

12 August 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 12 August 1966

25X1 [redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing on recent developments in the Warsaw Pact.

DD/I noted a cable from Saigon reporting that [redacted] who had recently been in Hanoi believes that the war is going against the North Vietnamese government and that Hanoi might be ready to negotiate by the spring of 1967. The Director instructed DD/I and DD/P to compile any pertinent background information on the report

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25X1 [redacted] noted the recent confusion in the Chinese press regarding Mao and the current purge of high-level officials. He reported that [redacted] the State Department. He also commented on recent developments [redacted] prior to its disclosure in the press.

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25X1 [redacted] reported that members of the Board of National Estimates are at NPIC today for a GMAIC briefing on the interpretation of the background evidence for NIE 11-8, "Soviet Strategic Offensive Capabilities." He also noted that the draft for the Estimate on Soviet R&D has been completed and will be submitted for USIB consideration on 25 August. He informed the Director that this is likely to be a difficult Estimate to coordinate.

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25X1 Carver noted a cable from Saigon on possible Montagnard disaffection with Premier Ky. He reported that a former official of the Diem government, now in jail, is being represented by a U. S. law firm in his attempts to win a release. One of the lawyers with the firm,

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Warner reported that the Agency's legislative package was reported out by the House Armed Services Committee yesterday.

Warner noted that the staffman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, who was briefed by the Agency on the status of Soviet space activities recently, has suggested that the Agency also brief the Committee members. The Director agreed.

Warner reported that he is having some difficulty in arranging a meeting of the Executive Director with Bill Darden and Bill Woodruff of the Russell Committee. He reported that Bob Michaels of the Mahon committee staff would like to visit the Agency to discuss matters regarding this year's NRO budget. [] noted that the figures in the budget estimate have not yet been approved by the Executive Committee.

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Warner noted that Congresswoman Martha Griffiths of Detroit, a member of the House Rules Committee, would be interested in visiting the Agency to lunch with some of the senior female personnel. Executive Director suggested that this matter should be reconsidered at a morning meeting next week. The Director agreed.

Parrott observed that the first round of briefings for Henry Rowen has now been completed. Executive Director noted that Rowen will be here today to discuss the Agency's PPB system.

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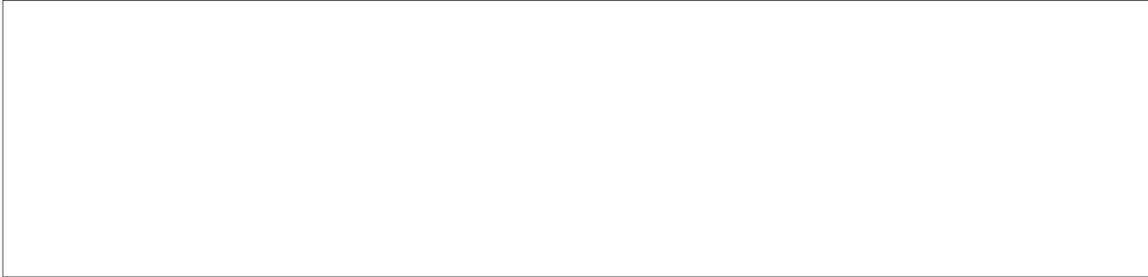
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The Director referred to a recent Allen-Scott article in the Northern Virginia Sun and asked that the DD/I begin to evaluate the article.

The Director reported that Jeff Kitchen visited the Agency yesterday to talk about additional Agency support for State Department contingency studies on Latin America. The Director instructed DD/P to consider how to deal with this matter and to report back to him when they have arrived at a solution.

The Director observed that  would like to visit with him in the near future. The Director asked the group to consider this request and to advise him of their views next week.

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