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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDS and DDP Staff Meetings, 12 May 1965

1. The following subjects were covered at the DDS Staff Meeting:

a. Bannerman chaired the meeting. He explained that the DCI morning meeting was now lasting one to one and one-half hours, or about twice as long as previously. Col. White joined the meeting at about 1030 and repeated the same information. (I might add here that [redacted] made the same observation at the DDP Staff Meeting.)

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b. [redacted] gave a half-hour presentation on [redacted] HeSTATSPEC explained that its mission is to monitor foreign broadcasts as a service of "common concern" for US government agencies. He gave an interesting and informative presentation. I took notes on it but I will not dictate them unless you feel there is a need for this information.

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c. Col. White reported on the following items:

(1) With respect to the DDS Administrative Instruction #65-5 on weekly and interim reporting of significant activities, he explained that the Director wanted the Deputy Directors to report each week on each of their major components. Col. White stated that additional instruction with more precise guidance as to what is wanted would be forthcoming. He then proceeded to explain what is wanted -- the items are to be short, pithy, and able to stand very much alone. In them, we must anticipate what questions may arise and make certain that the article itself is complete enough so that Col. White will be able to respond directly without any further reference to the office of origin.

(2) The Director does not want his Navy title used on Agency correspondence for his signature. He wants it to appear, William F. Raborn, Director of Central Intelligence. The question of whether to leave off the Junior was not raised. White suggested that it be left off, at least for the time being. [redacted] reported the same information about not using the Director's Navy title. Tom stated that since his return to his office, however, he had received a call from the Director's office to hold everything. Therefore, Tom instructed the DDP Chiefs to continue as they are now doing until they get more specific instructions as to what changes are desired.)

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(3) If the Director asks for something in the morning meeting or if a request comes from elsewhere within the Director's office, White wants Office Heads in the DDS to regard it as the most urgent matter before them, even though it may not be the most important in their own minds. This same admonition applies to requests from the DDS's office. If a project or report is under way but will not be completed for some time, it is still important to keep the DDS informed as to what progress is being made.

d. Bannerman reported on the following:

(1) The 1966 operating budget is due on 19 May.

(2) The question of personnel ceilings has come up in discussions with the Director in connection with the Task Force for the [redacted] 25X1A

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[redacted] Col. White interjected that it had arisen in connection with the possibility of a similar type task force in the event of real hostilities

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[redacted] Col White stated that he had informed the Director at one of the morning meetings that we could put together one such task force at a time under existing personnel ceilings, but if a multiplicity of such task forces were envisioned, it would be necessary to increase the Agency's personnel strength. Col. White indicated that he felt it may be possible to get a personnel increase if a good, hard case could be made for it. He believed that Commo may be able to make such a case and make it stand but he doubted that the rest of the DDS could. 25X1A

(In this same context, with reference to the [redacted] reported that the DCI was concerned with a similar type development in [redacted] and there was talk of "beefing" up the station. According to Tom, the 25X1A Director feels that we must be ready to move in force in any contingency situation. When informed of the Agency's personnel ceilings, the Director expressed the belief that the Agency should not be bound by such "artificial" ceilings. Tom elaborated that the Director had expressed the view that you can get just about anything you want if you make a good case for it. Tom concluded that the Clandestine Services may be invited to review their personnel requirements but he, too, admonished Staff and Division Chiefs that they better be prepared to defend their requests.)

(3) Bob Bannerman is leaving on 22 May for a trip to Europe where he will attend the Support Conference in [redacted] (27-28 May). 25X1A He would like to arrange with Office Heads for a briefing this coming week on any issues or problems that might arise at the Conference.

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2. The following subjects were covered at the DDP Staff Meeting which was chaired by [redacted]

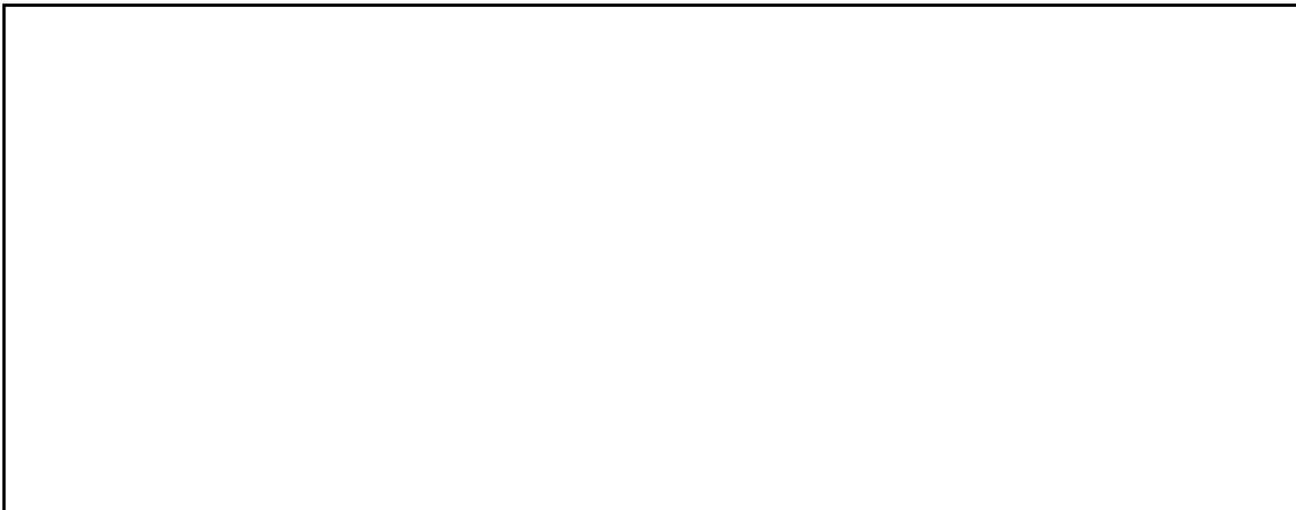
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a. Careful thought should be given to closing down any bases. The Director has the feeling that the Agency should be everywhere and in force. Therefore, make certain you have top management's approval before closing down any bases.

