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30 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 July 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn,
Mr. Staats

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2. Exchanges of Materiel with the Soviets

Following up the discussions at the open Board meeting of 23 July, the group discussed ways to insure that adequate consideration is given to the pros and cons of proposed exchanges of equipment between this country and the Soviet bloc. The specific suggestion which had been made by State last week and concurred in by the DDCI, to the effect that the IAC Committee on East-West Exchanges should broaden its terms of reference to include consideration of materiel

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as well as people, was thought to be a good one. It was noted that the IAC will consider broadening its terms of reference for this committee at an early meeting.

It was also pointed out that the IAC deals with intelligence net gain and loss which might result from a proposed exchange, as well as the technological gain to the Soviets. The group recognized that this is of course only one part of the overall consideration of such proposals, and felt that as a matter of routine, the IAC Committee's findings should be passed to the Interagency East-West Contacts Committee under the chairmanship of State. Both Mr. Quarles and Mr. Dulles said that, should there be any major disagreement or should the case be of particular significance, it should then be referred to the OCB.

3. Polish Seaman

There was considerable discussion of the case of the Polish seaman aboard the freighter Frederic Chopin, who had asked for political asylum in New York and had been forcibly returned to his ship by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Board was reminded of previous discussions which they had had, stemming from a similar occurrence in Galveston, and noted that the Justice Department had at that time been asked to undertake with State the development of a system for avoiding similar situations in the future.

It was the consensus of the Board that State and Justice should now proceed at once to develop a method of procedure which could be communicated to the Immigration and Naturalization officials in the field and which would insure adequate screening of would-be defectors. It was stipulated that, if State and Justice were unable to come to an agreement, the matter would be referred back to the OCB. It was also pointed out that the Interagency Escapee Committee is scheduled to meet this Friday. They will take up this case and its broader implications, as the first order of business.



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5. Lacy Report

Mr. Herter said that Ambassador Lacy's office had prepared a report covering the progress made during the last six months regarding East-West exchanges. The members of the Board expressed a desire to see this report and Mr. Herter undertook to arrange to have copies distributed.

6. Coordination of Psychological Warfare Guidance

There was further discussion of the existing mechanisms for interagency coordination of psychological warfare guidance, with particular reference to the current Middle East crisis. The Board recalled that last week it had decided that the daily briefings in the State Department conducted by the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs provided the best forum for bringing together representatives of the interested agencies. After some discussion, Mr. Quarles agreed to arrange for Defense representation at these meetings. It was noted that this action would then insure that the principal agencies concerned--State, USIA, CIA, and Defense--would all participate in the daily sessions. Mr. Herter also agreed to open to other interested agencies the meetings which take place in the NEA Division of State immediately following the Public Affairs briefings.

In this connection, there was discussion of the leaflet which was reported in the press as having been distributed to American troops in Lebanon. It developed that no one in Washington had been fully aware of the plans for distribution of this leaflet, nor of its specific content, as it had been developed in the field under Embassy coordination. The Board agreed that matters of this kind should be checked out in Washington, and noted that the arrangements referred

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to above should provide a satisfactory medium for accomplishing this.

7. Cancellation of Hardtack Demonstrations

Mr. Washburn and Mr. McCone reported that the recent announcement of cancellation of the scheduled Hardtack demonstrations for UN observers had received little or no comment abroad, and it was agreed that this potentially difficult problem had been rather easily disposed of.

8. Statement of President Bourguiba

Mr. Herter referred to the very strong statement by President Bourguiba of Tunisia, in which he took the European countries to task for their attitude toward U. S. action in the Middle East. He said that this made it imperative for the U. S. to make positive decisions in the near future with regard to the outstanding requests for assistance which Bourguiba has made of this country.



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