

15 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 December 1965

DD/I noted that Otto Guthe is retiring as of the end of the year and that there will be a 5 January cocktail party in Guthe's honor. DD/I said that it is hoped that Guthe will accept a contract in the future to work with the Agency on its relationships with universities.

DD/I reported on the extensive research effort involved in intelligence reported in the CIB and President's Daily Brief concerning Viet Cong base areas, road networks, and the Vietnam-Cambodia border area. DCI said he intended to use the photography and research effort as a talking point with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget today.

DD/I reported on the views of a DD/I officer back from TDY in Saigon. The DD/I officer had worked on the collation problem there and there are grounds for believing that the collation work is improving.

DD/I noted a piece of substantive intelligence analysis in the 14 December issue of the NSA SIGINT Daily Summary. The piece appears to go beyond the bounds of SIGINT analysis. It was agreed that Bross in the course of discussions with General Carter to review SIGINT requirements will raise the issue with him. It was noted that the NSA Summary goes direct by wire to the White House. It was also noted that the White House has requested intelligence support direct from NSA. DCI said he believed that the CIA should be the one responsible for providing evaluated intelligence support to the White House and it was agreed that DD/I would discuss this with McGeorge Bundy sometime soon.

R. J. Smith read from a joint MACV-Embassy cable on Viet Cong use of Cambodian territory.

Smith reported on French emissary Chauvel's comments about negotiating prospects following Chauvel's recent sessions with the North Vietnamese and the ChiComs.

Kent reported the completion of interagency coordination on annexes dealing with Cambodia and Communist logistics requirements in Vietnam. These annexes are to be before USIB this week.

Kent reported that Tom Hughes and ACDA have agreed with a proposal that Agency officers brief ACDA officials on intelligence collection capabilities to monitor Soviet military developments. An INR representative will attend the briefings.

DD/S noted a request before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to rezone a nearby eleven-acre site for high-rise apartments. We expect the Board will make a negative ruling as they did in a similar case last year. We will inform the Board of Supervisors in writing of our objection. Planning is moving ahead toward eventual Agency purchase of this ground.

DD/S noted traffic congestion problems in the Rosslyn area, where we will have a total of some [redacted] employees. To ease the traffic situation, we have staggered working hours.

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The IG noted a lengthy session he held with [redacted] yesterday in connection with the forthcoming survey of Agency procurement programs. The survey will be ready to proceed with [redacted] assistance after the first of the year.

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Houston noted DCI's offer to provide intelligence briefings to Representative Mahon and Senator Russell. Word is being passed to these Congressmen but nothing has been heard from them yet.

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Bross reported that he and [redacted] will meet this afternoon with Secretary Vance to discuss China programs as reflected in the DCI's recent letter to the PFIAB. Bross noted that [redacted] had recently had a successful session with General Taylor concerning the China programs. Taylor believes [redacted] should appear before the PFIAB at its next meeting. It was noted that Pat Coyne has apparently not circulated the DCI's letter to the Board to the Board members.

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DD/S&T noted the "very worthwhile" briefings given yesterday by Navy R&D officials. (See Action 1)

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DD/S&T reported that both OTR and ORD have arrangements with the [redacted] on the West Coast which have the effect of keeping the Agency abreast of work being done with learning and teaching machines. A memo on this subject is being made available to DD/S, who in turn will forward the story in writing to the DCI.

At DCI inquiry DD/S&T said that a close watch will be maintained on the Pacific area to which the Soviets will fire missiles or space equipment.

DD/S&T noted that an operational firing of an ICBM, probably an SS-7, from Plesetsk last night is currently under study.

DD/P reported that various suggestions made by General Taylor yesterday at the Special Group CI Meeting concerning the roles, missions, and subordination of the Group ran into solid objection.

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At DDCI inquiry [redacted] said that the recent briefing of Senator Bayh went well. The Senator is worried about American public opinion of the fighting in Vietnam.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI reaffirmed the importance of getting letters of requirements and areas of interest from the various chiefs of U. S. military R&D offices so that these might be used to guide our collection and reporting. Such letters could be submitted to us through military intelligence channels if necessary. DD/I and DD/S&T are requested to collaborate in making appropriate arrangements. (Status report by 3 January)

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