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To all Superiors General
 To their Delegates for SEDOS
 To all Members of the SEDOS groups

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KINDLY NOTE THE FOLLOWING EXTRAORDINARY MEETING:

A meeting on Africa, with Fr J. Joblin of the International Labour Organization, on Tuesday, February 17, at 1600, at the SEDOS Secretariat for for all members of the Generalates interested in the Africa working groups.

Please also remember:

Monday, Feb 16, 1600, at the Secretariat: Development Group

Wednesday, Feb 18, 1600, at Propaganda Fide, Regional leaders of the
 CATECHIST Group only

Monday, Feb 23, 1600, at the Secretariat: Education Group.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Tonna
 Executive Secretary

MEETINGS BY COUNTRY

MAINLAND CHINA

A meeting on mainland China was held at the SEDOS Secretariat on Wednesday, January 28, 1970 at 16.00.

Present were: Sr. Bellarmine ssps
Sr. Helen M. Carron fmm
Rev. G. Cussac
Sr. Olga Fedrovier fmm
P. Angelo Lazzarotto pime
Fr. Peeters cicm
Sr. Reginarda ssps
Sr. M. Th. Walsh osu
Rev. Th. Walsh mm

In the chair: Rev. H. Dargan sj
From the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna

The meeting studied three questions:

- 1 What is being done for China
- 2 The Ladanyi proposal
- 3 How to develop the Ladanyi proposal

1. Fr. H. Dargan introduced the subject by referring to the growing conviction that the next opportunity to hand on the Christian Message to mainland China through overseas Christian Chinese might come sooner than one would expect. It was thus necessary to study the new thinking that has been going on in China.

The group then listed a series of initiatives which had already been taken:

- a) Fr. Ladanyi's news service, based on the Chinese press and radio, and now recognized as a basic source for knowledge about China.
- b) A number of Christian Chinese lay-men are linked together by a monthly bulletin edited in Hong Kong by Veronica Tan.

- c) Fr. Thaddeus Heyn's review Universitas and his current interest in starting a translation service of modern theological works into Chinese.
 - d) Fr. C. McCarthy's sj mandate to study overseas Chinese settled in SE Asia.
 - e) Radio Veritas, Manila, technically equipped to beam the Christian message into China but currently idle (at least as regards this side of its activities)
 - f) Mgr. Melkebeke's mandate to serve overseas Chinese, particularly overseas Chinese clergy.
 - g) Mgr. Velasco's mandate, more or less on the same lines.
 - h) The Franciscan study centre in Hong Kong.
2. Fr. Ladanyi had drawn up a proposal for a Christian China Institute. It would be based in Hong Kong and would be aimed at coordinating and servicing the activities of Priests and Men and Women religious relevant to China. The conditions specified were: about \$ 10.000 a year and the overall patronage of some Bishop. If a group of religious Institutes were to back the proposal, funds would be forthcoming from the highest Church authorities.
3. The meeting then agreed that the best it could do was to develop the proposal into a firm project, to be presented, eventually, to the Secretariat of State. Two questions had to be previously settled:
- a) whether the idea of a coordinating service was sound
 - b) if so, who would have to do what, where, when and how.

The idea itself was considered as valid. The present effort for China seemed to be totally dependent on the work of individuals. What would happen when these are gone? The effort should be based on the dynamism of an institution. The "how" presented various difficulties. For example, only the Cardinal in Manila, or the German Bishops, could ease Radio Veritas out of the present impasse. Meanwhile, however, a production centre for tapes to be beamed to China could be set up elsewhere, even if great care would be required in blending the message - i.e. blunt Christian "propaganda" would be counter productive.

As to the where, it seemed that the best base would be Hong Kong. Many individuals from the Sedos institutes are already working there.

The programme of the Institute would entail at least six activities:

- .1 continue Ladanyi's China News Analysis
- .2 produce tape for broadcasts to China
- .3 promote contacts with and among overseas Christian Chinese
- .4 study of re-evangelization methods
- .5 preparation of literature for China
- .6 recruitment and training of future China missionaries

It would be ecumenical in inspiration.

