

28 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 28 October, 1965

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[redacted] ORR gave a background briefing on Soviet oil.

DD/I reported that the White House staff had requested sanitization of a recent Agency memorandum on ChiCom production of weapons for SVN, Africa, etc. The purpose to which the White House will put the sanitized memorandum is uncertain. DCI asked that DD/I offer the White House staff the opportunity of seeing and using captured ChiCom weapons.

DD/I tabled a brief memorandum on the capability of the AN-12 transport in answer to an earlier DCI inquiry. Such aircraft would be capable of transporting several SAM missiles. (See Action 2)

DD/I referred to a commendatory letter from [redacted] concerning the Agency's China Intelligence Committee. 25X1

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DD/I noted successful establishment of CIA liaison with [redacted] office to keep abreast of Southeast Asia planning. A discussion showed that such planning is not far advanced and remains more general than specific. 25X1

DD/I noted that studies are under way assessing requirements for short-term economic assistance to Indonesia in the event that a pro-U. S. government might come to power.

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[redacted] reported that MACV has accepted two more NVN regiments in SVN. We regard the evidence as a bit uncertain and the acceptance as premature.

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Kent reported on the status of two items to be discussed at today's USIB meeting, one dealing with the DIA request for estimates on resistance potentials in Communist countries and the other with a paper on DRV and VC infiltration and logistics capabilities.

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de Silva reported that Henry Kissinger will return from SVN next week. DCI wants to meet with him and suggested that arrangements be made for a thorough debriefing.

In answer to DCI's query, de Silva said that the SAVA staff will be physically consolidated in the building sometime within the next two months. 25X1

Houston reported that Warner had met with Senators Cannon and Stennis. Warner showed them the cable from Ambassador Porter concerning coordination of Agency operations in SVN. Houston also reported that Senator Brewster had made a favorable report to Senator Russell, although he reserved his view of the composition of Agency-sponsored Political Action Teams in Vietnam.

Houston noted that DCI will breakfast with Representative Rivers tomorrow at 0630 hours. DCI advised Houston to offer transportation to Rivers and to have available Communist press statements replaying Senator Young's recent charges against the Agency.

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Bross noted receipt of a letter from Budget Director Schultze who has relaxed a deadline for early completion of a joint CIA/DOD study on photo interpretation facilities. Rather than hasten the preparation of the report for the 1967 budget, BOB is disposed to await completion of a "thorough report."

25X1 [redacted] reported that a CORONA launch was scheduled for this afternoon and, if weather holds, U-2 coverage of Cambodia [redacted] tonight. 25X1

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[redacted] reported on the Watch Committee's concern about the presence of ChiCom troops in NVN. He noted currently inadequate photography and said that DIA has alerted CINCPAC and MACV to the need for better information. (See Action 3)

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Executive Director reported on a meeting he chaired yesterday with various Agency officers [redacted]. The conclusion was that the requirement for a South China flight is valid. The next opportunity will occur in November. A staff paper is being redone and will be resubmitted to DCI.

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Executive Director reported that Jim Clark of BOB reported that all briefing sessions with BOB officials in the Agency on 26 October went well.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI requested DD/I to consider compiling a basic economic fact book on Communist China.

2. DCI wants to know whether the AN-12 transport could accommodate vans associated with SAM installations. (DD/I -- in the course of the day.)

3. DCI said that a matter of prime importance is the significance of the presence of an estimated 15,000-20,000 ChiCom troops in NVN. A letter to the Chairman of the JCS for DCI signature is to be prepared pointing out this concern. (DD/I -- 1 November.) Concerning the present lack of adequate photography to shed light on the nature of these ChiCom troops, DCI requested advice on the nature and extent of photography collected by F-105's and Navy strike aircraft currently operating against NVN. (DD/I -- 1 November.)

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4. DCI referred to a statement made by [redacted] Chairman of the Agency Space Intelligence Panel, who said that a 24-hour Soviet communications satellite would be of major importance in Soviet propaganda and subversion in Africa and other such areas. DD/S&T and Kent were asked to consider preparing a letter for DCI's signature to alert the Department of State to such a threat. (DD/S&T and DD/I to provide advice to DCI by 3 November.)

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5. DCI reminded Houston of the need for follow-up on DCI's offer to meet with Senator Brewster. DCI wants specific advice as to when this meeting can take place. (OGC)

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