

9. *For London, Washington, Rome, Paris.* Please seek comments of the Foreign Ministry on tactics at the 17th UNGA discussed in paragraphs 5 to 7 above, and on the draft resolution given in our telegram N-275.

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DISARMAMENT: 17TH UNGA – MEETING OF WESTERN FOUR

Western Four met today under chairmanship of Godber (UK) in order to consider a number of questions re 17th UNGA. Following topics were discussed: report of ENDC to UNDC; method of transmitting report to UNGA; placing general disarmament item on UNGA agenda; tactics re disarmament at 17th UNGA. Discussion of nuclear tests ban is reported in separate telegram.

2. Report of ENDC to UNDC was generally agreed that report should give a straightforward and factual account of developments since June. USA circulated text of a draft USA report along such lines which Dean plans to discuss with Kuznetsov today (text set out in our telegram 1446 August 30†). As report adopts a non-controversial approach, USA was hopeful USSR would find it generally acceptable. The meeting agreed with my suggestion that it was important to emphasize in the report that Conference will resume its efforts to reach agreement on November 12. In order to provide this emphasis, Dean suggested that section i(a)(4) be made into a new section i(b)(1) and entitled "Date of Resumption of Work on Conference."

3. Method of transmitting report to UNGA and of placing general disarmament item on its agenda. It was recognized that these two questions were closely linked. USA draft report specifies in paragraph 1 that ENDC report is being transmitted to UNDC and 17th UNGA. I pointed out that in order to ensure that a general disarmament item would be placed on agenda, either of the following two procedures might be followed:

(a) ENDC could in a letter covering its report to UNDC ask Acting Secretary-General to transmit the Committee's two reports to UN members and its second report to Chairman of UNDC and to place item on UNGA agenda. This would have advantage of making all members of ENDC in a sense co-sponsors of agenda item.

(b) Chairman of UNDC could be asked in the report or covering letter to place item on agenda and submit ENDC reports to UNGA. As there appeared to be no repeat no hard and fast procedures governing his function, it could be left up to him to consider whether it would be necessary to consult members by letter. In our view, meetings of UNDC would probably not repeat not be necessary. Dean said that he had discussed this matter with Padilla Nervo