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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

NATO FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME  
PUBLICATION FUND

Note by the Chairman

The Committee will recall that the budget for the 1958/59 Fellowship and Scholarship Programme includes the sum of 1,750,000 francs to be used to ensure the publication or dissemination of deserving works written by NATO Fellows and Scholars.

2. The Committee discussed this question at its meeting on 27th September, 1957(1), and agreed that in the administration of funds for these purposes the following procedures should apply:

- (a) the Secretariat would screen the manuscripts submitted by NATO Fellows and Scholars and make a pre-selection. These manuscripts would then be submitted to NATO's Expert Working Group on the Fellowship and Scholarship Programme, which might be enlarged to include a specialist in the field covered by any particular study;
- (b) it would be for the Expert Working Group to recommend the extent of financial support to be given by NATO. The Working Group would be invited to say whether a report warranted:
  - NATO's paying publication costs in part or in full;
  - a percentage of the publication costs;
  - in cases where publication was being arranged privately, a subsidy by NATO to ensure wider dissemination, e.g. translation and publication in one or more languages of the Alliance;
- (c) recommendations made by the Working Group would be subject to approval by the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations or an ad hoc working group composed of Committee members.

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(1) AC/52-R/81, Item IV(b).

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3. On reflection, it may seem to some members of the Committee - as it does to me - that this procedure is unnecessarily complicated and would result in almost interminable delays. Furthermore, it might place an unfair burden on the members of the Expert Working Group.

4. The Committee may consider simplifying the procedure. The following proposal is therefore submitted as a basis of discussion:

- (a) the Cultural Section of the Political Division would proceed to a first reading of all manuscripts submitted to NATO for the purpose of publication with a view to making a first selection;
- (b) the selected manuscripts would then be submitted by the chairman of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations to a Reading Committee consisting of (a) the Committee representative of the delegation of the country of which the author of the manuscript is a national (or of a person nominated by the delegation for this purpose); (b) a representative chosen by the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations, and (c) a representative of the International Staff qualified to examine the manuscript under study;
- (c) on receipt of the recommendations of the members of the Reading Committee, the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations would decide whether financial assistance should be given and if so to what extent.

(Signed) A. CASARDI

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