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13 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 8 January 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles,
Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague,
Mr. Stassen, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Staats

1. Indonesia

Mr. Dulles gave a brief report on late developments in Indonesia. He referred particularly to indications that the Bandung Council proposes to establish a Free Government of Indonesia, and said that while he believes a move of this sort would be premature, there is probably little that we can or should do to try to stop it. Mr. Herter referred to the efforts of the Indonesian government to obtain arms from the West. It was agreed it would be unwise to supply arms so long as the possibility exists that the government might become communist-dominated.

2. British Advances in Control of Thermo-nuclear Energy

Mr. Strauss discussed the current controversy about publicity relating to the progress that the British have made in the field of controlled thermo-nuclear energy. He said that the British are not in fact ahead of the U. S. in this field but that both have achieved about equal results along somewhat parallel lines. Mr. Strauss said that it had been agreed that the results of British experiments would be described in the January 24 issue of the British publication "Nature"; British and American publications will then pick up the article for replay in both countries. Mr. Strauss hoped that this would stop the speculation and gossip on this subject.

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3. Air Raid Shelters

Mr. Scribner asked Mr. Dulles what the facts are about the Soviet program for air raid shelters. He said that reports from Ambassador Bohlen and more recently from Ambassador Thompson have indicated that there is no effective program for air raid shelters underway in the USSR. Mr. Scribner said that he understood that CIA had published one or two estimates which indicated that the Russians did in fact have a program of this nature. Mr. Dulles stated that he believed that they do have some sort of program but it was not a very dramatic one; however, he said he would look into the matter and he agreed to get Mr. Scribner a summary of what had been produced.

4. South Moluccas Government

Mr. Dulles was asked what he knew about the "Government of the South Moluccas". He replied that he had heard reports from time to time about this but was not completely current on it. He said he would have a report for an early meeting.


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