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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)
11:00 a.m., Friday, December 6, 1963

PRESENT: Governor Harriman, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell, Mr. Wilson vice Mr. Murrow, General Krulak vice General Taylor, Mr. Karamessines vice Mr. McCone, Mr. Nolan vice the Attorney General

Mr. Crockett was present for Item No. 1

Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Engle were present for Item No. 3.

Mr. Margolies was present for Item No. 4.

Mr. Rostow, Mr. Bundy and Mr. Maechling were present for the meeting.

1. Counterinsurgency Intelligence Summary

Mr. Karamessines presented a brief summary of the intelligence memorandum distributed for this item.

He observed that the trend in increased terrorist attacks in Latin American countries is believed to be in response to Castro's instructions. The Group agreed with Mr. Bell's recommendation that a review should be made on Cuban-inspired subversion and terrorism in threatened Latin American countries, and that this review should include an assessment of the adequacy of US programs. Mr. Wilson added that particular attention should be given to the problem of the harrassing and kidnapping of US personnel.

Mr. Crockett, Acting Director, Office of Caribbean and Mexican Affairs, ARA, presented a summary of the current thinking of State on the question of US recognition of the Dominican Republic. He stated that no decision on this question has been made at this time. In response to the Chairman's question, Mr. Karamessines stated that latest reports indicate that the insurgency problem could become serious. At present, however, there is no positive proof of Castro support. Mr. Bundy requested that all agencies be kept fully informed of developments to recognize both the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

The Group agreed that a CIA evaluation of the insurgency situation in the Dominican Republic should be included in the Intelligence Summary item submitted at the next meeting.

2. National Policy Paper Program

Mr. Rostow, in briefing the Group on the background, objectives, and procedures of the National Policy Paper Program, pointed out the relationship between this program and the IDPs. He stated that certain portions of the IDP will be incorporated into the body of the National Policy Paper with the entire IDP considered as an annex of the Paper. It was agreed that the

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NSC review(s) completed.

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Ambassador will retain operational responsibility for the execution of the IDP, and the Group will continue to review these plans, independent of action on the National Policy Paper for the same country.

Mr. Rostow stated that it is planned to use existing mechanisms to follow up on the execution of the policy set forth in these papers.

Mr. Rostow agreed with Mr. Bell's suggestion that the procedures paper should contain less instruction on mechanics and place more emphasis on fixing responsibility and reporting requirements.

There was general agreement that the National Policy Paper Program does not affect the Special Group's operations but does affect the relationships between the various departments and agencies.

The Group decided that individual members of the Group would comment separately on the National Policy Paper Program as it pertains to their respective departments and agencies.

3. Police Assistance Programs in UAM Countries

Mr. Bell stated that based on the review of US policy to provide police assistance to the UAM states, it is not planned to expand these programs, following the completion of current programs. However, individual cases for aid programs will be reviewed when required by special circumstances.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Mr. Bell said that current planning calls for a continuation of the Malagasy program and initiation of a small program in the Chad.

The Group noted Mr. Bell's report.

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