

18 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 January 1966

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[redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing [redacted]

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DD/I noted a letter to DCI from Secretary Ball setting forth intelligence requirements relating to Vietnam. DD/I said he would meet with DD/P and Chairman of the Board of National Estimates to develop procedures for meeting the request.

DD/I noted two recent Agency clandestine reports, both of which served as items for treatment in the CIB and President's Daily Brief. One deals with Yugoslav attitudes toward ChiCom policies and the other with Communist-sponsored insurgency in Thailand as related by two captured insurgents.

DD/I noted a request from Bill Bundy for an analysis of the public and private actions and reactions since the bombing pause by Moscow, Hanoi, and Peking.

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DD/I noted that the Domestic Contact Service is arranging to debrief [redacted] who is currently in Paris discussing mutual space matters with French scientific and research officials.

DD/I tabled a memo done jointly by DD/P and DD/I on the Cohen-Kroger prisoner exchange. It was agreed that the memo should be given a special dissemination to top officials in the Departments of State and Defense, to McGeorge Bundy, and to J. Edgar Hoover.

Godfrey reported on indications that the Tashkent agreement is posing internal difficulties for Ayub. This matter is still under study and will be covered in the President's Daily Brief when information warrants.

Godfrey noted word from London that Rhodesia is considering closing the British High Commissioner's Office in Salisbury and that the U. S. Consulate might be next.

Godfrey noted word in this morning's press that Lincoln Gordon may be the next Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. All agreed this would be a welcome development.

Kent reported that he had met with General Taylor of DIA and Admiral Mustin of the JCS yesterday. There are no problems in the Agency's getting access to operational data in order to complete the study requested by Secretary McNamara surveying bomb damage in North Vietnam. Kent noted that the study will entail a considerable amount of NPIC time.

25X1 reported that Senator Hickenlooper on the floor yesterday had made use of our material on the Soviet Disinformation Service in disposing of certain scurrilous, anonymous letters pertaining to J. Edgar Hoover.

Bross reported on conversations with Secretary Vance yesterday. The forthcoming Honolulu conference will deal with manpower problems in connection with U. S. military deployment in Vietnam, and CIA representation is thus not worthwhile. The DCI or his representative would be most welcome at high-level policy discussions to be held sometime in February.

Bross noted the agenda for the PFIAB meetings on 24 and 25 January. A current intelligence briefing, a description of the U. S. Community effort against China by General Reynolds, and a briefing on Soviet strategic attack and air defense capabilities by Proctor will take place on 24 January. Chamberlain will brief on U. S. intelligence capabilities to detect violations of a nuclear test ban or disarmament agreement on the morning of 25 January. DCI will appear on the afternoon of 25 January and is asked to cover DCI coordination of the U. S. intelligence effort and the NRO agreement. Bross will do briefing notes for the former and Sheldon for the latter. DCI said he would try to attend all Agency briefings of PFIAB. If he is not able to do so, he will ask DDCI to attend. (See Action 1)

DD/P noted that the favorable Symington remarks about CIA were printed in the New York Times Sunday Edition buried deep in the Sports Section.

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DD/P referred to a [redacted] dealing with a Spanish correspondent's interview of Juan Bosch. Bosch remains strongly anti-U. S.

Executive Director reported on the current status of the Public Service Aid Society. An audit report shows it to be in good shape and well supported.

ACTIONS:

1. Bross is requested to contact General Carroll, General Carter, and Dr. Flax to suggest that it would be helpful to consult with the DCI prior to the President's Board meetings so that DCI is in a position to know the general line of the briefings to be given to the Board. (NIPE by 21 January)

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