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c. The Clandestine Services were advised by the Office of Security that they had 42 security violations during April. This is up from 24 in February. EE and FE were the principal offenders.

d. Reference was also made to the Director's desire to be briefed by the Deputy Directors each week on the progress and activity of each of their major components. Kirkpatrick will supply follow-up instructions as to how this is to be done in Clandestine Services. The Director has agreed, however, to permit the DDP to brief the Director in his own office immediately following the morning meeting on those items which in the DDP's judgment should not be brought up before the other Deputy Directors.

e. The Director will be meeting shortly with the President's Board. He has already met with Clark Clifford. Kirkpatrick will be pulling together matters of interest for the discussion.

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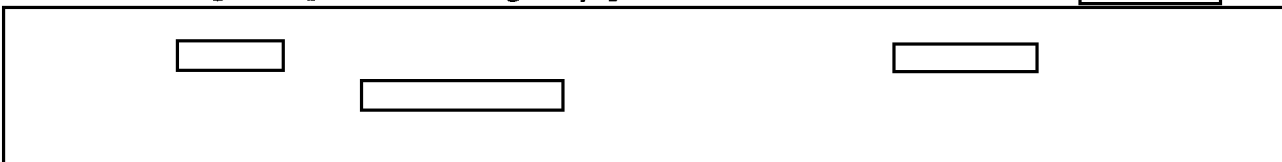
f. [redacted] reported on his recent trip to the Far East. He had the highest praise for Agency personnel at all stations. In [redacted]

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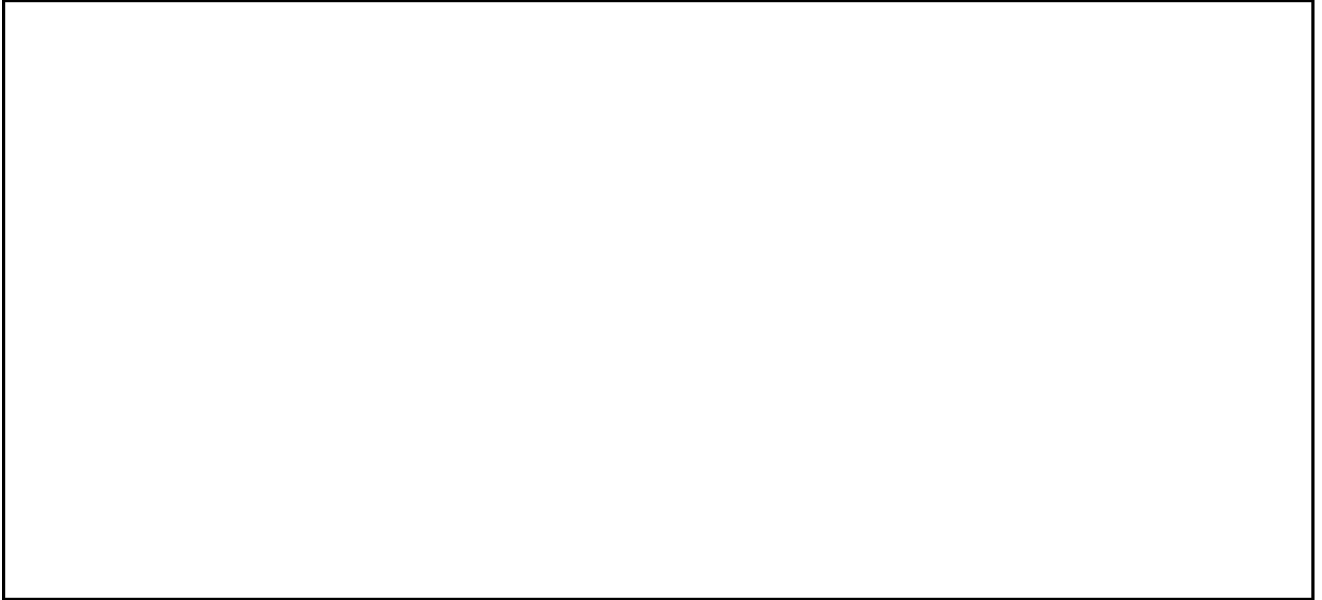
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g. [redacted] referred to the recent Ambassadors Conference at Baguio. He stated that he wished to voice a note of alarm in connection with Rusk's statement at the Conference. Rusk had reportedly indicated that there was a real possibility of a war in the Pacific growing out of our present stepped-up efforts in South and North Vietnam. [redacted] observed that if this were, in fact, believed to be a very real possibility, he personally found it extremely distressing that there seemed to be no where in government (except the military) any real planning to deal with such a development. [redacted] requested [redacted] to meet with him immediately after the staff meeting to see what, if any, steps in this direction should be undertaken by the Clandestine Services.

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