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Text of Chapter on Examination of the Concept of Freedom of
Information to be inserted in Draft Report of the Sub-Commission (document
E/CN.4/Sub.1/29)

CHAPTER IV

EXAMINATION OF THE CONCEPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

In accordance with its terms of reference (document E/CN.4/Sub.1/2),
the Sub-Commission began an examination of what rights, obligations and
practices should be included in the concept of freedom of information. General
statements were made by Mr. Chafee (United States), Mr. Christensen (Norway),
Mr. Geraud (France), Mr. Goedhart (Netherlands), Mr. Mackenzie (United Kingdom)
and Mr. Sychrava (Czechoslovakia). These statements have been published in
documents

respectively. The Sub-Commission also took note of Part I of the paper
submitted by Mr. R. J. Cruikshank (document E/CN.4/Sub.1/12), the paper
submitted by Mr. Sychrava (document E/CN.4/Sub.1/31) and the paper submitted
by the Secretariat (document E/CN.4/Sub.1/10, "Constitutional Provisions,
International Declarations and Other Statements Concerning Freedom of
Information.") Members also noted the probability of further such
documentation being submitted. In the light of these considerations, the
Sub-Commission adjourned discussion of this subject until its next session.

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