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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, FE/RQM/OIS

2 October 1953

FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT : Third International Congress of Orientalists - Dr. Nicholas
N. POPPE - HH-980

1. Dr. Nicholas N. POPPE of the Far Eastern Department of the University of Washington has been invited to attend subject congress at Cambridge during the period 21 to 28 August 1954. Dr. Poppe has accepted the invitation. To his knowledge, the only other "American" invited is Dr. Cleaves of Harvard. (Dr. Poppe is due to receive his U.S. citizenship sometime in 1954).
2. Enclosed is a photostatic copy of the invitation sent to Dr. Poppe.
3. In view of the USSR's more tolerant attitude regarding travel to foreign countries of Soviet scientists, Poppe feels that some of his former associates will attend the Cambridge meeting. He feels that the USSR orientologists will talk with him readily and privately where they might not converse with personally unknown U.S. citizens.
4. Please advise Support Branch, OO/C, if Dr. Poppe could be of any use to CIA at the Congress and if there is any possibility that the Agency would be interested in making any commitment to him in return to partial or full-time service. (Dr. Poppe has not suggested that CIA funds be provided for his attendance at the Congress. He thinks that he may be given a grant from one of the U.S. foundations).
5. It is requested that above information be coordinated with the Chief, Cover Division, for the possible interest of International Organizations.

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XXIIIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORIENTALISTS

Cambridge, May 1953

In accordance with the resolution taken at the XXInd International Congress of Orientalists at Istanbul, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland is organising the XXIIIrd Congress.

It will be held in Cambridge in 1954, from the 21st to the 28th August inclusive.

The Congress is open to all Orientalists. As the lists of addresses are incomplete to lessen the risk of unintentional omission intending members should send their names and addresses to the

XXIIIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORIENTALISTS
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
QUEENS' COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE (England)

An early reply would be appreciated.

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