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20 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 October 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was out of town.

R. J. Smith briefed on the current situation in the Dominican Republic and the DCI's concern over the situation there.

Smith reported that Governor Kohler is here today and is in discussions at NPIC this morning.

Smith reported that arrangements are being made to brief Charles Murphy of Fortune on Asian developments. In answer to DDCI's query, Smith reported that the briefing of Joe Kraft on the Viet Cong leadership had gone well yesterday.

Smith noted a request by Ambassador Taylor for CIA, State, and DIA briefings on various countries between 27 October and 9 November. This request is linked to General Taylor's current work on counterinsurgency matters.

Smith reported completion, with DIA concurrence, of a memo on the ChiCom military presence in North Vietnam. The estimated number of troops involved is between 15,000-20,000. It was agreed that this is an important matter, that it is necessary to disseminate this information, and that copies would be sent, under a covering note signed by DDCI, to Secretaries McNamara, Vance, and Rusk and to McGeorge Bundy.

At DDCI inquiry, Abbot Smith explained the work done by USIB reps to resolve issues connected with two Estimates coming before USIB this week -- one on the Indian nuclear program and the other on Soviet ground forces.

DD/S noted Ambassador Lodge's cable to Crockett which recommended increased benefits for employees and dependents in the Vietnam area. It was agreed that the Agency would support Lodge's recommendations as appropriate.

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DDCI commended the recent DD/S memorandum on Air America operations. 25X1

IG reported that Stations [redacted] have been queried by the auditing staff [redacted]. The annual audit of these Stations will take place only if [redacted]. 25X1

Houston reported that Warner and de Silva are seeing Congressman Hardy today. Houston referred to [redacted] and the possibility that Congressman Moss may be asking questions about certain aspects of the Agency's role in this. Tracy Barnes is ensuring that the record is up to date. Houston was advised to have a memo available for DDCI and DCI in the event of a future query. 25X1

DDCI noted that he had met with Congressman Zablocki yesterday.

DD/S&T reported that the sub-hunting U-2 missions succeeded in covering 11 of 12 ChiCom ports. The South China weather was not as expected, but certain areas of Burma were covered [redacted]. 25X1

DD/S&T noted that the Space Intelligence Panel, chaired by Ramo, will be here on 28 October. It will assess and comment on the ONE memo looking into the question as to whether the Soviets are in competition with the U. S. Apollo program.

DD/S&T noted that John Foster, the new DD/R&E in DOD, will be coming out today for the first of seven briefings to be given him on the Agency and the community. It was agreed that top-flight briefings should be given to Foster.

DD/S&T noted the recent memo from Pat Coyne relaying General Taylor's request for a study of disarmament proposals based on assumptions that intelligence can guarantee against surprises. DDCI advised DD/S&T to prepare a responsive paper and to discuss this with DCI rather than undertake a community effort at this time.

DD/S&T reported that three cruise missiles had been fired yesterday in the course of Soviet fall training naval maneuvers.

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DD/P noted that Lodge's weekly letters to the President get no dissemination and that Lodge's commendation of the PAT teams will thus not become widely known.

DD/P reported that he had met with Coyne yesterday to emphasize the intelligence capabilities of the census grievance teams.

DDCI relayed DCI's desire that briefings of Clifford and Coyne emphasize the intelligence capacity of various Agency-sponsored teams in Vietnam.

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ACTIONS:

2. DD/I is requested to prepare sitreps as necessary on the situation in the Dominican Republic and to have one available this afternoon for the DCI's return to town.

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