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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Boston Field Office  
Chief, New York Field Office  
Chief, San Francisco Field Office  
Chief, Syracuse Field Office  
Chief, Washington Field Office

FROM : Acting Chief, USSR-EE Collection Group, DCI

SUBJECT : Case 64574 - USSR External Policy - Pugwash Conference,  
Munich, Germany, August 1977

1. Enclosed you will find a list of attendees (Enclosure A) to the Pugwash Conference held in Munich, Germany, in August, and a set of questions (Enclosure B) prepared by the ORPA analysts at our request. Since the original list of attendees contained only the last name and first initial of each US participant, we had to make some educated guesses as to the true identities of many of them. As a result, do not be surprised if some question why we felt they had attended. In many cases, however, there was no question as to the true identity of the source.

2. ORPA has been quite pleased with the reporting generated by their previous requirements. As a result, they have made an extra effort to write even more thought provoking requirements. We feel that the enclosed questions are the best we have sent out to date.

3. Responsive reporting should cite the current **CISL, Objective Ala and KIQ 90.** We look forward to receiving your responses.

*William P. Blake*  
THOMAS A. NESSER

Enclosures: As stated above

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**The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc., New York, New York**

Purposes and Activities: Interests include the improvement of inter-cultural and inter-racial relations; the protection of civil liberties; the prevention and treatment of emotional disturbances, etc.

**Norman Fund** channeled the following amounts of CIA money to CIA projects:

1961 - \$15,000 to American Society for African Culture (AMSAC)

1962 - \$10,000 to African-American Institute (AAI)

1963 - \$15,000 to Pan American Foundation (PAF). (This represented a part of the total budget for PAF in 1963. Virtually all PAF funds in 1963 were used for grants to individual recipients of Agency operational interest. No domestic organizations received any of the funds.)

1964 - \$10,000 to International Development Foundation (IDF)

Norman Fund gave its own money to the following CIA projects:

1962 - \$7,500 to American Society for African Culture (AMSAC)

1962 - \$3,000 to African Research Foundation

1962 - \$3,100 to U.S. National Student Association (USNSA)

We hold copies of Schedule of Ordinary Grants of the **Norman Fund** for 1962 and 1963. These documents confirm the figures and the recipients cited in the **Drew Pearson column**. No CIA funds were given for other than the four grants listed above.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

**SUBJECT:** Alleged CIA Use of the Herman Foundation and the J. M. Kaplan Fund, Inc. to Pass Funds to Organizations Involving Mr. Leo Cherne

**REFERENCE:** New York Times Article of February 17, 1976 by Mr. John W. Crawshaw, Same Subject

1. Reference reports that the President of the Herman Foundation, Mr. Frank Weil, said that he was approached by a "mysterious gentleman" from the CIA in 1963 or 1964 and asked to pass about \$15,000 in Government funds to the International Rescue Committee of which Mr. Leo Cherne was then Chairman of the Board. CUS files reveal that the Herman Foundation (formerly the Aaron L. Herman Fund, Inc.) was never used to pass CIA funds to the International Rescue Committee as implied in reference. Attached is the record of CIA funds passed through the A. L. Herman Fund, Inc. and bonafide grants made by the funds to CIA projects. It is noted that in 1961, the Herman Fund passed \$15,000 of CIA funds to the American Society for African Culture (ASAC). Possibly Mr. Weil confused this funding for African activities with the International Rescue Committee.

2. It is true as reported in the article and sourced to an associate of the J. M. Kaplan Fund, Inc., that the Fund supported a single Agency program in the 1960s. This program was the Institute of International Labor Research, Inc. (IILR) an Agency-controlled non-profit organization active in the Latin American labor field. CIA's use of the J. M. Kaplan Fund, Inc. to fund the IILR terminated in 1964 when use of the Kaplan Fund was exposed in Congressional hearings of the Foreign Committee on Tax-exempt Foundations. CUS files confirm that the J. M. Kaplan Fund, Inc. made in 1963 a bonafide grant to the International Rescue Committee for Czech refugee relief. There is no evidence that CIA funds were passed to the Kaplan Fund for any other purpose than support of the IILR.

3. Although there is no evidence that CIA ever directly or indirectly funded the International Rescue Committee or Freedom House, Mr. Cherne personally and through his firm, Research Institute of America, Inc., actively assisted the Agency in the past. A DDO agent, Joel A.

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SHALLOWAY (P) currently in Paris was provided cover in Paris, France from 1954-1965 by the Research Institute of America, Inc. During operations against Cuba in 1959-60 Mr. Cherne was active in both an FI and CA capacity. He was also subsequently a DCD source.

/s/ ERICH W. ISENSTEAD

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Chief, Cover and Commercial Staff

Attachment: Pending Record

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