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INTERIM REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROPOSAL BY THE  
GREEK DELEGATION

Reply to the Questionnaire by the German Delegation.

The documents referred to in Annex B of document AC/52-D(58)34(Final) are circulated within the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Press and Information Office, the Bundesnachrichtendienst and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, to those divisions and sections which are concerned with problems of the Soviet bloc and the Middle and Far East. The Federal Press and Information Office makes this material also available to the section dealing with Public Relations in defence matters. In future, however, some of this documentation will also be made available, on a case by case basis, to a small circle of selected publicists.

2. The Federal Press and Information Office is using these publications for studies on the development trends in the Soviet bloc, and applies the information within the scope of its general information policy. The effects of this material can therefore not be noticed by themselves, but only in connection with the impact of the general statements and publications by the Federal Government.

On account of their careful analyses and topical information the following publications are particularly appreciated:

- "Trends of Communist Propaganda";
- "The Interpreter", as well as the special editions of
- "The Interpreter";
- "Problems of Communism";
- "International Organizations";
- Printed Pamphlets (Item No. 10);
- "Communist Front Organizations".

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The fact that these publications are only available in English has proved to be a handicap for their internal evaluation and for their circulation outside the official sphere. For this reason, no systematical evaluation of the whole material is possible. The indispensable adaptation of the material chosen for publicity purposes is at present not possible because of staff shortages.

In the view of the Federal Press and Information Office, particular attention should be given to the material dealing with the following subjects:

- (a) Soviet-Chinese relations
- (b) Party and Army
  - (i) Soviet Union
  - (ii) Satellite countries
- (c) Warsaw Pact

Certain Western publicists thoughtlessly call the Warsaw Pact-System a counterpart to NATO. There is a need to stress continuously the great differences between the two systems and the real character of Soviet military policy.

It is not necessary to forward BBC reports to the Federal Press and Information Office since the Federal Government has a monitoring service of its own.

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