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19 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 October 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill.

R. J. Smith briefed on the two Soviet ICBM firings and the launch [redacted]

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R. J. Smith noted a CIA memo on ChiCom military presence in North Vietnam. Our estimate of the number of troops there is 20,000 -- a figure likely to cause concern. Because of this, it was agreed to hold dissemination of the article pending Smith's consultation with General Carroll to obtain DIA views.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] had attended the meeting of USIB representatives yesterday dealing with the SNIE on the Indian nuclear program. [redacted]

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DD/S reported that Governor Kohler is arriving tonight for meetings at Headquarters and NPIC tomorrow. It was noted that the DCI will not be able to meet with Kohler tomorrow if he flies to South Carolina for the dedication of a statue of Mendel Rivers. DDCI advised DD/S to ensure that arrangements are made for the DCI to meet with Kohler even if Kohler's stay must be prolonged.

Houston noted the scheduled breakfast meeting with Senator Morse tomorrow. It was agreed that DDCI would host the affair if DCI cannot make it. DD/P will also attend.

In answer to DDCI's inquiry, Houston explained that a meeting of the DCI and Senator Brewster is being attempted following the DCI's session with Representative Mahon.

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Bross reported on a meeting yesterday in New York, attended by him, Bissell, [] and [] to discuss the Bissell report on the cryptanalytic efforts at NSA. [] had referred to a PFIAB effort to dissuade various Congressmen from criticizing the Agency. (See Action 1) [] had also referred to an advertisement in Variety about a spy drama being produced by Bruno Augenstein. Bross said he would try to run down the Variety ad and provide it to the Office of Security.

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DD/S&T reported that [] following recent briefings by technical directors of NRO programs, is having second thoughts about his conclusions on NRO issues as reflected in the PFIAB report on the NRO some months back.

DD/S&T reported on the successful flight of a U-2 mission searching for subs off the China coast and covering certain targets in South China last night.

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DD/P noted that a request for DDCI approval of [] flight over North Vietnam and South China is in the works. DDCI's advice was that the flight could be carried out if it is possible to do so.

DD/P referred to a conversation he had with Koren at State. Koren is staffing a proposal through the Department which would call for a policy of "no comment" on all press stories concerning CIA. This led to a discussion of the pros and cons of such a policy. DDCI is not convinced that such a policy is feasible or advantageous. He plans to discuss this with McGeorge Bundy at a meeting tomorrow morning.

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Executive Director reported that the Agency nominee for the Federal Woman's Award will be []

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Executive Director noted that BOB officers will be coming to the Agency for discussions of the 1967 budget on Tuesday, 26 October. All Deputy Directors are urged to arrange to meet with the BOB officers.

Executive Director reported on the current status of [] who has undergone surgery for a brain tumor.

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DDCI reported on the briefing of Secretary Rusk, Bill Bundy, Thompson, and Hughes at the Department yesterday on OXCART. It was agreed that it might be advisable now to brief Secretary McNamara, and DDCI said he would check this with Secretary Vance.

DDCI reported on a query from Pat Coyne who wanted to know whether classified information could be carried by him and Clifford [redacted] without incident. DDCI will relay [redacted] advice on this to Coyne.

DDCI noted the Station report from Saigon about Ambassador Lodge's favorable comments on the essential nature of certain teams in South Vietnam supported by the Agency.

There was a discussion of Congressional concern about the nature of CIA operations in Vietnam. This concern seems to stem from something they were told about counter-terror teams.

ACTIONS:

1. D/DCI/NIPE was requested to prepare a memo for DCI on [redacted] comments about the PFIAB role in dissuading Congress from criticizing the Agency. (By 26 October)

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