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29 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 29 January 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, General Cabell, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Admiral Foster, Mr. Gray, Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Staats

1. Iraq/Saudi Arabia/Jordan Union

There was some discussion of the desirability of a union of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. No definite conclusions were reached.

2. Syrian Students for American University

Mr. Smith asked whether the group could perceive any objection to the United States' subsidizing selected Syrian students for attendance at the American University in Beirut. It was agreed that there are no policy considerations which preclude the granting of financial assistance of this kind to Syrians. Mr. Smith said that in the light of this, his agency would remove any internal restrictions that now exist.

3. Economic Aid to Turkey

Mr. Smith stated that in his opinion U. S. economic aid to Turkey has not been entirely successful. He called attention to the steady and serious decline in the value of the lira and said that it would appear that a more effective approach to the problem of our aid to Turkey should be devised.

4. Indonesia

General Cabell informed the group that events in Indonesia are

NSC review(s) completed.

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moving toward a climax, in that it is probable that the Sumatran dissidents will within the next few days issue an ultimatum to the Central Government.



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