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25 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 July 1968

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Godfrey noted that Kosygin has appeared in Moscow, thereby deflating speculation that the Czech-Soviet meeting has already begun. Godfrey observed that no members of the Politburo other than Kosygin and Polyanskiy, who is ill, have been located since 19 July by our Soviet watchers.

Godfrey noted that Arguedas has been offered asylum by the Cubans.

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D/ONE indicated AID has asked that [REDACTED] of the ONE staff represent the Agency on a panel which will be conducting a pilot study of Ethiopia vis-a-vis the Symington amendment. The Director asked that AID be advised that the Agency is prepared to back up the group with information and appropriate studies but declines membership on the panel. 25X

George Allen for Carver advised of a delay on the North Vietnamese intentions paper.

Maury reported that the latest information is that the House Appropriations Committee cut [REDACTED] from Defense's request for "Defense agencies" and that it is up to the DOD Comptroller to dis-tribute the shortfall, [REDACTED] 25X 25X

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[] It was pointed out that it is unclear just what part of the NSA budget would have been included in the "Defense agencies" line item. The Director asked Maury to continue monitoring Congressional handling of the NSA budget.

Maury advised that it appears the Henderson subcommittee is bogged down in controversy over the invasion-of-privacy bill.

Maury briefed on the handling of a complaint surfaced by an Agency employee who is a constituent of Congressman Broyhill's.

Maury advised of a problem in connection with the Administration's bill to revise the passport law, one section of which would eliminate the need for a personal appearance to renew a passport and could conceivably facilitate fraudulent Soviet procurement of American passports. After a discussion the Director suggested that we stand down on this issue.

DD/P provided the Director a paper on the status of the Radios as background for the Director's meeting with Bill Durkee this afternoon. The Director expressed his disenchantment with the notion floated up by BOB of yet one more study of the Radios.

Goodwin clarified that former Ambassador Blancke's book on the State Department is in fact one of a series sponsored by Praeger on Government departments and that Ambassador Blancke has contacted the Agency in connection with a chapter in his book on State's relations with other agencies. The Director urged full cooperation with Ambassador Blancke.

Goodwin noted that Reader's Digest has commissioned one of its roving editors to do a piece on Viet Cong atrocities.

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L. K. White

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