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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 11 February 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, General Cabell, Mr. Gray, Mr. McCone,
Mr. Saccio, Mr. Scribner, Mr. G. Smith (State),
Mr. B. Smith

1. Moscow Fair

Mr. Allen said that USIA is considering the possibility of using some of the gate receipts at the Moscow Exhibition to provide door prizes. He said that he might at a later date ask that this matter be referred to the OCB Exhibits Committee.

2. AEC Non-Nuclear Underground Tests

Mr. McCone informed the Board about a series of small high-explosive underground tests which are to be conducted shortly at Yucca Flats. He said that although there is of course no danger of radiation or fallout, the tests do involve precautions similar to those taken for nuclear shots, and therefore there is a risk that they may become publicly known and perhaps misinterpreted as being a resumption of nuclear tests. He said that in view of the possibility of public speculation the AEC had prepared a draft press release which could be used if required.

It was agreed that the draft release should be referred to the Nuclear Energy Working Group in order to prepare a recommendation for the Board to consider at next week's meeting.

3. Soviet Position on Test Inspections

A general discussion then took place on the advisability of capitalizing on the present position of the USSR in connection with the suspension of nuclear tests, with particular reference to its insistence on a veto over inspection measures.

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The matter was referred to the Working Group on Nuclear Energy, with the request that the group come up with a report on the possibilities of effective propaganda in this connection.

4. International Athletic Competitions

Mr. Gray next raised the subject of the recent basketball tournament in Chile, in the course of which the U. S. team proved to be a mediocre one and was badly beaten on a number of occasions, with resultant damage to American prestige. This led into a discussion of how such situations could be avoided in the future and what government support could be mustered to insure that competitors of a high enough caliber participate in international competitions.

The Executive Officer was requested to look into various ways (including the possible revival of an OCB working group) by which this objective could be attained, and to report to the Board at a future meeting.

5. Dependent Housing in Korea

Mr. Gray referred to an article which had appeared in the February 7 issue of the New York Times, entitled "Little Americas Burgeon in Korea." The article had been critical of the isolated American communities which are being established, and Mr. Gray felt that this matter should be examined to see whether some corrective action might be possible. Several members of the Board pointed out a number of cogent reasons for establishing separate communities of this type. The ICA representative was asked to have a report prepared for discussion at the open Board meeting next week.

6. Commitments in Iran

Mr. Gray raised a general question as to whether there is any trend toward making new and major commitments in Iran at this time. The consensus was that the situation is being watched closely and cautiously by all interested agencies.



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