

20 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 January 1966

The DCI opened the meeting by reading a letter he received from the President expressing confidence in the work being done by the DCI, the DDCI, and the Agency.

The DCI noted an Agency intelligence report from Saigon [redacted] concerning the morale of the Viet Cong and the concern among the Viet Cong over the prospects of a long war. The report is based on recent prisoner interrogation and is regarded by the DCI as of prime significance. DCI gave Sherman Kent guidance for preparing a note to accompany a package of various intelligence memoranda being distributed to the policy levels. The note will take account of this report of Viet Cong morale and the work being done by the Communists to repair lines of communication in North Vietnam during the bombing lull.

DD/I reported on a conversation with Bromley Smith of the White House yesterday. The conversation culminated in dissemination of an Agency memo on the levels of Viet Cong activity during the bombing pause. The DCI directed that this information be available to all policy officials who will be meeting with the President to discuss Vietnam shortly.

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Godfrey noted the "curious pattern" of recent bilateral meetings and visits of East European officials. Reasons for these are not clear. The subject is under study.

[redacted] referred to the final report issued by the principals who deliberated on Vietnam [redacted] recently. The final report had recommended a SNIE on the likely course of affairs in Vietnam given the present levels of military involvement. The report was addressed to the heads of agencies involved in the Vietnam effort. The Secretaries of State and Defense have declined to press for the SNIE. (See Action 2)

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DD/S&T reported that the [redacted] launched yesterday is functioning well and is scheduled for recovery on 23 January. He also noted that the Soviets this morning two hours before the scheduled launch of a reconnaissance satellite scrubbed the launch. (See Action 3)

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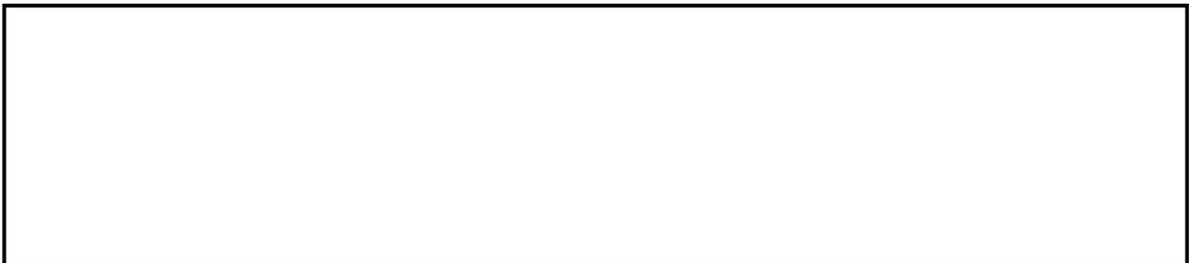
DD/S&T reported that the DCI's Nuclear Advisory Panel under the chairmanship of [redacted] will hold its first meeting on 27 and 28 January. It was agreed that the DCI or DDCI would welcome the group on the morning of 27 January and that there will be a private meeting of the Panel with the DCI on the second day prior to a special meeting of USIB. It was also agreed that senior Agency officials would attend an evening social affair with the group on 27 January.

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DD/S&T reported on a change of heart by the AEC facilities in Los Alamos. They are now willing to cooperate with the Intelligence Community.

DD/P reported on information pertaining to the establishment of a Fiat automobile factory to be built in Moscow. The plant is to furnish about 500,000 autos annually. Half the machinery will be Russian and half, Italian.

Executive Director noted that an Agency Notice will be published in the next day or two establishing the Board and Office of National Estimates as a component reporting directly to the DCI. The DD/I will continue to staff ONE, whose members will be part of the Intelligence Career Service. The DCI and DDCI expressed their satisfaction with this arrangement and the cooperation existing between DD/I and ONE.



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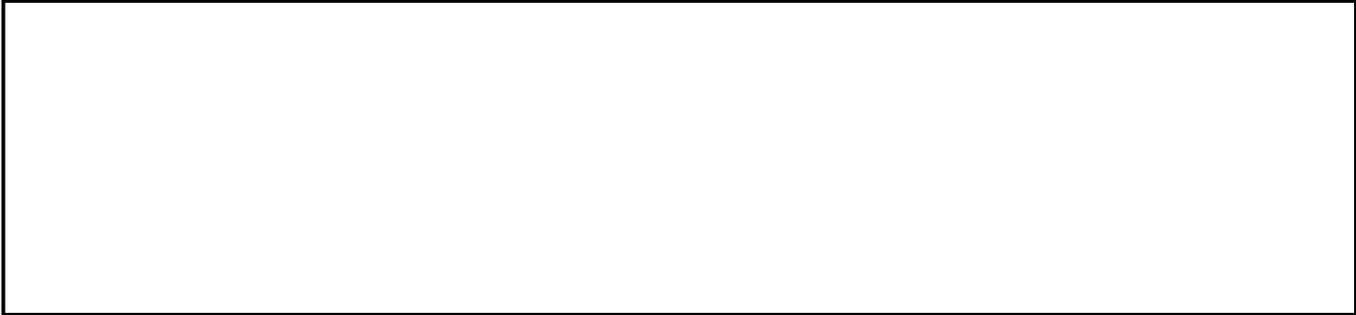
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1. DD/I and DD/P are requested to begin preparing appropriate records of intelligence reporting and actions as compared to U. S. policy decisions. Such a record will prove useful in the event that the Fulbright Committee of the Senate investigates, as reported by the press, the impact of CIA on U. S. foreign policy.

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2. Chief, SAVA is requested to circulate copies of the [redacted] report on Vietnam to interested components of the Agency. (In the course of the day)

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