

14 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 14 January 1966

[redacted] of ORR gave a background briefing on the extent and types of U. S. aid programs. (See Action 1)

DD/I noted that he would be leaving on 17 January for a trip through Latin America and that he will be the DCI Duty Officer this weekend.

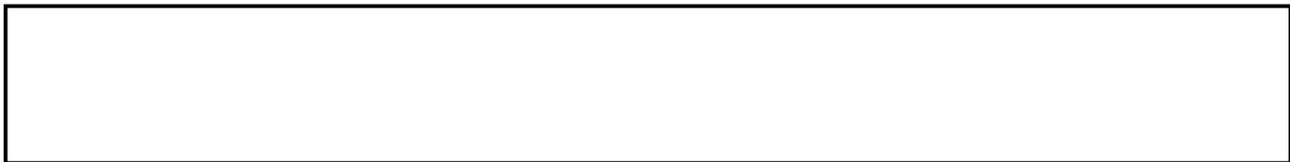
R. J. Smith reported on the Rhodesia situation and an alarming telegram from our embassy there concerning the worsening economic and political situation. (See Action 3)

Smith noted two special weekly reports, one on the Sino-Soviet controversy over military aid to Hanoi and the other on the Soviet space exploration programs. (See Action 4)

Kent gave the DCI a copy of Volume I, No. I of the National Intelligence Projections for Planning. This volume deals with long-range attack forces.

Kent and Bross reported on upcoming Honolulu meetings. One will take place in the coming days and will be at the "colonel" level. It will deal with the ordnance mix involved in bomb targets in North Vietnam. Efforts are being made to accredit a member of the Board of National Estimates to this meeting. Kent, who will meet with the Secretary of Defense this afternoon, will raise this and seek SecDef concurrence to BNE representation at the meeting. There is, in addition, some talk of a very high-level meeting to deal with Vietnam sometime around 1 February, and it was agreed that Bross would contact Secretary Vance to inquire about what preparations the Agency might make for this meeting.

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Sheldon reported that CINCEUR has approved Washington Intelligence Community recommendations concerning the coordination of intelligence collection operations [Redacted]

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Houston noted that DCI is scheduled for appearances before the Mahon group on 20 and 21 January.

Houston noted that Senator Symington would be coming to the DCI's office today. The DCI said that the purpose is to brief the Senator on the conclusions of recent national estimates concerning Vietnam. Kent and [Redacted] will provide the briefing.

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Bross noted that there will be meetings of the PFIAB on 24 and 25 January. General Reynolds has been invited to brief on China programs, and ONE is asked to brief on NIE's 11-8 and 11-3. Coyne will advise on subjects the Board will want the DCI to cover, and the DCI is invited to suggest topics.

DDCI announced that [Redacted] of DD/P will replace [Redacted], as Executive Assistant to the DCI on 31 January.

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ACTIONS:

1. DCI requested that a briefing be given at a future Morning Meeting on the work of and relationships between the Export-Import and World Banks. The briefing should also provide answers to questions such as: Why do we aid the UAR? How does the U. S. obtain leverage from its aid programs? How much of our aid eventually returns in the form of repayments? How much of our aid is extended under conditions requiring foreign purchase of American goods? (DD/I by 15 February)

2. DCI requested that [redacted] arrange to meet with Representative Teague today. (C/SAVA - In the course of the day)

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3. DCI requested continuing DD/I evaluation of [redacted] reports on the Rhodesia situation and appropriate publication of this in the CIB and PDB. (DD/I)

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DCI also requested that the DD/P obtain [redacted] evaluation of this morning's alarming assessment from the embassy. (DD/P - In the course of the day)

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4. DD/S&T is requested to consider making available to Webb, the NASA Administrator, the special weekly report on Soviet space exploration programs.

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6. DDCI requested that DD/I and DD/P collaborate on preparation of a memo on the names and numbers of the principals involved in a proposed prisoner exchange as reflected in current cable traffic, the memo to be published and disseminated to a limited number of policy-makers. (DD/I in consultation with DD/P - By the close of business 17 January)

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