The actual thinking (lines of policy, approach, concerted action), however, would have to be done by the overseas Chinese themselves and in particular by those based in Hong Kong. Still, it was essential that the people there know that the central Church authorities were behind them - morally and financially. In this case the function of the present group would be to intervene for them with such authorities (Holy See), to inform them of available resources, and to enlist the cooperation (particularly through the recording of personnel) of the missionary Institutes. As regards the "who", it seemed that Bishop Su, of Hong Kong, would be the Bishop best equipped to take charge of the project. The actual appointment, however, would have to come from the Holy See.

4. Action: It was agreed:

- a) to write a letter to Fr. Ladanyi in Hong Kong, to ask for a full memorandum on his project for a Christian China Institute. The memorandum would be distributed among SEDOS Generalates for study.
- b) to ask SEDOS Generalates to complete the list of initiatives, projects, ideas for Christian China initiated by the present meeting.

Benjamin Tonna

EDUCATION IN THE MISSIONS

A meeting of the Working Group on Education in the Missions was held on Monday, February 2, at 4.00 pm., at the Secretariat.

Present were: Biskoping, Sr. Reginarda ssps, Assistant General
 Bukovsky, Fr. John svd, Assistant General
 Carmody, Bro. Aloysius fsc, Assistant General
 Demey, Sr. Suzanne icm, Superior General
 Gates, Sr. Jane scmm-m, Superior General
 Gottwald, Bro. Vincent F. fsc, General Secretary for Missions
 Lautenschlager, Fr. Georg cmm, Assistant General
 More, Bro. Thomas cfx, Superior General
 Pereira-Leite, Sr. Inês crsa, Assistant General
 Rombouts, Sr. Claire icm, Assistant General
 Romuáldez, Sr. Bellarmine ssps, Assistant General
 Ryan, Sr. Edith snd-n, Assistant General
 Schelleman, Sr. Françoise scmm-t, Assistant General
 Urquia, Fr. Juan R. sm, Assistant General
 Walsh, Mo. Marie-Thérèse osu, Assistant General

in the chair: Sr. Marjorie Keenan rscm, Ass. Gen.
 from the Secretariat: Rev. Benjamin Tonna, Exec. Sec.

I. Introduction

Reports were presented by the special groups that had studied the subject of catholic schools and nationalization in three African countries: Upper Volta, South African Republic and Ghana (SEDOS Documentation, January 30, 1970, pages 66 - 73).

II. Discussion

In the discussion that followed as a result of the reports, it was assumed that nationalization of African Catholic schools, if not already accomplished, seems to be inevitable within a few years. The following topics were discussed:

- a) It might be to our advantage to study and take initiatives before nationalization is accomplished. By acting now we might avoid the situation of having to submit to unfavorable conditions imposed by governments when they are ready to take over.

- b) Nationalization should be faced fearlessly, despite the suffering entailed in giving up all that has been worked for and attained in Catholic school education over the years. It should not be regarded as an unrelieved ill: governments could well be doing the Church a service in freeing it from its institutional works and their administration for the work that should now be done.
- c) Means to prepare for nationalization should include:
 - . Action to establish dialogue between Bishops' Conferences and those of Major Superiors in order that solutions may be found.
 - . Ecumenical activity in education similar to that already attained in the medical field.
 - . Rapport with WCC.
- d) While decrying segregation within African countries, we may have set up a form of financial segregation by concentrating on the training of an elite, possible only for those with financial means.
- e) Religious must rethink and reorganise. They must now be ready to work under contract with their Bishops. Their attitude must be one of service and availability; of readiness to do what should be done, to stay as long as they can serve; to collaborate on all levels.
- f) Problems differ from country to country, and must largely be solved on the local level.
- g) Structures are needed, but should be created to meet specific needs. We must not fear to get rid of many of our present structures. Charisms should be able to breathe within structures, which should be dynamic rather than static, and adaptable. In making changes in structures, decisions must be taken in regard to the basic values we hope to preserve.

Structural changes that should be made:

- 1) In the light of the nationalization of schools, reconsideration of our means of education and of adaptation to new fields calls for:
 - . catechetical centers
 - . training of national religious
 - . ecumenical centers
 - . teaching in government schools
- 2) The move to adult education calls for structures in this field.

HEALTH SERVICES

Report of the Medical Contact Group meeting, held on January 22nd, 1970, at 15.30 h, at the SEDOS Secretariat.

