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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the OCB Working Group on Indonesia

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1. On 21 November 1956, [redacted] attended a meeting of the Working Group on Indonesia with [redacted] [redacted] had been instructed to present to the Working Group a bibliography of research on the subject of economic penetration in Indonesia, including a report prepared by ORR now in the process of being updated, and to express the keen interest of the Board of Assistants in regard to the subject of economic penetration. The Indonesian Outline Plan would, in a sense, serve as a pilot paper for the consideration of economic penetration.

2. Mr. Landon of the OCB Staff was very interested in getting the outline plan of operations in the hands of the Board Assistants on time and stated to the Group that they would have to decide whether to postpone submission of the paper or eliminate consideration of this new research. It was decided that the outline plan of operations gave adequate consideration to the subject of economic penetration. However, Mr. Landon agreed that the Working Group should read the suggested bibliography of the additional paper being developed by CIA, and that another look should be taken at the plan before it went from the Board Assistants to the Board itself.

3. Some eleven courses of action were written into the plan before this meeting and an additional four or five were added by the ICA representative.

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4. [redacted] made the point several times that the subject of economic penetration deserved greater consideration, if at all possible.

5. Mr. Landon was told that the updated Indonesian research paper would be in his hands for dissemination on 3 December 1956.

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6. [redacted] agreed privately that no mention of covert economic courses of action would be prudent with this Group.

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