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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 December 1966

DD/I said that, in response to Secretary Vance's request to the Director, the Intelligence Directorate has thoroughly examined the possibility of North Korean military action. The results of the examination were essentially negative, and OCI is preparing a paper. (See Action 1)

Godfrey reported that, in accordance with the Director's request, he has established a group to examine anomalies in the storage of cruise missiles in Cuba. A memorandum should be ready in three to four days.

Godfrey noted [] a possible coup in Iraq. The subject will be covered in regular publications. With regard to the Watch Committee Report, he will send the Director an additional item this morning concerning a Soviet and East European military exercise.

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Kent reported to the Director on the substance of the briefing arranged by General Lemley on Soviet strategic capabilities. He expects to receive a copy of the war plan exercise in question. He said that he will distill the essence of the exercise paper for the Director, who asked that Kent include his own critical analysis.

Carver reported that the first meeting of the Radical Solutions Group will be held today. There was an internal meeting yesterday to develop an answer to Komer's memorandum on the urgent need for personnel in South Vietnam. In this connection, DD/P called attention to an Agency cable []

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Warner said that Senator Symington's staff was in touch with the Agency yesterday as a result of a telephone call from the Senator, who is in Honolulu. Warner reported on a brief encounter with Congressman Rivers last night. He will arrange a briefing in response to a request from Congressman Arends.

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Bross discussed the possibility of probing the Soviets on their ABM program. The Director felt that this might be a topic of conversation for the luncheon with Ambassador Thompson next Wednesday.

A-DD/S&T noted that

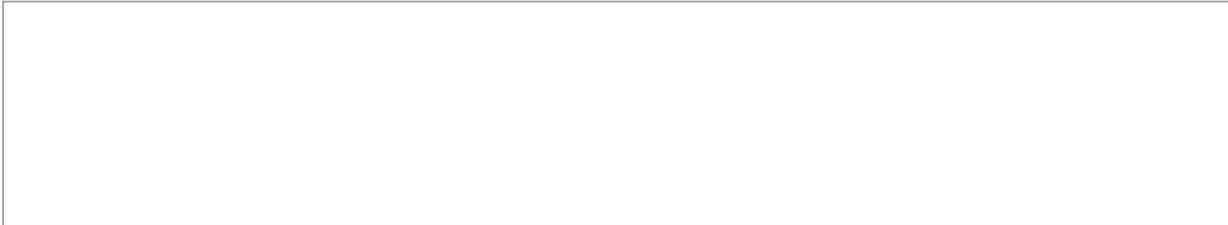
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He briefed the Director on the closing session on the Soviet ABM program. The Director asked him to keep track of this.

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DD/P called the Director's attention to an Agency cable from on which he intends to prepare a memorandum. (See Action 2)

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The Director noted that considers that the Agency's relations with BOB are favorable.

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The Director called attention to two articles in this morning's New York Times concerning the Soviet ABM program. He discussed the difficult decisions on strategic weaponry facing the Administration and the behavior he expects of Agency personnel in this regard.

ACTIONS:

1. The Director asked that the paper responding to Secretary Vance's question on the likelihood of North Korean hostilities be put into blind memorandum format with a transmittal note for the Director's signature. (DD/I by 9 December)

2. The Director asked DD/P to prepare a memorandum for the Director's signature to Moyers on an Agency cable from (DD/P by 9 December)

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