Present were: Duarte, Sr. Marie fmm, Assistant General

Keyes, Sr. Michael Marie scmm-t, Assistant General

Romualdez, Sr. Bellarmine ssps, Assistant General

in the chair: Sr. Annemaria deVreede scmm-m, Ass.Gen.

from the Secretariat: Miss Annamaria B. Kohler

Absent were, due to travelling abroad:

Sr. Hélène de L'Annonciation fs

Sr. Cécile Gonthier sfb

Sr. Veronica Morris pmn

- 1) The minutes and report of the last Contact Group meeting of December 18, 1969, were reviewed. It was asked that each member of the group give, whenever possible her dates of travelling to Sr. Annemaria de Vreede, which will help in planning for meetings.

It was agreed that the bulletin concerning the report of the general meeting on November 27, 1969, would be published as follows:

- a. an account of the meeting with a short summary of Dr. Hellberg's talk
- b. summary of the reports of the group discussions
- c. list with the addresses and tel. numbers of the participating generalates
- d. the text of dr. Hellberg's lecture

- 2) The re-arrangement of the Working Groups for Sedos was then explained and discussed. It was made clear that the Medical Group actually consists of two groups:

- a. the large group (called Plenary) in which participate all the interested institutes engaged in Health Services, both Sedos and non-Sedos institutes. This group meets about three times a year to remain informed on current trends in the health field, to exchange ideas, and to come to closer collaboration on the different levels.

Here it might be mentioned that Health Services can no longer be seen in isolation, but that they are closely related to other fields of service, such as e.g. education.

- b. the small group (called Contact Group) which meets more often and serves the larger group by preparing the meetings, and stimulating communication among the RC institutes here in Rome, as well as professional organisations, and the Christian Medical Commission in Geneva.

The members of the Group thought, that it might be good to change the name to a title that would signify better the role which the group plays in Sedos. It was agreed to suggest the name "Contact Group for Health Services". This group would then be like a Working Group, and acting as core group to the Plenary.

The difference with the other Working Groups is, perhaps, that this contact group has also members of non-Sedos institutes.

- 3) The general meeting for March 1970 was then discussed. It was suggested to have the topic for this meeting linked with the World Food Congress of the FAO, to be held in the Hague in June 1970. It was decided to have the meeting on March 12 or 13 in the FAO building, with a speaker of FAO on the topic: "Nutritional Aspects of Health Care".

The further arrangements will be made with Miss Maria Groothuizen, who is most willing to assist in this.

- 4) There is no more information available yet about the three days Symposium on Health Care in Developing Countries which is being planned for November 1970 in Rome by the I.C.C.H. (International Catholic Confederation of Hospitals), and for which they have asked the cooperation of Sedos.

ANNOUNCEMENT

40me Semaine de Missiologie: MISSION EN ESPRIT OECUMENIQUE
(Réflexions initiales sur la construction de cette Semaine)

1) Chronologie:

Suivant la tradition et les expériences récentes, on propose:
Arrivée le dimanche 23 Août 1970 pour s'établir, et commencer
le 24 Août. Fin le jeudi 27 Août vers 17 h., pour repartir le soir
ou lendemain.

2) Construction des Journées:

L'expérience semble recommander ceci:

Le matin: un grand RAPPORT DOCTRINAL, une pause, des COMMUNICATIONS
apportant des cas pratiques pour la préparation des
carrefours

L'après-midi: CARREFOURS, pause, mise en commun et discussion générale.

La soirée: est libre ou utilisée pour des activités particulières
privées.

3) Contenue de la Semaine:

RAPPORTS DOCTRINAUX:

La nécessité et la nature d'une connexion entre Mission et Unité,
tant du point de vue théologique que du point de vue tactique, semble
pour voir faire l'objet de ces rapports. On en aurait:

- Un venant des Eglises de la Réforme (jour 1)
- Un venant des Eglises orthodoxes (jour 2)
- Un venant de l'Eglise catholique romaine (jour 3)

Le quatrième, plus pratique étudierait la façon de mettre ensemble
l'étude et la planification des diverses Eglises jusqu'aux niveaux
supérieurs...

