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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 25 February 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Smith

1. Leader Grants

Mr. Harr informed the group that during his recent trip through Africa he had been much impressed with the importance of making grants under the International Exchange Program available to present and potential leaders in various countries. He said that he proposed to discuss the situation further with Mr. Thayer of the State Department to see whether any effective action could be taken to promote the extension of grant aid to individuals of this type.

2. Berlin Situation

A general discussion then ensued about the entire Berlin situation, with particular reference to Khrushchev's speech of 24 February. No particular conclusions were reached as a result of this discussion. Mr. Murphy pointed out however that the Khrushchev speech did not represent an official reply to President Eisenhower's suggestion for a Foreign Ministers conference, and that it was expected that such a reply eventually would be forthcoming through regular diplomatic channels.



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