettlement of about 10,000 to 15,000 ethnic Turks, now Bulgarian residents, to Turkey. The agreement was signed by the two Foreign Ministers CAGLAYANGIL and BASHEV.
- A protocol on mutual goods deliveries between Rumania and Turkey for the period 1st April, 1968 - 31st March, 1969, was signed at Bucharest 25th March, 1968.
- A new consular convention between Turkey and Yugoslavia was signed 30th March, 1968. The convention provides for the opening of a Turkish Consulate in Zagreb and possibly a Yugoslav Consulate in Izmir.
- The Turkish Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Refet SEZGIN, visited Rumania 1st-5th April, 1968, at the invitation of Alexandru BOABA, Oil Minister. He was received by Rumanian Deputy Premier Gheorghe RADULESCU 4th April.
- A Hungarian-Turkish goods exchange protocol for 1968 was signed at Budapest 2nd April, 1968.

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- A Polish-Turkish trade protocol was signed at Warsaw 9th April, 1968.
- The Turkish Minister of Tourism, Nikat KURSAT, visited Bulgaria 15th-22nd April, 1968, at the invitation of Perko TODOROV, Chairman, Bulgarian Tourism Committee.
- A Czechoslovak-Turkish trade protocol was signed at Ankara 25th April, 1968. It covers the period 1968-69.

UNITED KINGDOM

A. Contacts on the political level

- Prime Minister WILSON visited the USSR 22nd-24th January, 1968.
- Ilie VERDET, First Deputy Prime Minister of Rumania, visited the United Kingdom 23rd January-3rd February, 1968. He was accompanied by a Rumanian government delegation.
- A Yugoslav parliamentary delegation, headed by V. SMILEVSKI, visited the United Kingdom 14th-22nd February, 1968.
- A British parliamentary delegation visited the USSR 15th-28th May, 1968.
- The Foreign Secretary, Michael STEWART, visited the USSR 22nd-23rd May, 1968.
- Foreign Secretary STEWART visited Yugoslavia 5th-10th June, 1968.

B. Planned contacts on the political level

- The Foreign Secretary plans to visit Hungary 1st-4th September; Bulgaria 4th-7th September; and Rumania 8th-11th September, 1968.

C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- An Anglo-Hungarian cultural programme was signed 8th December, 1967.

- An Anglo-Soviet agreement on post-1939 financial and property claims and counter-claims was signed 5th January, 1968.
- Lord ERROLL, President of the London Chamber of Commerce, visited Rumania 11th-17th January, 1968.
- V.A. KIRILLIN, Soviet Deputy Prime Minister, visited the United Kingdom 16th-20th January, 1968.
- An Anglo-Soviet technological agreement was signed 19th January, 1968.
- An Anglo-Soviet consultative committee was established by an exchange of notes at Moscow 22nd January, 1968.
- V.P. ELYUTIN, Soviet Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education, visited the United Kingdom 23rd January-1st February, 1968.
- The Deputy Director General of the British Nuclear Export Executive, Dr. B.C. WOODFINE, visited Prague 30th January-2nd February, 1968. He discussed the possibility of supplying British equipment to the State Nuclear Power programme with Czechoslovak officials.
- The President of the USSR State Committee for Standards, Measures and Measuring Instruments arrived at London 5th February, 1968 together with an eight-member delegation. ten days in Britain as guests of the Ministry of Technology. The aim of the visit was to make progress toward an arrangement which would facilitate trade in scientific instruments between the two countries.
- A Rumanian delegation led by the Chairman of the State Committee for Problems of Organization and Salaries, Petre LUPU, visited the United Kingdom 8th-26th February, 1968. The delegation devoted most of its time to studying the British approach to management training and related problems.
- The President of the British Price and Income Board, Aubrey JONES, arrived in Hungary 13th February, 1968 and met with the Hungarian Deputy Premier Dr. Matyas TIMAR.

