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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 March 1966

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was at

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DD/I commended the photographs and maps accompanying today's CIB article on Vietnam.

DD/I tabled a coordinated Agency memo on Soviet solid propellant missile development. It was agreed that the memo would be given high-level as well as working-level distribution.

DD/I noted a request from the Vice President for information pertaining to the feasibility of sealing off the western border of South Vietnam. Work is under way to answer the request.

Godfrey noted that the ChiComs have rejected a Soviet invitation to attend the XXIII Soviet Party Congress. Godfrey said the rejection came "as anticipated." He was asked to look at the reporting record on this subject since it does not appear well known that such a rejection was anticipated.

Godfrey reported briefly on the situation in South Vietnam.

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Kent reported that an estimative paper responsive to a request from the Secretary of Defense concerning bombing in Vietnam has been completed. Today is the deadline for delivery to the Secretary. DDCI said that the Secretary had called him this morning and that DDCI had promised him the paper today.

Sheldon reported that the DCI yesterday signed a letter to select Government officials concerning OXCART deployment.

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ADD/S noted a BOB follow-up to a recent memo from the President concerning arrangements for a nine-month "post-graduate" course at various U. S. universities on planning, programming, and budgeting. The Agency is requested to submit a list of two nominees for such training. The list is due by 15 April. (See Action 2)

Houston reported that Senator Symington had inserted in the Congressional Record George Carver's Foreign Affairs article on Vietnam.

At DDCI request Bross described the sessions with the PFIAB on 21 and 22 March, sessions which Bross described as generally useful with favorable reactions from Board members.

DDCI noted today's scheduled luncheon with Senator Symington and requested specific arrangements to make the session as useful as possible.

DDCI noted that the Senior Interdepartmental Group expressed satisfaction at the meeting yesterday with the intelligence memo provided by the Agency.

ACTIONS:

1. D/OCI is requested to call Bromley Smith to point out that the NSA SIGINT Summary article [redacted]

[redacted] A Memo for the Record on this call and the facts pertaining to the article is to be submitted to D/DCI/NIPE. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

2. ADD/S and D/DCI/NIPE are to confer and D/DCI/NIPE is requested to check with Henry Rowen of BOB to determine the criteria and requirements for nominees for university PPB training. As general guidance, DDCI believes our nominees for this training should be younger officers of the CT type and that career planning should include a program for assigning officers so trained in offices which deal with PPB matters. (DD/S)

3. Noting the Department's and the SIG's great concern with the situation and outlook in Rhodesia, DDCI requested that the Agency ensure full, timely, and adequate reporting on this subject. (DD/I)

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