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The Department is forwarding herewith for the information of the High Commissioner a memorandum of conversation concerning a proposal that Drew Pearson be invited to publicize the work of Dr. Rainer Hildebrandt and his "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" and to conduct a fund-raising campaign. This suggestion was presented by David Martin of the International Rescue Committee, at a meeting called at the suggestion of the Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, to explore further Mr. Pearson's ideas on giving assistance to Germans in the Soviet Zone. The memorandum is self-explanatory.

The Department has some question as to whether Dr. Hildebrandt's organization would be benefited by additional publicity and if being made the publicized recipient of American contributions. It would be appreciated if the High Commissioner would comment on the project, weighing the possible risks against the possible advantages.

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Enclosure:

Memorandum of
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