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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PARIS MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH OF A SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL WHICH WAS HELD IN PARIS ON 7 DECEMBER 1966.

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2. THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY VLADIMIR BEDIJER, WHO HAS DECIDED TO DEVOTE ALL OF HIS TIME TO THE TRIBUNAL UNTIL IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED ITS GOALS. THOSE PRESENT WERE: VLADIMIR

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DEDIJER, LAURENT, SCHWARTZ, LEON, MATARASSO AND CLAUDE CADART.
 THE MEETING HAD BEEN PREPARED THOUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF
 DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE ABOVE-NAMED PERSONS, THE SECRETARY
 GENERAL, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AS
 WELL AS AMONG A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL'S
 OFFICES IN LONDON AND IN PARIS. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD
 FROM 16 NOVEMBER TO 6 DECEMBER 1966. THE PARIS MEETING OF
 7 DECEMBER IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THESE
 PREPARATIONS.

3. FIRSTLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE FINAL
 TEXT OF THE RULES OF THE TRIBUNAL. [redacted] COMMENT: FOR AN
 ENUMERATION OF THESE RULES, ALSO SEE [redacted] (NOT YET AVAILABLE)
 THIS DOCUMENT
 WAS PREPARED UNDER A DECISION TAKEN IN LONDON BY THE TRIBUNAL
 AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS FIRST PLENARY SESSION; ITS SOLE PURPOSE
 IS TO SET IN MOTION THE TOTALITY OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE
 TRIBUNAL DURING THAT MEETING. [redacted] COMMENT: THE PRELIMINARY
 MEETING OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL WAS HELD IN LONDON FROM
 11-15 NOVEMBER 1966.)

4. NEXT, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DREW UP A LIST OF NAMES

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OF POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL ON TWO CONDITIONS-- THAT NONE OF THE ACTUAL MEMBERS RAISED AN OBJECTION TO THEIR NOMINATION WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED BY THE RULES OF THE TRIBUNAL, AND THAT THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES GIVE THEIR FINAL CONSENT.

5. THIRDLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIFFERENT BODIES OF THE TRIBUNAL WOULD BE SPEEDED UP. IT NOTED THAT THE LONDON AND PARIS OFFICES OF THE TRIBUNAL'S SECRETARIAT WERE IN THE PROCESS OF ORGANIZATION. IT PROPOSED THAT ~~LELIO BASSO~~, ~~LAURENT SCHWARTZ~~, ~~MEHMET ALI AYBAR~~, ~~MAHMUD ALI KADURI~~ AND ~~ABENDROTH~~, RESPECTIVELY, BE NAMED PRESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS: "AGGRESSION," "NEW WEAPONS," "CIVILIAN TARGETS," "TORTURES," AND "GENOCIDE," WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE SUBJECTS UNDER THE TRIBUNAL'S COMPETENCE.

6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO STUDIED THE QUESTION OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE FIRST TWO MISSIONS OF INQUIRY, EMPOWERED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AS TO THEIR COMPOSITION, TASKS AND DEPARTURE DATES. AS THINGS NOW STAND, THE FIRST OF THESE MISSIONS IS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE FOR CAMBODIA AND THEN ON TO

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NORTH VIETNAM; THE SECOND WILL GO DIRECTLY TO NORTH VIETNAM.
THE DEPARTURE DATE FOR BOTH MIGHT BE AT THE BEGINNING OF
JANUARY 1967.

7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE JURIDICAL
COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A SET OF RULES RELATIVE TO THE FIVE
COMMISSIONS WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE FIVE SUBJECTS UNDER THE
TRIBUNAL'S COMPETENCE, AND TO DRAFT A SET OF RULES GOVERNING
THE FUNCTIONING OF THE TRIBUNAL IN ITS PLENARY SESSIONS.
THE COMMITTEE FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT ONLY THE PRESIDENTS
OF THE TRIBUNAL OR THEIR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES BE
AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONVERSATION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT
SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WISHES TO
BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARIAT THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE TRIBUNAL AND ITS FIVE COMMISSIONS HAVING A WELL-
ORGANIZED DOCUMENTATION SERVICE ON THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

8. LASTLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT, BETWEEN
SESSIONS, IT ONLY HAS THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
IN THE PRESS PERTAINING TO THE TRIBUNAL AND TO THE ACTIVITIES
OF ITS DIFFERENT BODIES.

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9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SET 7 JANUARY 1967 AS THE DATE FOR ITS NEXT MEETING AND MANDATED CLAUDE CADART TO DRAW UP THIS RESUME OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO SEND IT, IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, TO ALL TRIBUNAL MEMBERS AND ITS BODIES, ALONG WITH THE RULES OF THE TRIBUNAL AND THE LIST OF PROPOSED NEW TRIBUNAL MEMBERS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SINCERELY HOPES THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THESE DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IF THEY FIND IT TO BE USEFUL, TO COMMENT ON THE CONTENTS.

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