COMMUNICATIONS:

Elles apporteraient des expériences déjà faites, que l'on pourrait grouper par jour, selon leur nature:

- Expériences d'unité dans l'aide des Eglises au développement temporel (1)
- Idem dans l'annonce de l'Evangile de Jésus-Christ (2)
- Idem dans la prière et le culte, selon les possibilités (3)
- Idem pour les planifications (4)

CARREFOURS:

Ils reprendraient la matière: soit des Rapports doctrinaux
soit des Communications pratiques

LE PROJET SE PRESENTERAIT DONC EVENTUELLEMENT COMME SUIV

- 24-VIII-1970: Mission et Unité, vues de la Réforme
Communications sur l'aide conjointe au développement
Carrefours sur ces thèmes: technique, social, culturel, etc...
- 25-VIII-1970: Mission et Unité, vues de l'orthodoxie
Communications sur le travail conjoint dans l'annonce de
l'Evangile
Carrefours sur ces thèmes: Publications en commun; catéchuménat
regroupés, etc...
- 26-VIII-1970: Mission et Unité, vues de l'Eglise catholique-romaine
Communications sur les réunions conjointes pour la prière,
le culte
Carrefours sur ces thèmes: Semaines pour l'Unité, réunions
entre chrétiens, réunions avec non-chrétiens...
- 27-VIII-1970: Réflexions et perspectives sur l'étude et la planification
en commun: comment commencer, comment continuer, comment
institutionnaliser?
Communications sur des Comités communs déjà existants...
Carrefours sur les mêmes sujets.

QUELQUES INDICATIONS PRATIQUES SE DESSINENT AUSSI

- La session se tiendrait (logement, repas, séances) au grand Séminaire de NAMUR
- La pension s'établira sans doute à environ 15 dollars pour les 4 jours.
- La participation aux frais de la Session à environ 7 dollars...
- Le plafond total-sans doute ne sera-t-il pas atteint-à 22/23 dollars.

La participation à la Semaine est en principe complète; un va et vient de participants partiels est dommageable à l'ensemble des travaux.

Les deux langues principales sont le français et l'anglais, auquel on s'efforcera de faire une plus large place.

Signaler au plus tôt les offres de contribution active au Secrétariat:

P. Joseph Masson sj, Pontificia Università Gregoriana,
Piazza della Pilotta 4, I-00187 Roma

DOCUMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Letter received from:

OECD, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development,
(Development Department) 2, Rue André-Pascal, Paris XVI^e

Paris, 16th December, 1969.

Dear Mr. Tonna,

Thank you very much indeed for the most interesting report on the seminar "Serving Developing Countries" (1968).

When reading the conclusions I was especially impressed about what Mother Paul Bord said (bottom of page 262 and top of page 263); Father Mondé, (bottom of page 263, point 2), and finally Dr. de Vries' proposal for action projects "specifically by co-operating in the ecumenical spirit with other organisations in this field, in establishing an inventory of programmes of action in developing countries" (p. 265 middle), Father Houtart on "a single formula to gather essential (and comparable) information" (p. 266 middle).

It seems to me that all these suggestions are very much in line with what was said in Berlin (cf. SEDOS 69/890-899). I was especially interested to read about the preparation of the publication of the World Christian Handbook (p. 269).

In this context, I repeat what I said to you in Berlin, that in my opinion SEDOS, having established already a most significant nucleus of information on its 26 religious institutes, would be the ideal organisation to provide gradually centralised information on all Catholic missionary-sending institutes, and thus building up an important specialised clearing-house within a network of other clearing-houses and being an efficient correspondant to a central clearing-house.

May I suggest that you (if not yet done) provide Mr. Ritchie, Executive Director of ICVA, and Mr. Donn of OECD, with a copy of the useful report.

Sincerely yours,

sign. Elisabeth Pfändner
Administrator

DEVELOPMENT

The SEDOS MISEREOR Personnal Development Programme

1. As the Church in the Third World becomes more involved in social action and development programmes, she will find the services of experts in these fields more useful and indeed, more necessary than ever.
2. The purpose of the Sedos Misereor Personnal Development Programme is to offer the same Church the permanent services of such experts. Ideally such experts would be recruited from among the members of the local Churches. But in the short term period, they can also be selected from among the overseas missionaries.
3. The method envisaged by the programme is that of providing funds for training such experts. The one but firm condition for such training is the agreement that after training, the selected persons would serve under the Bishops Conference (or in special cases, under a Bishop or a group of Bishops) in the particular field of their training.
4. The training courses envisage two levels:
 - a. Specialists - preferably post-graduate courses of two or three years.
 - b. Generalists - for candidates with considerable experience in the selected field who would take a shorter "theory" course and then assume the role of intermediaries between the specialists and the grass root workers.
5. This method is now spelled out in the Misereor Sedos Personnel Development Programme. The procedure for participation normally takes the following steps:
 - a. The interested Bishops Conference indicates to the holder of the programme its specific needs in terms of specialized personnel in one or more of the following fields:
 - social science (for planning, evaluating etc.)
 - social communications
 - cooperatives
 - trade unions
 - health services
 - agriculture
 - technology
 - b. The Conference would also indicate candidates for training in the fields selected to the same holder. Such candidates would preferably belong to the country where they would work. They could be Priests, (diocesan and religious), Brothers, Sisters, laymen or laywomen.

