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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE

Reference is made to CA-7 requesting the Embassy to attempt identification of an organization called "The Foreign Policy Committee of the Sudan".

In 1955, shortly after the Bandung Conference, a small group of Sudanese collected approximately 30,000 signatures in support of the policy laid down at Bandung, described by them as peaceful co-existence, opposition to military pacts and increased cultural exchange between Afro-Asian countries regardless of political belief. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A preliminary Committee was formed to act as a pressure group on behalf of its stated policies. Its members were:

Abdulla El Hassan - Lawyer
 Ahmed Mohammed Kheir - Secretary of the Preliminary Committee
 Abdulla Rajab - Proprietor El Saraha Newspaper (Communist)
 Abdulla El Obeid
 Saleh Mohammed
 Yagoub Hamid Babiker (MHR) Northern Fung
 Rashid Nayel

Branch committees were set up in Khartoum North, Omdurman, At-
Bara, Port Sudan, Wadi Halfa, Gadaref and Duelm East.

In April 1956, the Committee sent a delegation to the International Peace Conference at Helsinki. Members of the Delegation were:
 Osman Mahmoud Mohammed Wigalla - artist
 Yagoub Hamid Babiker, MHR
 Lutfi Hassoma, a worker
 Aziz Androus, a journalist

At the conference, Ahmed Mohammed Kheir, Osman Wigalla, and Aziz Androus were elected as permanent members to the International Peace Conference from Sudan.

The Committee plans to publish a newspaper to be called "El Fikr" to be edited by Rashid Nayel. Committee members also plan to deliver speeches to political and cultural clubs throughout the Sudan.

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