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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 24 July 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Herter, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles,
Mr. Hollister, Mr. Larson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Staats,
Admiral Strauss

1. Operations Alert

Gordon Gray gave a brief report on the recent Operations Alert. Part of the discussion was on the overseas communications problem in the case of Soviets interference. The DCI will give Mr. Gray a letter on this subject.

2. William White's book "Captives of Korea".

Mr. Cutler raised this subject again and stated that a letter he had from William White says the book has only sold 6,000 of the 10,000 original edition. Mr. Cutler urged that something be done to step up the sale of this book and suggested that Mr. Larson might look into the possibility of distributing the book abroad. It was also suggested that the Readers Digest might be asked to take one of the incidents from the book for use as an article. Mr. Herter said he thought we might have some difficulty in getting the Readers Digest to do so. It was also suggested that the possibility of using material from the book for TV and/or movies be considered.

3. Fingerprinting of Aliens Entering the U. S.

Mr. Dearborn called attention to the need for getting some change in the provisions of the law covering the fingerprinting of aliens and it was agreed that the OCB should do whatever it can to push the McCarran Act which is presently before the Congress. It was recalled that J. Edgar Hoover has said that the existing law is of no value to the FBI, and it was suggested that Mr. Hoover might be asked to submit a written statement to this effect. A counter suggestion was that such a statement might better come from the Attorney General.

4. OCB Meeting 28 August

It was agreed that the OCB meeting scheduled for 28 August be cancelled.

5. Treasury and BOB Representation at OCB Luncheon Meetings

The Board considered having the Undersecretary of Treasury and the Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget attend future luncheon meetings on a regular basis but no decision was reached on this subject.

6. PL 480

Mr. Herter discussed the future of the PL 480 Program and said that Secretary Benson indicated that the program will end at the close of FY 1958.


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SUBJECT: Supplement to the Minutes of the OCE Meeting of July 24, 1957.

At the informal luncheon meeting of the OCE of July 24, the Board concurred in the desirability of taking all appropriate actions to urge the Congress to act favorably on the amendment to the Immigration and Naturalization Act which would remove the present restrictions involving fingerprinting. It was noted that the fingerprinting requirement, as outlined in the briefing of the Board at its meeting of July 3 by Ambassador William S. B. Lacy, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, had constituted a major handicap in the carrying out of the National Security Policy with respect to East-West contacts, in view of the fact that the Soviet Union, as well as the Governments of Rumania and Czechoslovakia, will not permit its citizens to be fingerprinted.

The Board agreed that individual members would take appropriate steps to obtain action on the pending legislation and that the Vice Chairman would consult with the Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Liaison with respect to further action which might be taken. In particular, the Board noted the desirability of having the views of the Department of Justice on this subject made known to the Congress.

(Signed) Elmer D. Staats
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