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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 August 1966

DD/I reported on recent Soviet attempts to purchase grain from Canada and France. He reported that [redacted] is keeping a close watch on Soviet activities in the world grain market.

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DD/I gave the Director a memorandum on the Soviet role in the air defenses of North Vietnam. He noted that the memo concludes that the recent Soviet activity is a stopgap measure on the part of the Soviets rather than an indication of increasing involvement. (See Action 1)

DD/I reported that the State/Defense China Study Group is preparing to do a follow-up to its recent paper and is seeking Agency support. He noted that the Agency had done about two-thirds of the work in preparing the Group's original paper but that only the State and Defense Departments received by-lines. Jacobson of the State Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs will meet today with the DD/I to discuss the follow-up paper. DD/I recommended and the Director agreed that either the Agency should be given credit for its participation or it should limit its support to the Group.

Lehman reported on recent military developments on Cyprus. He also noted that the "Aleutian War" has ended.

The Director noted that [redacted] Congo indicate a serious situation is developing there and expressed his concern about this. Executive Director observed that the Agency's recent request

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Abbot Smith reported that a recent Army study on the required supply levels for North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam differs greatly from previous estimates. He noted that the difference does not warrant the issuance of a Memorandum to Holders for NIE 14-3-66. He recommended and the Director agreed that ORR should begin a review of all captured documents available in Washington relating to

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this problem and that a letter be prepared for the Director's signature informing DIA and the Army of this review and inviting their participation. (See Action 3)

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Carver reported that he had talked with Bob Komer and Bromley Smith on the recent report [Redacted] regarding the situation in Hanoi. He suggested to Komer and Smith that they seek Agency assessment of such reports prior to passing them to Higher Authority.

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Carver noted a report from [Redacted] stating that the bombings are causing a split in the Hanoi government. He observed that we have received several such reports from [Redacted] recently, suggesting that there may be a campaign to encourage the U. S. to make another pause in the bombing in hopes of achieving negotiations with the North Vietnamese.

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DD/S&T reported that Duckett met with officials of ARPA and the DDR&E's office yesterday and resolved the matter of [Redacted]

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DD/S&T noted that a recent study by a contractor indicates that previous calculations concerning the [Redacted] may be in error. He stated that this problem would be studied further and that our current estimates of Soviet [Redacted] may be altered as a result.

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[Redacted] been acquired indicating that the Soviets have a new air-to-surface missile.

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The Director noted a recent analytical [Redacted] on current developments in Communist China. DD/I observed that there are differences of opinion among the analysts on Mao's power position at this time. (See Action 4)

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The Director said that he had received a call from Chet Cooper, who stated that he will join Governor Harriman's staff for about ninety days to work on matters dealing with peace feelers, possible negotiations, etc.

The Director told Carver that he wanted to see a copy of Anthony Eden's book on Vietnam as soon as it comes into the Agency.

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The Director noted that Bob Schaetzel of State's Bureau of European Affairs had told him that [redacted]

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[redacted] was inadequate. The Director asked the DD/I to look into this matter.

The Director noted two items of interest from yesterday's meeting of the [redacted]. He indicated that consideration was being given to preparing a documentary film on CIA's role in the Government and to a program involving talks to various civic groups around the country by CIA officials. The Executive Director is following up on these and noted that the Office of Training has already been instructed to look into the possibility of producing the film.

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ACTIONS:

1. The Director requested that DD/I resolve the matter of labeling on CIA publications with the State Department and that he contact Tom Hughes personally about this matter. (DD/I - Status report by 19 August.)

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Done

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3. The Director requested that a survey be done on the number and type of captured documents in the Agency concerning North Vietnamese logistic requirements in South Vietnam. (DD/I by 17 August) Done 8/17

4. The Director requested that an analytical review be prepared of the Harrison Salisbury articles on China in the New York Times. (DD/I)

5. The Director asked that some remarks be prepared for the President's ceremony honoring Admiral Raborn tomorrow. (ONE - In the course of the day) Done 8/16

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