- An eleven-man Bulgarian Industrial and Trade delegation arrived in Britain 19th February, 1968. During its two week stay, the delegation discussed the purchase of industrial plant and increased sales to Britain.
- The USSR Deputy Minister of Instrument Building, Automation and Control visited W.G. Pye, and UNICAM Instruments at Cambridge on 21st February, 1968. This was the first visit under the Anglo-Soviet technical exchange agreement.
- An Anglo-Hungarian five-year trade agreement was signed at London 28th February, 1968.
- Bulgaria and the United Kingdom signed a consular convention 13th March, 1968, giving diplomatic officials of each country the right of access to any nationals in detention.
- Bulgaria and the United Kingdom signed an accord 13th March which regulates the conditions under which medical care will be given to citizens of the two countries while visiting in the other country.
- An Anglo-Yugoslav cultural programme was signed 14th March, 1968.
- A team of Soviet experts, headed by the Soviet Minister of Power, P.S. NEPOROZHNY, visited Britain in early April. The team studied British methods of electricity generation and transmission.
- John STONEHOUSE, Minister of State for Technology, visited Czechoslovakia 26th March-1st April, 1968.
- An agreement on co-operation in the sphere of applied science and technology was signed at Prague between Britain and Czechoslovakia 26th March, 1968.
- A trade protocol between the United Kingdom and Bulgaria was signed at Sofia 3rd April, 1968.
- V.G. BAKAEV, Soviet Minister of Merchant Marine, visited the United Kingdom 2nd-5th April, 1968. An Anglo-Soviet merchant navigation treaty was signed 3rd April, 1968.
- The signing of an agreement on scientific co-operation between Britain's Royal Society and the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences was announced in London 3rd April, 1968. The agreement calls for both parties to facilitate contacts between specialists and makes provisions for exchange of visits by senior scientists, etc.

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- The British Minister of Education, Gordon WALKER, visited Hungary from 6th April, 1968. He visited some educational, scientific and cultural institutions.
- An agreement to develop scientific and technological co-operation between Britain and the Soviet Union in electricity supply and transmission was signed at London 8th April, 1968.
- Lord BROWN, Minister of State, Board of Trade, visited Yugoslavia 17th-21st April, 1968, at the invitation of the Yugoslav Foreign Trade Secretary Vasil ERIVCEV.
- An Anglo-Yugoslav technological co-operation agreement was signed 19th April, 1968.
- A British trade mission visited Poland 22nd-30th April, 1968, at the invitation of the Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade. The members of the mission discussed current trends in Anglo-Polish trade and technical and commercial co-operation.
- A protocol on co-operation between the Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade and the London Chamber of Commerce was signed at Warsaw 27th April, 1968.
- Mr. CHYLINSKI, Polish Vice-Minister of Machine Industry, visited the United Kingdom 7th-16th May, 1968.
- Mr. GREENWOOD, Minister of Housing and Local Government, visited Poland 13th-16th May, and Czechoslovakia 17th-21st May, 1968.
- The President of the Board of Trade, Anthony CROSLAND, visited the USSR 3rd-8th June, 1968. It was decided to begin talks on a new five-year trade agreement.
- Mr. BENN, Minister of Technology, visited Rumania 3rd-8th June, 1968.

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- Soviet Premier KOSYGIN received Michigan Governor ROMNEY for a two-hour talk 19th December, 1967.

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C. Negotiations, agreements and contacts on cultural, economic and technical matters

- The 1968 programme of United States-Rumanian cultural exchanges was agreed on at Bucharest 1st December, 1967.
- The United States and the USSR signed the annual renewal of the bilateral Northwest Atlantic Fishery agreement 18th December, 1967. (Negotiations began at Moscow 13th November, 1967).
- An international convention on assistance and return of astronauts was signed at Moscow, London and Washington 22nd April, 1968.
- Dr. Milos KALAB, Director of the Sociology Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, arrived in the United States on 23rd April, 1968 for a six-week visit.
- On 30th April, 1968, United States and Soviet negotiators officially approved an amendment to the US-USSR civil aviation agreement covering intermediate stops between Moscow and New York.
- On 4th May, 1968, the USSR announced ratification of US-USSR consular treaty (the US had ratified the treaty 16th March, 1967). USSR ratification actually took place 26th April, but the announcement was delayed.
- A Bulgarian trade mission headed by Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Penko PENKOV visited the United States 8th-24th May, 1968. The mission met officials of the Departments of Commerce, State and Agriculture before visiting companies and individuals throughout the United States.
- A US-Czechoslovak settlement of gold/financial claims is under discussion.
- A US-Czechoslovak draft air transport agreement is under discussion. Talks were held at Washington 22nd January-9th February between US officials and a six-member Czechoslovak delegation.
- A US-Hungary settlement of financial claims is under negotiation.
- A US-Hungary consular convention is under consideration for negotiation.
- A US-Poland consular convention is under negotiation.
- A US-Rumania consular convention is under negotiation.