

15 November 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 13 November 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles, Adm. Foster,  
Mr. Herter, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Iran

Mr. Dulles briefed the group on late developments in Iran.

2. Possible US Actions

A revised paper on the subject of Possible US Actions in the Weapons and Technological Field was considered, as a followup to a discussion at the previous week's meeting.

In going over the list, item by item, Messrs. Dearborn and Scribner expressed themselves as being strongly in favor of a crash program to hit the moon with visible material or with a nuclear warhead. Mr. Dulles took the position that the Russians are currently ahead of the US in many aspects of scientific development and it might be unwise for us to attempt to outdo them with individual actions in such fields. He said that in his opinion we should concentrate on aspects of scientific and technological programs in which we could clearly demonstrate superiority to the Soviets. Messrs. Quarles and Cutler agreed with this view. No definite conclusions were reached.

  
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