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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on 4th April, 1963

ACTION SHEET

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I. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST
"FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS

(a) Possible Changes in the Tactics of Communist "Front"
Organizations and the Implications for Western Policy

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a note by the French Delegation on current tendencies in the Communist "front" organizations (AC/52-WP(63)7/1) and one by the United Kingdom Delegation on policy towards Communist "front" meetings (AC/52-WP(63)7);
- (2) noted that the Canadian Delegation hoped subsequently to circulate the comments of its authorities and that the text of the statement made by the United States Representative would be distributed as AC/52-WP(63)7/2;
- (3) heard further statements from the Belgian, Danish, French, German, Netherlands, Turkish and United Kingdom Representatives;
- (4) in conclusion, agreed that:
 - (i) the policy towards "front" organizations set out in C-M(56)99 and C-M(57)120 was still valid;
 - (ii) although there were signs that the tactics of these organizations might have changed,

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it was still too early accurately to assess the direction that they would take;

- (iii) the activities of the "front" organizations should continue to be kept closely under review;
- (iv) later in the year, the general question of the tactics of "front" organizations and their implications for Western policy should be again discussed in order to determine whether a more definite conclusion could be reached.

- (b) Afro-Asian Journalists Conference, Jakarta, 24th-30th April, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to them an informal note by the United States Delegation about this conference.

- (c) Bloc Propaganda Charging the United States with Chemical Warfare

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States guidance on this question could be used without attribution.

- (d) Possible meeting of the World Peace Council of Churches

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United Kingdom authorities had little evidence that Archbishop Nikodim was active in the World Peace Council or on the Soviet Peace Committee, although he did play an active part in the Christian Peace Conference which was not necessarily a "front" organization in the normal sense of that term.

- (e) Departure of African Students from Bulgaria

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Italian Representative that his government had granted scholarships to five Somali students for the rest of the academic year; in general, the Italian authorities preferred that

such students should speedily return to their home countries, that entrance qualifications to Italian establishments of higher education should be kept high and that the responsibilities of African countries for their own students should not be diminished.

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II. CULTURAL RELATIONS OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH THE USSR AND THE EUROPEAN SATELLITES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) continued their discussion of the Secretariat's proposal for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Study Group on this subject (AC/52-PSY/5);
- (2) noted that the Norwegian authorities felt that in view of the existence of the Bonn Group and of the fact that this question was being discussed in other NATO fora that the convocation of an Ad Hoc Study Group was not necessary at the present time, and that future discussion on the establishment of such a group should be based on a comprehensive report on East/West Cultural Relations by the Secretariat;
- (3) noted that the Netherlands authorities were, in general, not convinced of the necessity of convening an Ad Hoc Study Group;
- (4) heard a statement by the United States Representative on the background and activities of the Bonn Group and proposing means whereby there could be effective liaison between the Bonn Group and NATO;
- (5) agreed that an Ad Hoc Study Group on this question should not be convened at the present time;
- (6) noted the Chairman's expression of regret that the International Secretariat had not been informed of the existence of the Bonn Group;
- (7) noted that there was general agreement that representatives on the Bonn Group should be invited to support the proposal the United States would make to that Group, that it should make available to NATO a report of its activities and recommendations;

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- (8) agreed to discuss later in the year the question of how consultation on the question of Cultural Relations with the USSR and the European Satellites might most effectively be carried out in NATO in the light of the report of the Bonn Group and of the exchanges of views meanwhile carried on in other NATO fora.

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III. ACTIVITIES OF THE INFORMATION SERVICE 1962-1963

The COMMITTEE:

was informed of the preliminary comments of the United States authorities on these activities.

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IV. SELECTION OF NATO FELLOWS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1963-1964

The COMMITTEE:

heard a report by the Chairman on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee which chose NATO Fellows for 1963-1964 (a list of these Fellows was circulated as AC/52-WT(63)15).

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V. NATO STUDENTS SEMINAR 1964

The COMMITTEE:

noted the Chairman's invitation to national authorities asking for a country to volunteer to organize the 1964 NATO Students Seminar.

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VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th April, 1963 at 3.15 p.m.

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