

1 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 1 July 1966

The DCI opened the meeting with the following items:

1. Admiral Raborn extended to all his thanks and gratitude for the farewell dinner given him on 29 June.

2. Unless international developments dictate otherwise, the 4 July holiday will be a "Sunday" in terms of Agency staffing.

3. The system of weekend DCI duty officers in the Agency will continue.

4. The DCI invites senior Agency officials to feel free to plan on use of the DCI private dining room. [redacted] on extension [redacted] is the point of contact. In the event of conflict this can be resolved in discussions at morning meetings.

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5. The DCI noted that he had requested a post mortem on the [redacted] and has requested completion of the study during the coming week.

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6. The DCI will continue the daily morning meetings. He urged that the meetings be used as a "brokerage house" to accomplish Agency business in a manner that should permit a reduction in the amount of written reports and memoranda sent forward. All those who attend the morning meeting were asked to use the utmost discretion in passing along information pertaining to the items raised at the meetings. If in doubt about the propriety of this, the DCI should be contacted.

7. The DCI does not plan to move his office.

8. The Director of the Office of Current Intelligence was requested by the DCI to brief the morning meeting daily on major press items affecting the Agency and its work as may be carried in the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Baltimore Sun.

ADDI reported completion of an Agency memorandum relating to a new Soviet Weapons System which will affect the forthcoming NIE 11-8 and which, when operational, could eliminate the early warning now provided by the BMEWS System. It was agreed that this memo will be disseminated.

Godfrey briefed on current developments in the Vietnam area including Soviet communications noted in the SAM network near Hanoi and the sinking of three NVN PT boats which moved against American destroyers. Godfrey also reported on the situation pertaining to the Vice President's trip to the Dominican Republic.

Kent noted that the State Department has encountered some policy objections to the current draft of an NIE on the radical West African States.

DDS reported that plans are being made to circulate to all Agency personnel copies of the remarks made by the President at the swearing-in ceremony of the DCI yesterday.

DDS reported successful completion of arrangements for additional construction at the [redacted]

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Houston noted that discussions are under way on the Hill aimed at developing a procedure to facilitate funding and contracting for construction work.

DDS noted that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is asking AEC for a damage assessment report on [redacted]. It was agreed that no report of this kind should be made available to the Hill.

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[redacted] reported that [redacted] is working with the Army in connection with development of [redacted]

Earman reported that consideration is being given to showing films of the DCI swearing-in ceremony in the Agency auditorium.

Houston tabled the Congressional Record of favorable remarks made by Representative Rivers yesterday about the DCI.

Houston reported that Senator Lister Hill of Alabama has been named to fill a vacancy on our Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

In answer to the DCI's inquiry, Houston said that there has been no reaction to date on numerous Agency invitations to brief Senator Russell and the Subcommittee on our budget.

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Duckett reported that indications are that the first [redacted] [redacted] Duckett reported that an invitation was received yesterday to brief Air Force Secretary Brown on the Soviet ABM problem.

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DDP reported that a high-ranking [redacted] officer is coming to Washington for hospitalization. It was agreed that the DCI and DDP will pay a courtesy call.

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It was noted that the DCI and DDP have received letters from Vice President Humphrey about the need for continuing work [redacted] [redacted] The Vice President has also written to the Department about this.

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ACTIONS

1. DDI is asked to draft a note for the DCI's consideration to the President expressing his appreciation for the remarks made yesterday about the Agency. (DDI in the course of the day.)

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2. DDI [redacted] are asked to analyze a Department cable from Paris #9273 relating to the Vietnam problem and to issue a memorandum if appropriate. (In the course of the day)

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