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17 November 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 November 1966

25X1 DD/I said that he has been examining the operation of Task Force [] and feels that, given the small amount of data available, the Task Force is simply duplicating the Watch Committee and the community's current intelligence shops. He proposed that the Task Force either be placed on an inactive basis or operate with less frequency. The DDCI opted for the first alternative, and the Director agreed.

DD/I reported on the status of the action to reduce photographic coverage of Cuba. (See Action 1)

Godfrey briefed on internal Chinese political trends. He explained the treatment in the CIB of signs pointing to a Chinese test, and the Director remarked that the subject had been handled well.

Godfrey discussed [] for a meeting. The Director noted that he has already approved the meeting and that Godfrey should proceed accordingly. 25X1

25X1 In response to a question by the DDCI on an item in [] [] Godfrey and Chamberlain agreed that it points to a Soviet rather than a Chinese test. 25X1

Kent said that he had received the Director's message on Jordan and intends to give him a memorandum by COB today. The Director advised that a Board memorandum circulated to USIB principals for information will suffice. (See Action 2)

Kent noted that State will move to postpone vote-slip action on the South-West Africa Estimate.

25X1 [] alerted the Director to State's intention to discuss the Watch Report's coverage of the Israeli-Jordan situation.

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Carver reported that Komer has asked the Agency to take a look at the Viet Cong's ability to recruit in South Vietnam and that [redacted] will draft and coordinate a response.

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Houston reported that OGC has completed a study on the protection of classified intelligence information for PFIAB and has sent a copy to the Justice Department. The Director asked the DDCI to take care of this item. DDCI asked Houston to send him a copy of the paper for perusal, after which he will discuss it with Houston.

Chamberlain for A-DD/S&T reported on yesterday's meeting of the Director's Space Panel. He said that Duckett has invited [redacted] to Headquarters on 8 December to discuss certain matters concerning reconnaissance. The Director said that he wants to speak with Duckett on this. (See Action 3)

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DD/P briefed the Director on a program involving the purchase of [redacted]. The Director approved.

DD/P noted a cable from [redacted] and discussed two members [redacted] presently visiting Headquarters. The Director asked to see them both.

The Director said that he had given distribution to a cable from de Silva concerning a request for personnel.

ACTIONS:

1. The Director asked DD/I to contact General Carroll on the reduction of photographic coverage of Cuba. (DD/I by 28 November)

2. The Director asked Kent to have the officer charged with preparing the memorandum on Jordan talk with [redacted]

3. The Director asked Chamberlain to apprise him of the Agency's position prior to discussions on reconnaissance with [redacted]

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