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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Frederick M. Dearborn  
Special Assistant to the President for  
Security Operations Coordination

SUBJECT: ILO Reaction to UN Report on Hungary

Here is a brief summary of the developments at the ILO Convention in Geneva following release of the UN report on Hungary:

(1) Philip Delaney of the AFL-CIO, the U. S. worker representative at the ILO meeting, was scheduled to address the Plenary Session at 12 noon on June 20, which was the time scheduled for the release of the UN report. He had prepared, on the basis of advance information, a speech on the UN report. However, apparently for dramatic effect, he announced that he would throw away his previously prepared address on a different subject and with permission of the Plenary Session would speak on the UN Report on Hungary which had just been released.

(2) Delaney spoke for one-half hour or over and received a "tremendous ovation" when he concluded his remarks.

(3) Previously on June 12, a resolution had been introduced challenging the credentials of the worker, employer and government representatives from Hungary. This resolution came up for vote during the week of June 24. The first vote on the credentials of the government delegate was 94 for, 88 against, many abstentions. In view of this narrow vote the Hungarian delegation offered to withdraw the employer and worker representatives. The Chair ruled that withdrawal would not be permitted in the face of the imminent vote. The vote then proceeded and the employer and worker delegates were overwhelmingly turned away. The exact vote is not available at this time.

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(4) Mr. Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who was the U. S. Government representative at the meeting, has stated that the Delaney speech undoubtedly contributed greatly to creating the sentiment against the Hungarian delegation.

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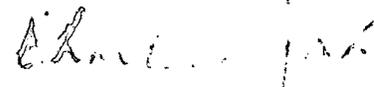
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The above information was received from Mr. Walter Wallace, Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, and Mr. Leo Werts, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor. Mr. Werts is sending us a copy of Delaney's speech.

I attach another copy of this memorandum for Mr. Cutler's information if you think it would be of interest to him.

  
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