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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 8 July 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Smith

1. Report on Geneva Negotiations

Mr. McCone gave the Board an overall report on developments in connection with the Geneva conference on nuclear test inspections. He said that he and the Congressional observers had returned to Washington in order to reassess the extent of progress, if any, and to try to determine where the negotiations might be leading. He indicated that he might ask for a recess.

Mr. McCone added that Mr. Holifield had tried to pin down the leader of the Russian delegation, Tsarapkin, as to how many inspections the Soviets were prepared to allow on their soil. The latter stated that they were thinking in terms smaller than 15 per year. Mr. McCone concluded from this and from the general tone of the meetings and the lack of results to date that the negotiations are leading nowhere. He also pointed out that Dr. Killian had evidently decided not to review the U. S. position on nuclear testing, in his recent speech to the Press Club.


2. Space Exploration

The Board then turned to a discussion of the relative progress of the Soviets and the U. S. in putting a man into space. It was noted that Dr. Kistiakowsky has expressed the opinion that the Soviets are well ahead in this field and will probably achieve the desired result at an earlier date than we. In answer to a question, Mr. Dulles

said that the intelligence information available to us indicates that the percentage of missile failures is probably less in the Soviet program than in ours.

3. Cuba

Assistant Secretary Rubottom joined the group and gave a half hour talk on the Cuban situation. As a corollary to this, the Board discussed the situation of Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, the recently resigned chief of the Cuban Air Force, with particular reference to certain difficulties with Immigration and Naturalization. It was noted that he is now scheduled to appear before the Eastland Committee in the Senate and has been granted the status of a resident alien.



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