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AC/119-R(60)6

COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th February, 1960

ACTION SHEET

I. STATEMENT MADE BY THE ITALIAN MINISTER TO BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

expressed appreciation to Signor Gaja, Italian Minister to Bulgaria, for having given the Committee an interesting account of developments in that country.

II. TASS DESPATCH ON SOVIET MISSILE TESTS IN THE PACIFIC

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Turkish Government endorsed the general view that no reply should be made to the Soviet Note;
- (2) expressed the hope that the United Kingdom Representative might be able to give the Committee a statement, in legal terms, of the reasons why his Government consider that the procedure followed by the Soviet Government in this case should not be allowed to go unchallenged;
- (3) agreed that consideration should be given to the advisability of publicising the facts, either by statements to be made in Parliament or by other means;
- (4) noted that the United States Representative was awaiting his authorities' views and that, pending further discussion in the Committee, he hoped that nothing would be said or done which might jeopardise the Western position.

III. LANDINGS OF SAS AIRCRAFT IN THE SOVIET-OCCUPIED ZONE OF GERMANY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United States Representative had

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been instructed to speak in support of the position taken at the last meeting by the German Representative (reference: AC/119-WP(60)18);

- (2) noted that the text of the statement by the United States Representative would be circulated to the Committee (AC/119-WP(60)18/1);
- (3) noted that the French Representative supported the United States view;
- (4) noted that the Danish and Norwegian Representatives reserved their positions pending further study.

IV. EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON THE FAR EAST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that United States experts, who were working on a draft paper for consideration by the Working Group on the Far East, had enquired about the possible scope of the final report; specifically, should India be included in the study?
- (2) noted that in the Chairman's view there could be no objection to the report making reference to important issues such as, for example, relations between India and China, which were of interest to the Alliance;
- (3) agreed to enquire whether governments considered that the background paper on the Far East to be prepared for Ministers should cover the situation in South East Asia.

V. PUBLICITY GIVEN BY SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES TO THEIR DEMARCHES

The COMMITTEE:

noted that Belgian officials knew of two occasions - one of which occurred in Belgium and the other in Finland - on which Soviet Bloc officials, having made a démarche, immediately afterwards issued a Press communiqué on the subject; if delegations could cite other examples of this procedure, the Belgian authorities favoured an exchange of views on the advisability of making representations to Communist Missions concerned and, if the practice continued, possibly to deliver protests.

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VI. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1960 at 10.30 a.m.

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Paris, XVIe.