

13 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 January 1966

[redacted] of DDS&T/ORD gave a briefing on the status and outlook of Project [redacted] for special reconnaissance over jungle canopy and foliage. Operational readiness date is December 1966.

DD/I noted completion of a report by a committee chaired by him dealing with security aspects of long-distance xerography and intelligence flow to the State Department and the White House. There are no major problems. The issue was raised by Tom Hughes of INR.

R. J. Smith noted the CIB item pertaining to the flight operations of two NVN pilots with Soviet personnel in MIG-21's in NVN.

Kent reported on the status of current ONE efforts to recap and survey the implications of bomb damage in NVN. This led to a lengthy discussion of current U. S. military planning and likely needs for various types of estimates covering various contingencies in Vietnam operations.

Sheldon initiated a discussion of the COMOR paper on high resolution photography which will be before USIB today. It was noted that the State Department desires to defer action on this paper for a week, but it was agreed that discussion at USIB today will be worthwhile.

DD/S reported that David Wise, who is writing a book, is looking into Agency funding mechanisms with respect to U. S. foundations.

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Steps have been taken to terminate them and to replace them with new and more circumspect ones.

[redacted] reported that the Saigon station had been queried to keep abreast of the findings from study of VC documents recently captured in SVN. A preliminary response is in from the field.

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Houston reported that Carl Duckett is briefing a select group of the Senate Space Committee this morning.

Houston reported that Bill Bundy in the State Department is in receipt of an inquiry from the House Foreign Affairs Committee asking for information pertaining to NVN bridges, dams, dikes, etc. Bundy had informed us that he has little capability to provide this information. He was referred to certain reports which have been made available by us to the Department. These could be used to provide the response.

DD/S&T reported that a U-2 [redacted] will be sent on a test mission over SVN using color film. It was agreed that this operation will not require 303 Committee approval.

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DD/S&T noted the loss of another [redacted] last night.

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DD/S&T reported that the Army and Navy have been requested to arrange briefings for the DCI on the work done by their facilities of a nature similar to the USAF FTD. The Army and Navy will be glad to do this. The Army briefing will be in Huntsville, Alabama, and the Navy session in Washington. DCI requested that representatives from all interested components of the Agency receive these briefings.

DD/S&T noted a current debate on questions concerning Soviet handling of nuclear warheads for missiles. Some believe the warheads are attached to the missiles. Others believe that the warheads are stored nearby but separately. Efforts are being made to resolve this very important matter.

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Executive Director said that he is sending memos today to the Director of Personnel and the Deputy Directors concerning the need to expedite Agency work in connection with retirement programs. Progress has been a bit slow, and performance should be improved.

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DCI inquired about the status of arrangements to turn over to SAC two of our U-2's for reconnaissance in Vietnam. DD/S&T said this is under way.



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