

who seemed anxious to avoid a situation where it might be necessary for him to consider having to convene UNDC. Both Dean and Godber therefore thought best approach would be along lines of our suggestion (a). In order to make clear that ENDC was not repeat not a UN body reporting to its parent, USA delegation thought covering letter could be from the 17 members of ENDC rather than ENDC itself. It was also thought that actual request for inscription of item would probably have to be done by Permanent Representatives in New York but that this would present no repeat no difficulty if members of ENDC were agreed on this general procedure. It was agreed that USA delegation would suggest a general procedure along these lines to USSR at the next Co-chairmen's meeting.

4. Regarding the name of the agenda item to be inscribed, I suggested and it was agreed that a general title along following lines would be appropriate: General and Complete Disarmament; Reports of ENDC.

5. *Tactics re Disarmament at 17th UNGA.* In order to try to ensure that the ENDC would resume its work on November 12, it was agreed that consideration should be given to ways in which the disarmament discussions might be expedited (without in any way curtailing the debates). The chairman summed up the discussions on this point as follows: it did not repeat not appear to matter whether the general disarmament item were taken up in the Assembly before the nuclear tests item or vice-versa so long as these two items were the first to be considered by the First Committee. Perhaps discussions could be expedited if the debates on each were "interweaved," i.e. meetings devoted to either one or other of the topics could be taking place during the same general period. In this way consideration of both items need not repeat not be unduly delayed while instructions were being waited for by various delegations or for related reasons.

6. It was also generally agreed that it would be useful for Western delegations to have in readiness a draft resolution along lines of that set out in your telegram N-275† and UK draft set out in our telegram 1432 August 24.† With regard to timing for submission of such a resolution, I made the points contained in paragraph 3 of your telegram N-276 August 29 about the danger of submitting a draft resolution before we were assured of wide support. There was no repeat no consensus of views on this point as USA, UK and Italian delegations all believed that it might be desirable to submit the resolution early in the debates in order to steer discussions in the direction of the resolution and possibly discourage some other resolution from being submitted.

7. The meeting studies both Canadian and USA drafts and I made the points regarding UK draft contained in your telegram N-276 August 29 as well as several other observations on its wording. As a result a composite draft resolution was drawn up (set out in our telegram 1444 August 30) which used UK draft as a basis but which incorporated the main points contained in Canadian draft. It was the general view that this composite draft might be of some assistance to Permanent Missions in New York in their consideration of tactics for the disarmament debates in the UNGA. It was also concluded that further consideration of the general question of tactics would probably have to be pursued in New York since ENDC session was now drawing to a close.

8. At the conclusion of the meeting I raised the question of tactics with regard to various resolutions which might be put forward on nuclear tests and disarmament I put forward the points contained in paragraph 7 of your telegram N-274 August 25, stressing the importance of each resolution being considered on its merits by Western delegations. Due to the lateness of the hour this matter did not repeat not receive detailed consideration but it was agreed that it would be desirable for Western delegations to keep in close touch with each other in New York, and to consult as much as possible on resolution in the disarmament field.

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