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Dear Committee Member,

For the last couple of weeks we have been working on the plans which were established for the Africa Conference. Although we have contacted various conference centers, thus far we have not decided upon a suitable location. We hope it will be possible to do so in the near future. If you know of any conference center which can handle the conference, please let us know.

We have enclosed a listing of the study groups, lectures, and workshops which were suggested at the planning meeting. Before the planning committee, or a sub-committee of it, does further work in establishing the scope, content and form of the conference, it would be helpful if you would again think through what you believe the conference should be and then send us your suggestions as soon as possible. One of the general problems with the topics suggested in Philadelphia is that many of them are too general for the best possible constructive conference discussion. The case studies should be selected on the basis of a concrete particular situation which to some extent typifies the general situation. There are various kinds of workshops: (1.) training sessions on technics, e.g. a workshop on parliamentary procedure, (2.) a free-lance discussion on some topic related to the conference but not directly covered by it, (3.) brain-storming on a particular issue or idea for mutual stimulation of those involved. And, of course, there are others. Please indicate the type of workshop you have in mind with each suggestion.

We also need to know what your suggestions are concerning books, periodicals, magazine articles, films, speakers and agencies and organizations which would be of aid for the conference. Please comment on each suggestion, e.g. we will not have read many of the books suggested, and thus we probably won't know why the book is important or to what issues it speaks.

If you have not done so already, please send your travel expense statements immediately so that the financial work on the first planning meeting can be completed, and so that you will receive your money.

We very much appreciate your participation in the planning committee and are looking forward to the time when we shall see you again.

Sincerely,

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Topic Groupings From Suggestions of the First Planning Meeting
October 8-10th, 1965 Philadelphia, Pa.

Africa's Africa: African-ness (Culture and Personality)

- Lectures: Ideology and the African Idiom
The African-ness of Africa
African Culture (or Cultures) and Its Projection
in the Future
Changing Values in a Changing Africa
Independent Africa: Inner versus Other-Directedness
in the "African Personality"
Africa's Contribution for New Social Patterns:
Economic and Political
The Impact of Technology on African Mind and Life
The All-Human Society: Nationalism and Minorities
(Tribal, Asian, European, etc.)
Ideology and Religion in Modernization
Secularization and the African Personality
Impact of Western Civilization on Africa
Pan-Arabism versus Pan-Africanism
Africa and Mass Culture (e.g. the influence of
radio in Africa)
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Pan-Africanism

- Lectures: African Unity: Desirable/Possible
Organization of African Unity and World Peace
Nation Building and Pan-Africanism
The Dream of the OAU
Neutralism: The Diplomacy of Poverty
Pan-Arabism versus Pan-Africanism
- Study
Groups: Case Study: The Organization of African Unity:
An Instrument (What are the essential elements
to a free and viable continent in the modern
world?)
Case Study: OAU: Goals, Obstacles and Future
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The Role of the Educated/Elite in Africa

- Lectures: The Responsibility of the Technical Elite
The Neo-Colonialism of the Elite

The Role of the Educated/Elite in Africa Cont'd:

Economic Development in Africa and the Role of the Educated Man

The Predominance of State Universities in Africa: Its Social Implications

The Power Elite: Training, Privilege and Responsibility: How to Plan for Justice

Study

Groups: Case Study: African Students and the Development of Africa: PASOA

Africa in International Perspective

Lectures: African Nations and/in International Organizations
African Nations Among "the Emerging Forces"
Africa and Mass Culture (e.g. the influence of radio in Africa)

Negroes: Africa in Diaspora? (Dakar, 1966)

Neutralism: The Diplomacy of Poverty

Nation Building-Socialism

Lectures: The Weakness of the Private Sector in the Development Plans in Africa

Foreign Aid and Foreign Policy (or Foreign Aid and National Development)

Africa's Contribution for New Social Patterns: Economic and Political

Nation Building and Pan-Africanism

Neutralism: the Diplomacy of Poverty

African Leadership and Political Developments

Study

Groups: Case Study: The Republic of Guinea: Nation Building--Political (Control as the principal instrument for the resolution of a clash of cultures, for unifying the divided communities, for building the nation of Guinea)
Case Study: Congo: Leadership and the Divisions
Case Study: Africa's One Party System: Ghana, Kenya, Guinea

Nation Building-Socialism Cont'd:

Case Study: African Socialism: Kenya, Guinea
Case Study: African Socialism and Nation Building

Economic Concerns:

Lectures: Economic Cooperation--Interdependence: Viable African
Common Market--- Joint Planning in an
Industrialized World
Economic Development in Africa and the Role of the
Educated Man
The Weakness of the Private Sector in the Development
Plans in Africa
Foreign Aid and Foreign Policy (or Foreign Aid and
National Development)
Neo-Colonialism: Ex-French versus Ex-British Colonies

Study
Groups: Case Study: Nigeria: Perspectives on Labor Unions
Case Study: African Economy and the World Market
(Case study in a product country---how change)
Case Study: Community and Commercialism
Case Studies in Social Revolutions:
Planning for Industrial Developments: Invest-
ment Control, Ultimate Aims
Planning for Agricultural Development:
Dislocation, Style of Life, Humanization,
and Efficiency
Case Study: Africa in World Economy: EEC, Free
Trade Area, etc.

Christianity and the Church in Africa

Lectures: The Future of Christianity in Africa
African Political Parties and the Role of the
Christian Church
The All-Africa Conference of Churches: Plans and
Programs (Youth Christian Societies: An
Examination of Their Roles in Africa's
Development)
The Christian Church in Africa's Development: The
Prospects and Future
Church Service (Work) in Africa Re-Examined

Workshop: Christian Socialism

Southern Africa

Lectures: This Is Apartheid: Realities of Essential African
Action/Threat to Peace and Security
Problems of the Still Dependent Countries in
Southern Africa

Study

Groups: Case Study: Southern Africa: "Till Southern Africa
is free, we are not."
Case Study: The Problem of Apartheid in South Africa
Case Study: Rhodesia: Liberation of Africa Still
Under Colonial Rule
Case Study: Independent Africa, the U.N. and
Dependent Territories: South Africa, Angola,
South West Africa, Rhodesia, Mocambique

Urbanization and Technology

Lectures: Understanding the Threats and Opportunities in
Urbanization in Africa: A Sociological Analysis

Study

Groups: Case Study: Urbanization (Community: Study of
breakdown of tribes-- Results in cities:
possibilities of saving best of old and
adapting to new)
The Impact of Technology: the Problems of Planning

Unclassified:

Lecture: How do younger and older generations communicate?

Study

Group: The Role of Women in Africa in Transition

Workshops: Communication: Educational, Political, Religious
Barriers
The Peace Corps in Africa