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26 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Group Meeting - 5412 - 26 April 1962

1. COMOR recommendation for reconnaissance overflights of NVN was approved with the understanding that the actual number of flights would be limited to two flights per month for the months of May, June, and July; at which time the matter would be resubmitted to the Group for further consideration.

ACTION: Instruction should be given COMOR; also, I wish to go into the question of cover and pilot instructions carefully. Cover story now existent does not seem adequate or proper to me and I think in view of the Powers incident, we should give careful and immediate consideration to pilot indoctrination and instructions.



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3. General discussion of Formosa. It was suggested that Mr. Cline appear at the meeting next Thursday, May 3, to give the Committee a background briefing on the situation in Formosa.

4. McCone reviewed, but did not submit CIA's proposal for U. S. Assistance  Plan met with immediate objection. Various alternatives were suggested, including the dispersal of the force and questions were asked concerning the effectiveness of the 

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ACTION: This matter should be reviewed at an early date with General Carter, DD/P, and FitzGerald. I feel that we cannot get approval of this plan unless we have participation in the supply and resupply operations. The question was raised as to whether this possibility was thoroughly exhausted.

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5. The Wall Street Journal disclosure on Cuba was discussed. McCone took the position outlined in [redacted] memorandum of April 25 to the effect that an article does not clearly constitute an unauthorized disclosure and an investigation would be unproductive. The Group agreed. 25X1

ACTION: McCone to call Admiral Lowrance or Admiral Anderson to stop the proposed Navy investigation.

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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