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31 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 31 December 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, General Cabell, Admiral Foster, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Herter, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Saccio,
Mr. Melbourne

1. Development of U. S. Public Information Position on
Nuclear Test Suspension

The Board discussed a Working Group paper on the above subject, dated 22 December 1958.

It was pointed out that since the preparation of this report decisions have been taken within the U. S. Government to release additional technical data obtained from the [] series of tests. This will take the form of a report by Dr. Killian's Scientific Advisory Council which will probably be made public on January 6, 1959.

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In light of the above it was agreed that the Working Group should meet urgently to develop under Department of State leadership a coordinated position which would govern public information activities of individual responsible agencies.

It was further agreed that before the public release of the [] report, its general findings should be made available to the Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy and to certain selected Senators, probably including Gore and Humphrey.

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2. Letter from Congressman Moss

Mr. Herter gave each member a copy of a communication from Representative John E. Moss, Chairman of the House Government Information Committee of the Committee on Government Operations, to the Chairman of the OCB, dated December 12, 1958. In this letter Mr. Moss had asked for a copy of the OCB Guidelines governing release

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of information on missile and satellite projects, which was dated December 2, 1957. This Guidelines report had been referred to in a document sent to the Moss Committee by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

The group felt that the best way of handling this request would be for Mr. Herter to refer the Moss letter to the White House Special Counsel, Mr. Gerald Morgan, for reply, with the suggestion that Mr. Morgan's answer state in effect that the Executive Branch of the Government is unable to comply with Mr. Moss' request on grounds that the OCB paper is not available.

3. Visit of Anastas I. Mikoyan

Discussion then turned to the impending visit of First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan which is scheduled for 4 January.

Mr. Herter said that there has been no indication as yet as to whom Mikoyan wants to see or what he wishes to discuss. It was agreed that a coordinated position should be arrived at which will govern any U. S. Government publicity concerning the visit. General Cabell pointed out that once the official position of the American Government is established,

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4. Report by Secretary of the Treasury

Mr. Scribner gave a brief report on the recent actions by certain European countries in the field of currency reform, particularly the lifting of convertibility restrictions, and the devaluation of the French franc. Mr. Scribner said that the U. S. is in favor of these actions, particularly those taken by the French.

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