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At the above meeting the following matters of interest to the Research and Statistics Committee were discussed:

- 1. The ICNAF Surveys NORWESTLANT 1-3: I gave an account of the surveys and the plans to report the results. The IOC expressed its interest and pleasure at the progress made to date.
- 2. The Draft General Scientific Framework for World Ocean Study prepared for the IOC by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the Advisory Committee for Marine Resources Research (ACMRR) of FAO: The IOC decided to circulate this draft widely amongst scientists and ask for their comments. The Executive Secretary of ICNAF has therefore circulated copies of the draft to members of the Environmental Subcommittee and it will be discussed by them at the present meeting of the Research and Statistics Committee.
- 3. A plan for working standard oceanographic sections in the North Atlantic submitted by the USSR: The IOC agreed to ask Prof. Kort (USSR) to visit North Atlantic countries to discuss this plan. This he has now done and he talked with scientists from some member countries of ICNAF (UK, Norway, Canada, USA and USSR). His plan will be discussed by the Environmental Subcommittee at the present meeting of the Research and Statistics Committee.
- 4. Second International Oceanographic Congress: At the invitation of the USSR, this will take place in Moscow in April or May 1966. IOC, UNESCO and FAO will sponsor it.
- 5. Exchange of Oceanographic Data: IOC will shortly be issuing a manual on this subject.
- 6. International Biological Programme: IOC agreed to help this programme in any way possible in collaboration with SCOR and ACMRR.