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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 22 November 1965

[redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing on Cambodia.

DDI reported on comments made on 19 November by General Wheeler. Wheeler was complimentary of an Agency memo on Atlantic nuclear forces. He also said he intends to inform DCI of the current high importance of information pertaining to Cambodian support of the Viet Cong. DDI noted that DIA had just completed a rather sensationalized report on this subject. It was also noted that authority has been given to US forces in Vietnam to take military action in self-defense against offensive targets inside Cambodia.

DDI reported on current policy considerations of the consequences of Rhodesian economic warfare against Zambia. Given to DCI were two Agency memos, one on the importance of Zambian copper and the other on the costs and nature of any operations which might be required to rescue the Zambian economy.

DDI noted that an Agency transportation expert is on loan to the State Department and is [redacted] assessing the nature of railway complexes there.

R. J. Smith reported completion of a memo assessing Communist strategy and intentions in light of the major battles in the Plei Mei area. He recommended that DCI send personal copies of this memo to high US officials.

Kent referred to the Agency publication Studies in Intelligence. This house organ enjoyed its tenth anniversary recently.

Warfield mentioned the need to develop Agency nominees for the Arthur S. Fleming Award given annually to outstanding Government officials under forty.

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Warfield reported on the arrangements for [redacted]

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Earman said he will be in [redacted] tomorrow in connection with a current IG survey on records integration and management.

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Houston reported that recent news stories relating to [redacted] and reporting to come from testimony taken by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are largely verbatim extracts from transcript.

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[redacted] for DDS&T reported that a U-2 mission to South China has been alerted for tonight.

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ACTIONS:

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DCI also requests consideration of preparation of a memo on Castro's exploitation of people and their property as reflected by [redacted] Such a memorandum might be released to public media by the State Department. (DDP - Status report by 26 November)

2. DCI noted publications issued by the American Physical Society entitled Physical Review Letters. He wants to know whether the Agency subscribes to this publication. He also requests assessment of an article in the 22 November issue concerning low-energy ions in gas emission of light. He wants consideration of the applications of any such capability and suggests preparation of a memo on this subject. Among other things, such a capability has implications for military operations at night. (DDS&T - Status report by 1 December)

3. DCI wants to send a letter to Lockheed sometime this week which would spell out conditions under which Lockheed can advertise certain aspects of the RF-12 in connection with SST advertisements. (DDS&T by 26 November)

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4. Noting the prospective deployment and use of OXCART in the Far East, DCI requests an estimative memo on the consequences and reactions of such use in Communist China and North Vietnam. (DDI by 1 December)

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