

13 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 13 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald, Mr. Gray,  
Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. McCone, Mr. Scribner,  
Mr. Sprague, Mr. Melbourne

1. AEC Projects

Mr. McCone provided the Board with information on some new projects taking shape which are related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy. One is for the blasting of a new channel through the Aleutian Islands which would reduce the sailing time around Alaska. Another involves the development of oil resources which are believed to exist in the sands at Lake Athabaska in Saskatchewan. The third is a Yukon River project. Interest in these projects is such that they are currently overshadowing the Hardtack and Plowshare projects.

2. Pattern of U. S. Abroad

Mr. Gray brought up the subject of the "image of the U. S." being created abroad. While the Board considered this to be an important topic for discussion, it agreed to defer this item until some future time.

3. Cooperative Scientific Satellite Project (Item 5 of Minutes of August 6 Luncheon Meeting)

Mr. Herter said he thought this minute was too precise and he does not consider that the decision has been reached as yet to go ahead with assistance to a friendly country in launching scientific space vehicles. The ad hoc committee being formed to prepare a report and recommendations on this subject will be asked to

NSC review(s) completed.

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consider not only the details of technical assistance and equipment required but the desirability of such a project.

4. Palestine Refugees

It was agreed to defer discussion of this topic until the next meeting.

5. Civil Air Project in Indonesia

Defense, CIA and Treasury agreed that we should go ahead with the Export-Import Bank loan to Indonesia which is a part of the Indonesia plan for financing the purchase of civil aircraft.

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7. Iran

The DCI informed the Board that he was going to brief the NSC on the potentially critical situation in Iran and specifically on the possibility of a coup against the Shah.

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