- c. The Conference would also indicate the type, duration, place and specific purpose of the training course required by its candidates together with its estimated costs. It could use Sedos facilities in doing this.
 - d. Finally, a contract would be signed by the Conference and the Holder. Another contract could be signed between the Conference and the candidate in order to spell out the conditions of service after training.
6. The deadline for applications for scholarships for the current year is March 15.
7. Project Holder: Brother Vincent F. Gottwald FSC, via Aurelia 476, 00165 Roma.
Write to the above for further details.

Personnel Development Programme
 Director: Brother Vincent F. Gottwald FSC
 Progress Report of 13-II-1970

Congo - K

Bolengo Jean Dioces an Priest

Funds Required + Duration : \$ 4.800 2 years.

Specialization : Social Science
 Approval : by Institution -
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop OK

Mabunda Gaspard Lay

Funds Required + Duration : \$ 16.000 4 years.

Specialization : Economics
 Approval : by Institution -
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop OK

Kileshye Edovard Lay

Funds Required + Duration : \$ 4.800 2 years.

Specialization : Social Science
 Approval : by Institution -
 by Sedos No
 by Bishop OK

Malawi

Fagan Joseph Brother SM

Specialization : Agriculture
 Approval : by Institution No
 by Sedos No

Kenya

Zamierowski Edward SM

Specialization : Agriculture
 Approval : by Institution No
 by Sedos No

KenyaGausling Charles SM

Specialization : Technology
 Approval : by Institution No
 by Sedos No

IndiaColombo Augusto PIME

Funds Required + Duration : \$ 4.000 2 Years.
 Specialization : Development Problem
 Approval : by Institution OK
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop OK

PhilippineGonzalez Constancia SSps

Fund Required + Duration : \$ 2.500 1 Years.
 Specialization : Educational Planning
 Approval : by Institution OK
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop -

TanzaniaItatiro E Melito Dioces Priest

Specialization : Social Communication
 Approval : by Institution -
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop OK

KenyaHulshos Marianna Medical Missionary Sister

Fund required + Duration : \$ 1.200 p.a. 2 Years.
 Specialization : Social Welfare
 Approval : by Institution OK
 by Sedos OK
 by Bishop OK

DEVELOPMENT

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEDOS AND PWG AACHEN/GERMANY

A meeting was held at the SEDOS Secretariat on Tuesday, January 27th, 1970, at 10.30 am, to discuss relationship between SEDOS and PWG (Pontifical Commission for the Propagation of Faith, Germany). Present were:

from the PWG: Mr. Hans Frings

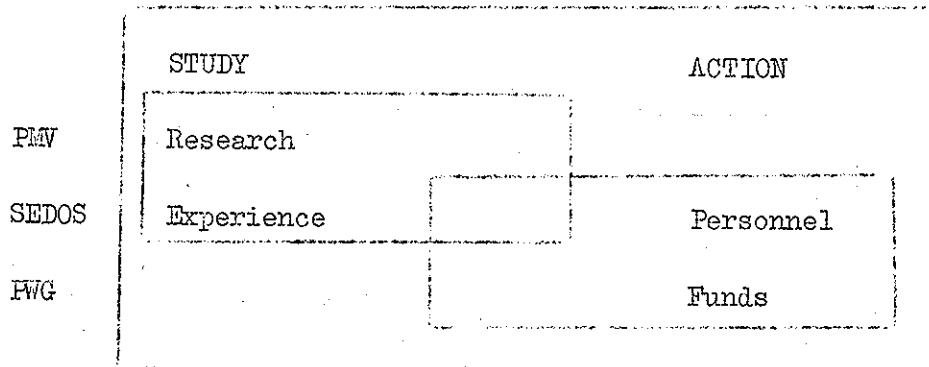
from SEDOS: Fr. H. Mondé sma, Fr. W. Grosskortenhause pa,
Fr. A. Lazzarotto pine, Rev. B. Tonna, Executive Secr.

