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(Note by the Secretary-General)

1. In implementing Economic and Social Council resolution 306 F (XI) the Secretary-General communicated with information enterprises and associations which he had been authorized to consult directly, inviting them to transmit any reports or surveys which they might have compiled concerning the current status of freedom of information.
2. The Secretary-General received in reply, on 5 July 1951, from the Associated Press (United States of America) its "semi-annual world survey of censorship and other conditions that are barriers to the coverage and publication of news in the freedom known to the United States." This is the only material received to date which conforms to the description given in paragraph 2 of resolution 306 F (XI).

3. The Secretary-General will make the survey transmitted to him by the Associated Press, and any other reports or surveys which he may receive, available to members of the Sub-Commission if the Sub-Commission so desires.

4. When further reports or surveys concerning the current status of freedom of information are received the Secretary-General will comply with the instructions contained in paragraph 3 of resolution 306 F (XI), relating to the compilation of data, the analysis of information received, and the preparation of studies thereon for the Sub-Commission.