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CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Situation in Spain

Letter from the Chairman of the Political Committee to
the President of the Assembly of the Council of Europe

Brussels, 31st July 1963

Sir,

On 25th April 1961, the Assembly referred the motion for a resolution presented by Mr. Kirk and others (Doc. 1226 revised) concerning the situation in Spain to the Political Committee for a report and to the Committee on Non-Represented Nations for an opinion.

The object of this motion was to ask that European public opinion should be fully informed of current events in Spain through the medium of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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The Committee on Non-Represented Nations sent its opinion to the Political Committee on 16th November 1961 (AS/NR (13) 14 revised).

The Political Committee has considered at length both Mr. Kirk's motion for a resolution and the opinion of the Committee on Non-Represented Nations. However, on the proposal of the Rapporteur, Mr. Gustafson, it considered that since Mr. Kirk tabled his motion in the Assembly, European public opinion has been informed of the situation in Spain through the publication of several reports, in particular the report of the International Commission of Jurists which is called "Spain and the Rule of Law", the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the economic development of Spain and the reports issued by the OECD in July 1961 and May 1962.

In addition, the Committee felt that a more detailed report could only be written on the basis of a study mission in Spain, but such a journey is not possible in present circumstances.

Having regard to these considerations, the Committee came to the conclusion, at its meeting on 8th July 1963, that no further action need be taken for the time being on the motion tabled by Mr. Kirk and others and the Committee instructed me to report the position it had taken to the Bureau of the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

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