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Port Moresby,

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
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ARTICLES IN "DIALOGUE" - CATHOLIC SEMINARY PUBLICATION,
MADANG.

Enclosed please find: -

- (a) One copy of "Dialogue", an organ of the Holy Spirit Regional Seminary, Madang. The copy under reference (Vol. 1, section 2) is dated October 27th, 1966.
 - (b) Copy of a memorandum relating to this issue of "Dialogue" forwarded by the District Commissioner (East Sepik District), Mr. E.G. Hicks. Mr. Hicks's memorandum provides some interesting background information on the distribution of the publication and is also indicative of the reaction of senior field staff officers who have read the first two articles in this second issue of "Dialogue".
2. The publication was discussed briefly with Mr. G. Warwick Smith during his recent visit to the Territory and it is understood that he brought a copy of "Dialogue" back to Canberra with him.
 3. It may be confidently assumed that the first two articles in this issue (the editorial "Now is the Moment of Truth" over the name of the Editor, Leo J. Hannett, a 4th year student, and "The People of Bougainville More Sinned Against than Sinning" over the by-line of Mr. Daniel Tsibim, a 3rd year student) are in fact the work of writers whose student days are long past. It has been conjectured here that some of the phrasing in these articles is reminiscent of that used by Father Fingleton of Bougainville, but it is emphasised that this is no more than surmise.
 4. From the Administration viewpoint the two articles mentioned above come close to inciting subversion. They are probably the most inflammatory items on Administration/indigenous relationships yet published by a non-Communist organisation. (According to a verbal report just received, the tone of an article in a recently printed Rabaul Catholic Mission periodical said to be named "News and Views" is even more strident. Action is being taken to obtain copies of this Rabaul publication.) Having regard to their source, the effect on indigenous high school-level minds of some of the statements made in these articles could be dangerous.

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Department of District
Administration,
WEWAK
East Sepik District.
3rd November, 1966.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
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"DIALOGUE" - PUBLICATION OF THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE
COUNCIL, HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY, MADANG

Attached hereto please find a copy of the above publication which was received in yesterday's mail addressed to the District Commissioner, Sepik District, Wewak.

Subsequent enquiries by the District Special Branch Officer reveal that copies have also been mailed to the Commanding Officer, 2 P.I.R. (2), to the Manager, Trans Australia Airlines, Wewak (3), Wewak Hospital (3), the Postmaster and Staff (3), The Headmaster, Brandi High School (1) and Mr. F. Martin, M.H.A. (1).

A number of the above addressees have already contacted this Office and expressed their gravest concern at the strongly anti-Administration sentiments and overtones of racism which characterise a number of articles included in the publication. In some cases the material published is considered to be quite definitely inflammatory if not plainly subversive and as such I consider that it merits the immediate attention of the Internal Security Authorities.

This is the second issue of "Dialogue" to be produced, the original issue apparently was not so widely distributed and no copy has been received here. It is noted that distribution which previously stood at 500 copies for the first issue has now been increased to 1,000. It will also be noted that the acknowledgements of the first issue include extracts from letters addressed to the publishers by such well known identities as Professor O.H.K. Spate of the Australian National University and Dr. J.T. Gunther, Vice Chancellor of the University of Papua and New Guinea. The Bishops of Aitape and Bougainville are listed amongst those who have actively supported the publication with monetary assistance.

Forwarded for your information and whatever action is considered appropriate.

(sgd.) E.G. Hicks

District Commissioner