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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 9 July 1965

There was no Current Intelligence to add to the briefing earlier this morning given to DCI.

DDI tabled an economic study in depth prepared by ORR dealing with Sino-Soviet Bloc versus Western Economies. In answer to DCI's query, DDI described some of the consumers of this study. DCI thought the Commerce Department should certainly be among them.

DDI referred to a recent cable from the Moscow Embassy referring to a speech by a Soviet Economist who described last year's CIA assessment of the State of the Soviet Economy as completely accurate.

DDI sought and got DCI's permission to re-establish contact with the Secretary of State to ensure Agency receipt of NODIS cables.

DDI reported on and displayed the latest monthly political report turned out by DDI on Communist China.

DDI observed that CIA officers need be appointed as responsible for support to [redacted] study of the China problem. It seemed generally agreed that at least two such officers should be named -- one from DDI and one from DDP. A third from DDS&T might also be required. DDCI agreed to take this matter under consideration.

[redacted] tabled a memorandum on the current political fragility in Laos, a memo which was disseminated by wire around town yesterday.

[redacted] noted continuing concern over the current crisis in the Common Market and noted that a detailed memo had been published and disseminated yesterday

DDS noted that [redacted] of ORR is apparently under consideration for a Presidential appointment to a post outside CIA.

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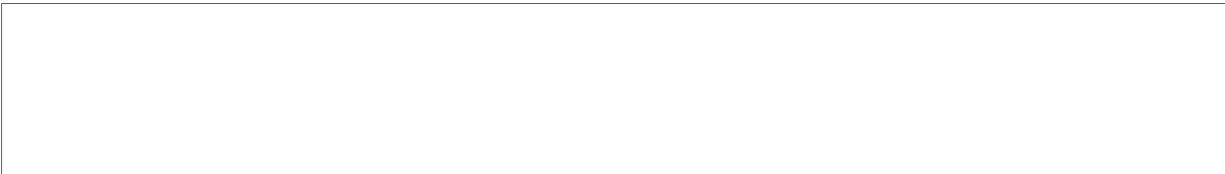
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Houston noted that DDCI would meet with Representative Mahon this morning.

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Houston reported on plans to honor a request by Glen Smith of the Senate Preparedness Committee Staff. He will be given a Secret-level memo on nuclear tests in 1964 plus an oral fill-in based on more highly classified data.

Bross referred to two memos he has prepared concerning yesterday's PFIAB session and his luncheon with Fubini who is in process of commenting unfavorably to SecDef on a draft Presidential letter designed to reaffirm the January 1962 letter from JFK to DCI concerning coordinating authority.

Bross initiated a discussion of this morning's meeting on [redacted] which DCI will attend. The DCI said he supports the concept from a national point of view of the [redacted], but will take the position that an intelligence justification of this program must first be considered and approved by USIB.

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DDP noted that [redacted] is nosing about for a story on the recruitment of Cubans for the Congo.

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DDP noted PFIAB allegations that there is insufficient intelligence on Cuba and NVN. Bross pointed out that this concern seemed to reflect that of the President who is particularly anxious to get more definite information on probable consequences of U.S. actions. It was agreed that there will be a continuing need to make special efforts to confer periodically with PFIAB members and let them know more of the kinds of problems we face.

Executive Director referred to the outstanding performances of the [redacted] CIA students at the National War College. DDI observed that an extremely high rating was also given to the CIA student at the FSI this year.

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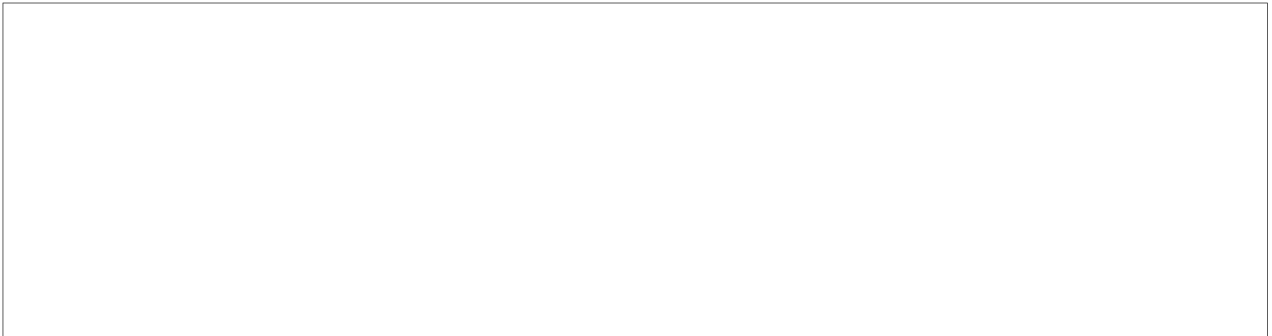
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DDCI reported on the sessions with the President's Foreign Affairs Consultants yesterday. Emphasis was on the Vietnam problem. The general consensus was that the U.S. must put enough force into Vietnam to do the job. Advice also was that the Administration should undertake a more active program to take leadership in Europe.



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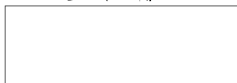


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