

7 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 7 October 1966

[redacted] from the Planning Support Group briefed on the Agency's responsibilities during the [redacted] exercise from 12-24 October.

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DD/I mentioned that Ambassador Thompson has expressed interest in coming to Headquarters for informal conversations sometime in November. He noted that the only item of significance in conversations

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Lehman noted a CRITIC message concerning the possible shoot-down of an aircraft over Hungary. He said that the reprint in Pravda of a call by a minor Communist party for a conference of all parties strengthened the surmise that both it and an earlier call were Soviet-instigated.

[redacted] reported that he and Proctor had been successful in persuading COMOR to reverse its position and thereby to cancel the shot of a KH-4 [redacted] package scheduled for 12 October. The Director initiated a discussion of USIB subcommittees in general. [redacted] said that he has drafted a letter from the Director to Deputy Secretary Vance on

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DD/S reported that the October class of Career Trainees totals [redacted], the largest in some time.

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Carver noted that [redacted] will arrive at Andrews tomorrow night and will undergo treatment at Georgetown Hospital. He said that Ambassador Porter had cabled Ambassador Lodge on the pacification reorganization problem. He will advise the Director when he has been able to ascertain the contents of the message.

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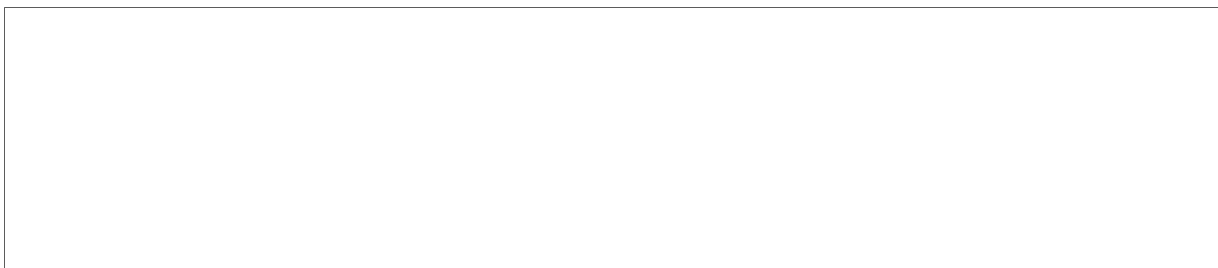
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Warner reported that Admiral Taylor appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday and will probably be approved on the floor today. The Director asked for yesterday's transcript.

Bross initiated a discussion on a draft Presidential letter on authority for the Director of Central Intelligence. The Director agreed that the implications of not having such a letter could be misconstrued.



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A-DD/S&T briefed on a request from the AEC for the Director's opinion on an underground nuclear shot in Nevada. Duckett suggested that he handle the reply with a telephone call indicating the matter is outside the Agency's domain. The Director agreed.

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The Director noted that the Presidential advance party of Moyers and Crockett departed last night. He asked the ADD/P to make sure that all pertinent station chiefs are alerted to be in place for the Presidential trip.

The Director said that he is puzzled about how Congressional briefings could best be organized. He felt that, while yesterday's presentation was excellent, such briefings could still be improved by summaries and conclusions which emphasize and repeat the thrust of the over-all presentation.

In connection with next Tuesday's briefing before the Rivers committee, the Director agreed on a twenty-minute operational briefing on  asked the ADD/P to check with him on the briefer, and said the remainder of the presentation should be limited to between twenty and twenty-five minutes with not too much depth on any one subject.

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