- 1) The PWG has two funds, which are distributed by three decision making bodies: Propaganda Fide in Rome, the Bishops' Conference in Germany, and the PWG itself. For the last two the PWG/Projectdepartment is seeking to work in closer cooperation with other bodies of similar interests, like the Swiss Lenten Action, MISEREOR and other institutions (e.g. Religious Institutes, Pastoral Institutes in the mission countries, Bishops' Conferences, etc.). This was the reason for Mgr. Wissing's proposal to a group of Superiors General in Rome in December 1969.
- 2) In general, the PWG proposes:
 - a) to consider that all ecclesiastical activities should involve in total human life (which will have consequences for the PWG and others), thus allowing aid to be given for not strictly ecclesiastical projects, too.
 - b) to engage in serious discussion (including feedback) with Bishops and interested bodies on such strategic issues as for instance:
 - how to make a Diocese self-supporting
 - formation of communities of local Sisters and Brothers
 - insurance for priests
 - the functions of Pastoral Institutes
 - the functions of Research

- c) to contact sources of information and evaluation in view of achieving such continuing discussion, even before projects are proposed to FWG (e.g. data on plans on models of working solutions, advice on feasibility and desirability).
 - d) to enter in the decision making process with such bodies, according to the principle "decisions are prepared by many (incl. the FWG) but taken by one (the local Church!)" ; such procedure would save crucial local initiatives which otherwise would be abandoned because of the common reaction "nobody would finance this, it is too original".
 - e) to consider projects for seminars for local Church leaders as a starting point for such mutual consultation.
- 3) SEDOS is a group of Generalates of 30 missionary sending Institutes. Its strength lies in its very flexible, "ad hoc" working groups, formed by its Executive Committee, to perform a specific task by a specific date and composed of those members of the Generalates who are interested in that need. The working groups study the problem posed to them and recommend action programmes in view of eventual solutions. Because of the peculiar position of their members - mostly men and women with long experience in the field and in decision making organs - the emphasis is more on action than on study. SEDOS is strong in "doing" rather than in "discussing" things. This action, however, is defined as "action at the Generalate level" - which, in the current effort to decentralize, often means a process of "sowing" the good seed among the local Church leaders.
- 4) In approaching SEDOS, FWG had in mind the following types of services:
- a) Rather than ask SEDOS to offer advice on each of the difficult pastoral projects presented to FWG by African and Asian Bishops, FWG would ask SEDOS for basic orientation on priorities in countries and sectors where FWG's knowledge is weakest.
 - b) Rather than ask SEDOS for a scientific opinion on its problem areas, FWG would expect SEDOS to offer an opinion based on the field experience and the current positions of the Generalates.
 - c) FWG would be pleased to ensure "feedback" from SEDOS on its decisions, in a process of mutual advice and evaluation; in particular, it would like to become more aware of - and eventually more involved in - current SEDOS thinking and planning.

- 5) FWG would also like to see its relationship with SEDOS develop as part of a wider network. The following schema was suggested as a model which would immediately include PMV (Pro Mundi Vita), already closely related to FWG:

PROBLEM: formulation through
mutual consultation



SOLUTION: through mutual advice

In other words, the scientific side would be, to a great extent, the responsibility of PMV while the "experience" and "personnel" side would involve SEDOS more directly.

- 6) The conditions proposed by SEDOS were dictated by the present, limited capacity of its secretarial staff: SEDOS would require a subsidy to take on extra secretarial staff, if it is to ensure FWG of the services demanded. Such an expansion would initially consist (given the type of service described above), in hiring a French speaking secretary to service the Working Groups which would be formed to accede to FWG requests.
- 7) FWG would consider such a condition, provided that
- it did not imply that the Generalates would stop financing SEDOS;
 - such a secretary would be fully integrated in the SEDOS staff.

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8) SEDOS would forward to PWG:

- a) its weekly, restricted bulletin. This would include reports of SEDOS meetings, itineraries of SEDOS members, travelling abroad.
- b) the costs involved in hiring a new secretary.

SEDOS Secretariat
29-I-1970/10-II-1970

Benjamin Tonna
SEDOS Executive Secretary