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SUBJECT: Discussions with State Department

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1. It is desired to raise the following questions with the State Department.

a. Mrs. Ruth Gage Colby is an accredited observer at the U.N. for the International Union of Child Welfare. It has come to our attention that Mrs. Colby had an article published in the WIDE "Women of the Whole World" in October 1952 on the subject of the Greek orphans which took a violently anti-American position. Mrs. Colby has also traveled widely in Europe and the Middle East and has a wide acquaintance with women leaders in those areas. [redacted] feels that the substance of Mrs. Colby's conversations is closer to the Communist line than to U.S. policy. [redacted]

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b. Pauline Mandigo, public relations consultant for the Federation of Women's Clubs and other women's organizations, has been discussing publicly the possibility of arranging an international conference of women in 1954 or 1955 under the auspices, I believe, of the AWVS or the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She has mentioned that she will seek State Department support of this proposal. [redacted]

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9. Mrs. Nora Hahn, who is the U.S. delegate on the Status of Women Commission in the U.N. and is a former president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has made preliminary suggestions to certain U.S. women leaders that it is time for the State Department to call a conference of women leaders warning them of the possibilities of penetration of their organizations by Communists or Communist sympathizers. [redacted]

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