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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 21 March 1968

DD/I reported that Task Force LOOKOUT is negative.

DD/I advised that the memorandum comparing Poland today to Poland in 1956 is completed and indicates that, although there are significant differences between the two periods, there are definitely the elements of a revolutionary situation in Poland today.

DDCI reported that Deputy Under Secretary Bohlen will table at an early SIG meeting the matter of policy toward Eastern Europe in light of recent events in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Godfrey noted the shelling of Tan Son Nhut for the first time in two weeks, and Carver remarked the disparity between the shelling and claims that "Operation Resolve to Win" has driven the enemy around Saigon into Cambodia.

D/ONE observed that the Laos Estimate appears to be in good shape, and it was agreed that any changes proposed at today's USIB meeting should be footnoted.

DD/S reported that the Virginia Highway Department will begin work in April to ease congestion at the Route 123 entrance to the Agency. DD/S also noted that negotiations to expand the right turn off Chain Bridge are going forward. 25)

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DD/S advised that next week's Special Retirement Information Seminar has received an excellent response, in that one hundred employees additional to those invited have asked to attend.

Carver advised that Walt Rostow telephoned late yesterday concerning the movement of North Vietnamese main-force units in northern South Vietnam.

Warner reported that Congressman Mahon and a small group are being briefed today on NRO.

Bross advised that General Maxwell Taylor has requested a briefing on Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Iran. It was agreed that OCI will brief on Poland and Czechoslovakia with a DD/P representative available for possible discussion on the role of RFE and that, if he is available, will provide the briefing on Iran. The briefings are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week.

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DD/S&T advised that the SR-71 flew its first mission last night, although the weather was marginal. (See Action 1)

DD/P drew attention to Neil Sheehan's article in today's <u>New</u> York Times based on General Westmoreland's 1967 year-end report.

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l. The Director asked DD/S&T for a report on the SR-71's first mission.



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