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MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives to USIB Berlin Sub-Committee

SUBJECT : Reactivation

1. At the USIB meeting of 11 October 1960 the decision was made to reactivate the Berlin Sub-Committee with the first report to be presented at the USIB meeting of 25 October, and reports to be submitted monthly thereafter.

2. Accordingly the first meeting of the Berlin Sub-committee will be held on Friday afternoon, 21 October, at 1300 hours in the NIC conference room. A final wrap-up meeting will be held Monday afternoon, 24 October, at 1300 hours in the NIC conference room for the purpose of putting together the final report and conclusions to be submitted to USIB for its approval at its meeting on 25 October.

3. While the sub-committee will for the time being report to the USIB on a monthly basis, USIB has directed that, should conditions warrant an interim report, the sub-committee may do so orally or in writing.

4. Since USIB claimed to be well satisfied with the earlier reports of the sub-committee, the natural inclination would be to return to our previous method of operation. However, since these reports will now be on a monthly basis the amount of detail to be included under our previous method of operation would tend to make our report unwieldy. I propose for your consideration that we follow the old format, since it is familiar and will provide the speediest means of getting underway with the least confusion. But I suggest that where possible we summarize the situation in one sentence rather than give a paragraph of complex detail. Therefore, even though we will discuss monthly developments in any particular category in detail, when they appear as a normal trend, a sentence to that effect should suffice. As I understood the remarks of Gen. Cabell and others at the 11 October USIB meeting, the Sub-Committee was being reactivated in order to assure a more detailed appraisal through the Sub-committee events connected with Berlin. I feel that our conclusions based on our detailed discussions will satisfy the present requirements of our principals.

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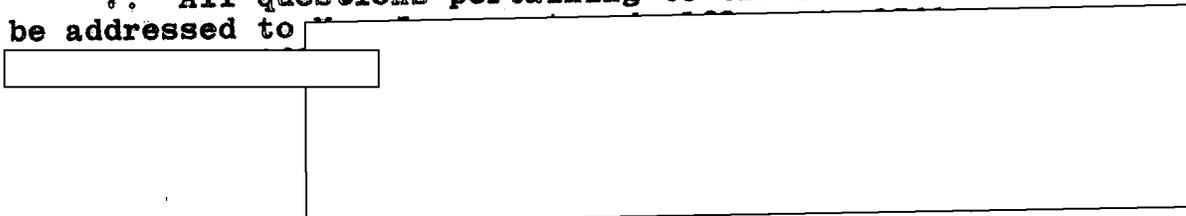
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5. Our last report was dated 11 August 1960. In order to provide a semblance of continuity it is necessary that we provide some coverage of the intervening months. To do this I suggest we divide the period at 30 August 1960--the date when the GDR began their recent and specific moves against Berlin. Therefore, representatives should bring to Friday's meeting: (a) a brief statement in writing as to how the situation in their respective areas of responsibility has changed between 11 August 1959 and 30 August 1960; (b) pertinent and concise submissions for discussion covering the period of 30 August to 21 October 1960. CIA will compile a chronology of all developments since 29 August 1960 for circulation on or about Monday, 17 October, so that representatives can also bring any additions, corrections or comments; the chronology could then be an annex to our report of 24 October.

6. We have in CIA copies of the old distribution schedule and will circulate these for your corrections, additions and perhaps even deletions.

7. All questions pertaining to the Sub-committee can be addressed to



Acting Chairman
USIB Berlin Sub-committee

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