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November 6, 1956

RECORD OF ACTIONS

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BOARD ASSISTANTS' MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 1956

Agenda Item 1 -- Status of Materials Dealing with World-Wide Soviet Economic Penetration Available as Basis for a Future Briefing.

(Mr. William N. Morell, Jr., [REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency, were present for this item.)

(a) Noted the briefing on present program for development of intelligence materials and materials now available on Soviet Bloc economic activities in the Free World.

(b) Agreed that OCB has a continuing responsibility within policies approved in the NSC for developing courses of action to counter these Soviet Bloc activities in areas where national security policies have been assigned to OCB.

(c) Agreed that the working group currently preparing an Outline Plan of Operations for Indonesia should give particular attention to actions designed to counter Bloc economic activities in that country and that the group, if required, should request assistance from any government agencies not now represented thereon.

(d) Agreed that arrangements would be made, if possible, for a presentation at the next meeting of the Board Assistants of the status of current responsibilities and activities of various government agencies and inter-departmental bodies, including CFEP, concerned with the Sino-Soviet economic offensive.

Agenda Item 2 -- Briefing on AEC Overseas Assistance Program

(Mr. Clark Vogel, Asst. Director for Operations, Division of International Affairs, and Mr. John McGruder, Atomic Energy Commission; Mr. John F. Lippmann, Office of Special Assistant to the President for Disarmament, and Major Richard Orphan, USA, Military Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, were present for this item.)

Noted the briefing and expressed appreciation for the helpful information.

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Agenda Item 3 -- Progress Report on International Broadcasting Aspects of NSC 169

(Mr. Barry Zorthian, Asst. Radio Program Manager, Policy Application, VOA, and Mr. Mitchell Stanley, Intelligence Research Officer, Production Division, IRI, U.S. Information Agency, were present for this item.)

Revised and concurred in the "Progress Report on International Broadcasting", dated October 25, 1956 for transmittal to the Board for its consideration on November 14.

Agenda Item 4 -- Possible Ad Hoc Assignments Relating to Western Europe

Agreed that no working group or groups for special assignments relating to Western Europe or France would be established at this time, but that the matter would be left open for further discussion whenever any of the Board Assistants may suggest a specific problem on which coordination might be desirable.

Agenda Item 5 -- Minutes of October 31 OCB Meeting

Discussed and suggested revisions in the minutes of the October 31 OCB meeting.

Agenda Item 6 -- Agenda for November 7 OCB Meeting -- Usual items plus:

- a. Briefing on Activities of the Working Group on the Near East with Respect to Current Developments.
- b. Briefing on Activities of the Committee on Soviet and Related Problems in Connection with Recent Developments.
- c. Report for the President - 1957 American Exhibit in Moscow.
- d. Progress Report on Turkey (NSC 5510/1).

Agenda Item 7 -- Briefings on Activities in NAC, CFEP, NSC, etc.

Noted the briefings.

Agenda Item 8 -- Six Months Reporting Schedule

(a) Status of Progress Reports on:

(1) E. & W. Germany and Berlin - Confirmed the present reporting schedule for the three Progress Reports on E. and W. Germany (NSC 160/1) and Berlin (NSC 5404/1).

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(2) ISO in Germany (NSC 5435/1) - Agreed that the working group recommendation "that the substance of this policy be incorporated as appropriate in the new policy statement concerning refugees, escapees and defectors" should be included in the regular OCB progress report to the NSC to be completed shortly and this recommendation should be made available simultaneously to the agencies' policy planning offices.

(3) Progress Report on the Near East (NSC 5428) - Agreed that it would be desirable for the working group to proceed with the drafting of this report as the members' workloads permit and that the group should recommend a new date for submitting the report to the Executive Officer.

(b) Status of Progress Report and Outline Plan of Operations on the Philippines (NSC 5413/1)

Agreed to reschedule this item for discussion by the Board Assistants in about three weeks.

Agenda Item 9 -- Other Business

(a) Status of OCB paper on American Exhibit, Moscow, 1957.

Discussed purpose and content of brief report to the President being prepared for Board consideration on Wednesday, November 7, 1956.

(b) Possible Revision of Outline Plan of Operations on Iran (NSC 5504)

Agreed to defer for about 30 days consideration of the preparation of a revised Outline Plan of Operations on Iran in the light then of the pending review of NSC 5504 by the NSC.

(c) Follow-up on NSC 5616

Agreed to discuss the matter again next week on the basis of an informal inquiry by the State OCB Assistant regarding the feasibility from the workload standpoint of preparing the study called for in paragraph 29.

(d) Briefing on Fleet Capabilities

Enthusiastically accepted the invitation extended to the NSC Planning Board and the OCB Assistants by the Defense Board Assistant on behalf of the Navy Department to go to Norfolk for a briefing on fleet capabilities to be given aboard a carrier.

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(e) Briefly discussed the OCB FY 1958 budget request and it was agreed that consideration by the Board would be deferred to the luncheon meeting on November 14, 1956.

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