

5 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 5 January 1966

25X1 [redacted] of Commo gave a background briefing on the KY-3 secure telephone system. (See Action 1)

DD/I reported on a series of recent requests for certain intelligence studies. These include a White House requirement for a summary by wire [redacted] related to the Vietnam peace offensive. There have also been a series of requests for factual summaries of various Communist positions and conditions relating to a Vietnam settlement and a study of the supply activity within North Vietnam toward the DMZ has been completed. A high level of such supply activity has been noted and appears to be on the increase in recent months. This latter study may be mentioned by the DCI and DDCI in the course of a lunch with Secretary McNamara today. (See Action 2)

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25X1 DD/I suggested that it might be desirable to debrief Vice President Humphrey following his recent swing through the Far East. It was agreed that [redacted] will talk to George Carroll and use the DCI's name in inviting such a session.

DD/I noted that NPIC is preparing a comprehensive study of the North Vietnamese SAM system and that this will be presented to the Board of National Estimates tomorrow.

R. J. Smith reported on Hanoi's official pronouncements on the U. S. peace offensive as described in the CIB today. In short, Hanoi shows little interest in negotiations now but some slight glimmers of hope exist.

Smith reported on the situations in three Latin American trouble spots--the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, and Guatemala.

Kent reported on his meeting yesterday with General Maxwell Taylor and Pat Coyne to discuss the estimative processes. Taylor at the end of the session raised the subject of separation of the DCI from the Agency, but Coyne privately indicated to Kent that this is no longer a serious proposition within the PFIAB.

Kent noted that DIA has approved the projected NIE program, and he recommended that the Chairman of USIB can now approve the program.

Sheldon reported on the discussion with Komer of the White House staff yesterday concerning the question of providing intelligence collection facilities [REDACTED] ILLEGIB
Komer said this had been put on ice in recent weeks, but it was agreed that it would be useful for the DCI to write to McGeorge Bundy, setting forth a resume of recent developments in this field. Sheldon will undertake to draft this.

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DD/S noted that the Civil Service Commission has requested the attendance of ten to twenty Agency officers at a course in budgeting, planning, and programming being given by the CSC in the near future. DD/S noted a large number of such courses and said that the Office of Training is planning a course on this subject for Agency people.

DD/S reported on certain internal problems of dissension within the [REDACTED] and noted that a State Department official was coming here today to talk with the Agency representative on [REDACTED] See Action 3)

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Bross reported on the problem of and staff work in connection with certain working groups dealing with intelligence exchanges and communication within NATO as triggered by a recent talk given to NATO by Secretary McNamara. A talking paper on this subject was tabled for the DCI's use in discussions with Secretary McNamara today.

[REDACTED] reported on a briefing he had given to Representative Ogden Reid yesterday on Vietnam. The Congressman leaves for Vietnam tomorrow.

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DD/S&T noted [redacted] that the French are moving in the direction of building another gaseous diffusion plant. This would be the second such facility.

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DD/P noted that the French have a total of ten special lathes of a type related to nuclear production and which are said to be objects of ChiCom attempts to purchase.

DD/P noted that the heat between the Soviet and ChiCom parties is intensifying. As one example he cited the riot yesterday between the two factions of Communists at Panama University.

Executive Director noted a letter of commendation from John Macy for the Agency's charity contributions during the recent Combined Federal Campaign.

DDCI reported on a telephone call from Secretary Rusk yesterday inquiring about the level of Viet Cong activity and infiltrations from the North in recent days. [redacted] is working on an answer to be ready by the end of the week.

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DCI noted that he will meet with Secretary Rusk this morning at 11 a. m. and invited suggestions for topics to be raised with the Secretary.

ACTIONS:

1. The Executive Director was asked by the DCI to consider the installation of secure KY-3 telephones in the residences of each of the Deputies as a means of facilitating off-hour work and consultation.

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2. DD/I is requested, in responding to the various requests from the White House staff or other Government departments concerning the Vietnam peace offensive, to ensure that proper coordination and approvals are obtained before disseminating the material. DCI and DDCI are to be kept informed.

3. The CIA member of [redacted] is to bear in mind the need to obtain DCI concurrence as appropriate when staffing [redacted] proposals relating to release of intelligence information. (DD/S)

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Addendum to 4 January 1966 Morning Meeting Notes:

Regarding the agenda for the [redacted] meeting later this month, action has been assigned to DD/P, Chief, FE.

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