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- a.) 2 code cables between A. Cordier, U.N. HQ and Jordan, U.N. Geneva, conc. Special Committee on Hungary.
- b.) U.N. Press release: - Special Committee on Hungary completes hearings in Europe; Will return to U.N. HQ to draft report to Assembly.

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Press Release GA/1520
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY COMPLETES HEARINGS IN EUROPE;
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(The following was received from the Information Service of the UN Office at Geneva.)

The General Assembly's Special Committee on the Problem of Hungary has completed its hearings and wound up its work in Europe, thus completing the stage of its work of gathering evidence. The Committee will now return to UN Headquarters to draft its report which is expected to be published in May.

The last meeting of the Committee was held in the Palais des Nations in Geneva yesterday. In all, the Committee heard 111 witnesses in the course of 62 meetings. Thirty-five witnesses were heard in New York, 30 in Vienna, 21 in Geneva, 16 in Rome and 9 in London.

A spokesman for the Committee told the press this morning that the witnesses were subjected to extensive cross questioning; and the information of each was frequently checked against the evidence given by another or obtained from other sources, so as to collect completely factual information. The witnesses represented a real cross section of Hungarian society, and all were actual participants in the events they described.

Apart from such testimony, said the spokesman, the Committee received extremely rich documentation from governments and other sources.

The spokesman also conveyed to the press the Committee's feeling that the European hearings were abundantly justified since the value of the evidence obtained in Europe surpassed expectations. The Committee consists of Australia, Ceylon, Denmark, Tunisia and Uruguay. Alsing Andersen (Denmark) presided, K.C.O. Shann (Australia) is rapporteur.

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INCOMING CODE CABLE.

TO: CORDIER
FROM: JORDAN, GENEVA
DATE: 13 APRIL 1957 0807est
NUMBER: 747 (UNGVA)

Regarding press report conversation MOD with SecGen.
Meeting on Monday morning of Special Committee Hungary
scheduled as last meeting in Geneva. Would welcome any
instructions as to reply or position to take should
questions be raised in committee.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: JORDAN GENEVA

FROM: CORDIER

DATE: 13 APRIL 1957

NO.: 734

Re your 747. Secretary-General has no comments on invitation.

For your back-ground information: he indicated to Mod that his plans are fixed for a considerable time ahead. Further, he would consider it unwise to take any stand on the issue pending presentation of Committee's report and reactions to that report.

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