

17 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 December 1965

25X1 [] of OCI gave a background briefing on Ecuador.

DD/I noted completion of two memos in response to recent DCI inquiries. One deals with the India food crisis and transportation and logistics facilities relating to the food distribution problem. The other is a detailed assessment of the capability of the Cambodian transportation system as it might be used by the Communists in Southeast Asia military operations. (See Action 1)

DD/I reported on cooperative work done by DD/I representatives with INR and DIA officers in providing support to the U. S. attache in Moscow in his conversational contacts with Soviet military officials.

R. J. Smith noted an error in this morning's CIB concerning certain aspects of current fighting in Vietnam. Smith also reported on the current situation in Santo Domingo and on some current coup reports in Laos.

Smith referred to two special reports issued by OCI today. One deals with Soviet military doctrine concerning night operations and the other with popular attitudes and morale in Communist China. Both have been disseminated to other agencies. (See Action 2)

DD/S reported on the extensive support being rendered by OTR and Agency speakers to the DIA Defense Intelligence School. Some 102 Agency speakers have appeared at the School on 219 occasions worth 410 hours. (See Action 3)

25X1 [] reported on the status of an OTR five-day training course being given to Agency personnel en route to Vietnam for duty. The second of these courses finishes today. [] noted that the total complement of the station will reach [] by the end of June 1966. This represents an increase [] since the past summer. DD/P indicated that the station would not be permitted to grow beyond [] figure.

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Houston reported on effective cooperation between his office and the Air Force legislative liaison over the years. We keep the Air Force legislative liaison generally briefed and up to date on the Agency because of the important role the Air Force plays in support of certain Agency programs.

DD/S&T noted a Soviet ICBM firing last night. He reported on the firing of a Soviet satellite, the purpose of which is not fully understood at the moment and is under study.

DD/S&T initiated a discussion of the RB-57 lost over the Black Sea. [redacted]

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DD/S&T noted that he and Houston would be in [redacted] on 20 December to meet [redacted]. (See Action 4)

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With respect to the problem of some ten months ago involving [redacted], DD/S&T said we now learn that the NRO had made a contract with [redacted] on the eve of a crucial meeting of experts last February. This contract may have some relationship with the [redacted] (See Action 5)

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DCI asked for comments from DD/I and Sherman Kent on an article by Roister appearing in today's Wall Street Journal.

ACTIONS:

1. The DD/I memos concerning India and Cambodia are to be disseminated to officials in State and Defense. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

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2. The OCI special report on popular attitudes in China is to be invited to the attention of Marks of USIA, Bill Bundy of State, and McGeorge Bundy. It is also to be called to the attention of BOB officials by John Clarke. (EA/DCI - In the course of the day)

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3. DD/S is requested to consider drafting a letter for DCI's signature informing Secretary Vance of the extent to which CIA is helping with the DIA Defense Intelligence School. (DD/S - Status report by 27 December)

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4. DCI noted a recent suggestion from [redacted] that DCI meet with the Board of Trustees [redacted] DD/S&T is to make the arrangements for such a meeting. (Status report by 3 January)

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5. D/DCI/NIPE is to consider passing word to Secretary Vance about the NRO contract [redacted] on the eve of the February 1965 meeting [redacted]

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6. DCI requested that the memo concerning configuration of [redacted] be given to DD/S&T for review. DCI wants to receive the combined views of DD/P and DD/S&T on this subject. (DD/P and DD/S&T by 5 January)

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