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SUBJECT:

P E R S O N A L

1. The Special Committee established by resolution 449 of 10 January 1957 is directed

> "to investigate, and to establish and maintain direct observation in Hungary and elsewhere, taking testimony, collecting evidence and receiving information, as appropriate, in order to report its findings to the General Assembly at its present session..."

2. It is also

> "thereafter from time to time to prepare additional reports".

3. The original target date for the close of this session of the Assembly was 15 January. If that date is now modified to 1 or 15 March, the Special Committee has 6 to 8 weeks to discharge its responsibility.

4. Within that time it must endeavour to set on foot within Hungary a scheme of direct observation involving the taking of testimony, collecting of evidence and receipt of information. At the same time it must institute a like scheme outside Hungary.

5. To institute the scheme within Hungary it must seek and obtain the co-operation of the USSR and Hungary. To institute the scheme outside Hungary it must seek and obtain assistance of Member States possessing relevant information.

6. If the replies of the USSR and Hungary to its solicitation of co-operation are favourable, the Special Committee will doubtless wish to give priority to the institution of the scheme inside Hungary.

7. While awaiting the replies of those two countries, however, the Special Committee will wish to go forward with the institution of the scheme outside Hungary. The most expeditious mode of proceeding would appear to be to request Member Governments to make available with all speed, relevant information, including testimony and evidence, which they may possess.

8. The taking of testimony outside Hungary can hardly be completed in a matter of eight weeks. Possibly, while the organization of that branch of the Special Committee's work was in progress, arrangements might be made for it to hear selected persons in advance.

9. The first report would thus be based primarily on information supplied by Governments and the testimony of a selected group of persons.