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PROPOSED SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION OF MATERIAL
RELATING TO CONTRADICTIONS IN SOVIET PROPAGANDA

Note by the United States Delegation

Reference is made to the Note by the United States Delegation, AC/52-D(58)20, in which the United States suggested that the NATO countries seek to exploit, through providing pertinent materials to Western newspapers and periodicals, the contradictions between Soviet foreign and domestic propaganda. Subsequent to making this proposal, which met with general interest and approval, several issuances providing examples of such contradictions have been furnished members of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations for dispatch to their governments. It has been suggested also that other NATO governments might be able to supply examples of such contradictions appearing in their countries which could be forwarded to the United States for inclusion in the new issuance, "Contradictions in Soviet Propaganda".

In order to preserve the multilateral character of this endeavor, as well as to provide for periodic reports on the use made of these materials in each participating country, the following system for distribution and collection of these materials is suggested for the consideration of the Committee:

1. Each country interested in participating in the program would designate a particular officer or section of the Information Service or other pertinent Ministry to be responsible for arranging the distribution within each country of the material issued and for collecting examples to be incorporated in the issuance. The name and address of the designated officer or section would be furnished to NATO, as well as the number of copies desired.

2. The United States would furnish to NATO on a bi-weekly basis sufficient copies of "Contradictions in Soviet Propaganda" to meet the needs of the responsible officer or section in each participating country. These would be forwarded to NATO through the United States Mission to NATO, and distributed by NATO to the list of responsible officers or sections provided by the members of the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations.

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3. The responsible officer or section in participating countries would provide from time to time examples of contradictions between Soviet foreign and domestic propaganda to its mission to NATO. These would be forwarded to the United States Mission to NATO which would send them to the Department of State.

4. It is expected that in order to derive benefit from "Contradictions in Soviet Propaganda", certain of the participating countries will wish to translate the issuance or selected parts of it into their own languages. Distribution through NATO rather than direct from the United States would result in not more than a day or two delay in receipt.

5. From time to time the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations would seek information from the responsible officers or sections of each participating country on the use being made of the materials, as well as suggestions on the content and form of "Contradictions in Soviet Propaganda".

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