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TO: The Secretary-General  
A:

DATE: 15 July 1975

THROUGH: Mr. Georg Hennig  
S/C DE: Deputy Executive AssistantFROM: Aly Teymour, Acting Chief of Protocol  
DE: Protocol and Liaison SectionSUBJECT: The new edition of the Permanent Missions Blue  
OBJET: Book, No. 237, containing the composition of  
Permanent Missions to the United Nations

As per your inquiry to investigate the matter concerning the issuance of the new format of the "Blue Book"/No. 237, containing information about the Permanent Missions to the United Nations, as well as the reasons behind the changes occurring to its shape and printing.

I wish to report that this matter has never been brought to my knowledge nor been discussed with me by anyone prior to the printing of the new edition of the "Blue Book" and my belief was that the new edition would be brought into conformity with the previous ones since no-one ever raised the question of a new format with me.

Upon investigating the matter with the Publishing Division, I received a memo from Mr. Sergei Emelianikov, Chief, Publishing Division, in which he reported that the decision to change the format of the "Blue Book", "Permanent Missions to the United Nations" was taken by Mr. Lewandowski, Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Conference Services in consultation with Mr. Sinan Korle, Chief of Protocol, Mr. Vaney, Chief of Printing Services.

For detailed explanations of the reasons for the changes, I am attaching herewith the memorandum received from Mr. Sergei Emelianikov concerning this matter as well as the copy of the requisition of the new format signed by Mr. Korle.

I would appreciate receiving your comments on this matter.



TO: Mr. Aly Teymour, Acting Chief of Protocol  
A: Protocol and Liaison Section

DATE: 15 July 1975

REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

THROUGH:  
S/C DE:

FROM: Sergei P. Emelianikov, Chief,  
DE: Publishing Division, DCS

SUBJECT: The new edition of the Permanent Missions Blue Book, No. 237,  
OBJET: containing the composition of Permanent Missions to the  
United Nations.

The decision to change the format of the "Permanent Missions to the United Nations" was taken by Mr. Lewandowski, Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Conference Services in consultation with Mr. Korle, Chief of Protocol, Mr. Vaney, Chief of Printing Service and, I believe, Mr. Bradford Morse, Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs.

In the absence of these officers on mission and home-leave, I do not have access to the correspondence on the subject, but I can say what technical considerations were taken into account in arriving at the decisions and they are as follows:

1. Prior to the change in format, the typesetting of the work took up an appreciable proportion of the capacity of the Composition Unit, which, as you know, was set up expressly to provide for the typesetting of Official Records. The production of Official Records has fallen into arrear and, in order to reduce the backlog, it has become necessary to relieve the Composition Unit of the burden of other work.

2. Failing internal typesetting, the alternatives were to typeset externally at a cost of about \$ 4,000 per issue or reproduce from the typewritten copy at no additional cost. The latter course was decided in interests of economy.

3. The 5 1/2 x 8" format fits the equipment of the Reproduction Section in the most economical manner without reducing the typed matter to a degree which would make it difficult to read.

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A copy of the requisition signed by Mr. Korle is attached.

REQUEST TO OFFICE OF CONFERENCE SERVICES

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TO: The Secretary-General

DATE: 16 April 1975

THROUGH:  
S/C DE:

FROM: The Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Listing of PLO in Blue Book

1. This afternoon Mr. Rosenstock, Legal Adviser of the United States Mission, came to see me to talk about several problems but did not mention the listing of the PLO.

2. Asked what was his reaction to Mike Berlin's article in the New York Post, he said that he could agree with the proposed new section under which the PLO would be listed. In fact the United States Mission is, as others, convinced that the Secretary-General already took a decision on this matter.

3. I would therefore suggest that the Secretary-General not give the impression that no decision has been taken yet and that, if asked about this during tomorrow's briefing he should make the following simple statement:

"I have indeed decided this matter and in view of the purely informative character of the Blue Book, this decision adds nothing to the status which was given to the PLO by the General Assembly."