

DCI DUTY OFFICER NOTES

24 October 1965

1. At the morning briefing, the Clandestine Services Duty Officer invited the Director's attention to [redacted] (attached). The Director was very interested in this message and wanted to give some thought to the possibility of calling it to the attention of the policy makers in Washington, with our endorsement. On further reflection, however, he had reservations about whether this might be a disservice to [redacted]

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[redacted] and whether or not CIA should inject itself into this since it is a policy matter. He requested that copies of this and related cables be sent to Mr. Helms and Jack Smith, and their views solicited. This was done and, in addition, I talked with Mr. FitzGerald on the telephone and to [redacted]

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[redacted] FitzGerald was at the farm and did not see the cables. However, he was strongly opposed in principle to doing anything with this information in Washington. I relayed his views to Dick Helms. Helms consulted with Jack Smith and advised me that

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[redacted] had given to [redacted] It was his thought, and Mr. Helms' also, that nothing should be done about this today. The memo, however, should be carefully analyzed and evaluated in an orderly way tomorrow, at which time a more judicious decision could be made.

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\* 2. The Director was interested in a cable from [redacted] which cited a note the Ambassador proposed delivering to the [redacted] Government, protesting the close-down of U. S. facilities in [redacted] [redacted] and asking for discussions. The Director wants to get the reactions of our people most knowledgeable and concerned about the area and the facilities. I requested the briefer to get this word to R. J. Smith and ask him to ensure that a position is prepared for the Director's consideration. (R. J. Smith subsequently assigned action to Mr. Sheldon.)

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25X1 3. At 1445 I talked to the Director (via mobile telephone in his car) and told him that it was the unanimous opinion of Messrs. Helms, Smith, and FitzGerald that it would be a mistake for us to disseminate the information in the [ ] cable around Washington at this time, for two principal reasons:

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25X1 [ ] since the COS made these recommendations as a member  
25X1 of [ ] staff, and it is in effect privileged information.

b. In view of the special stature which [ ] enjoys, he also might take a very dim view of having Washington attempt to force this course of action on him.

25X1 Accordingly, Helms recommends that we keep our powder dry at least for today, and give [ ] a chance to react to these proposals and come forward with his own recommended course of action.\* The Director said he agreed with this position but he thought we ought to produce an estimative memo, giving our best judgment as to what would happen if the [ ] were ousted. I undertook to convey this to Mr. Helms and Jack Smith.

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1. At the Director's briefing he asked the briefing officer to get some pictures of Camranh Bay.

\* 2. The Director was very interested in IN 79038 of 23 October having to do with [redacted] personal safety and planning for contingency support, particularly with regard to communications. I talked with Alan Warfield and suggested that he and DD/P do some contingency planning and make a report at the morning meeting on Monday,

3. I spent considerable time on the telephone with [redacted] and [redacted] about the Intelligence Memorandum on the [redacted]. The FBI thought our Memorandum was good but not strong enough. We distributed copies to: Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and the Director, FBI. [redacted] understands that we have disseminated the Memorandum, but we invited and encouraged whatever additional comments they deem appropriate to the same addressees.

4. The Director was very interested in IN 79066 of 23 October from Saigon which contained a favorable endorsement of CIA programs in Vietnam by Ambassador Porter. At his request a cable was sent to [redacted] requesting that this cable be placed in the hands of [redacted] and [redacted] before their departure for Saigon. The Director also wanted Senator Russell to see the cable. I spoke with [redacted] of General Counsel who ascertained that Russell would be in town through next Wednesday. The cable will be shown to him early Monday since he is not available over the weekend.

5. The Director spoke to me and later to Des FitzGerald and Dick Helms in my presence about cutting down the size of JMWAVE. I believe it is his view that there is no point in maintaining this project for action against Cuba. He was under an erroneous impression that we had some [redacted] and thought that we might bring them back and inject them into JMWAVE in some way for later use in [redacted] (Des said that we have only one [redacted]) The Director then expressed an interest in recruiting some [redacted] for such use. Des was asked to consider this matter.

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6. The Director left at 1430 hours for Burning Tree and said that he expected to come in tomorrow morning for his briefing but would let us know his desires.



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DCI arrived - briefed by [initials]

LKW w/ DCI

R.J. Smith, FitzGerald, Selma, LKW

Lunch w/ Mr. & Mrs. Raborn (brother) & LKW

Mr. & Mrs. Raborn

DCI departed

LKW DCI Duty Officer