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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

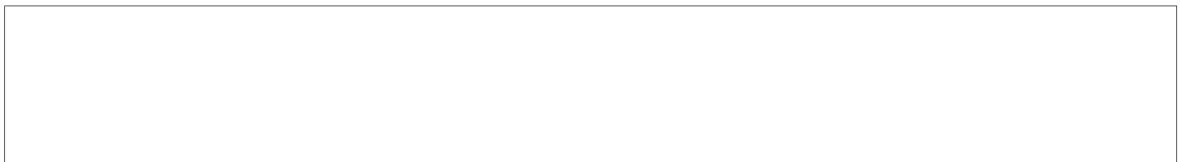
Morning Meeting of 4 April 1966

DD/I reported that the Vice President had asked for and obtained one of the Agency's special relief maps on Southeast Asia. One such map is being prepared within the Agency for installation in the DCI Conference Room on or about 6 April.

DD/I gave a rundown on the findings of Task Force LOOKOUT at its meeting last week. No significant evidence is in hand relating to installation of SSM's in NVN.

Godfrey reported late word--from NBC and no other source--of a landing of seven SVN transports at Danang Air Field. If true, this could signal the government's move to suppress the disorders in Danang. OCI will issue Sitreps covering the situation in the course of the day.

Godfrey reported that Lunik X is in orbit around the moon and appears to be in a tumbling mode.



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tabled a memo on a New York Times weekend article concerning overhead reconnaissance. There was nothing in this article not publicly described in other articles of the past, and it was agreed that special investigations in this case are not necessary.

DD/S noted weekend news accounts of a secure telephone link between the Department's Passport Office and CIA. The Department has issued a denial.

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DD/S noted that the Department has arranged retirement benefits for "conditional employees," these being foreign nationals employed by U. S. embassies abroad. This will be of benefit to us.

DD/S&T gave to DCI a memo on the SHRIKE program. It was noted that the SHRIKE Conference scheduled for this week will be postponed until next week. DCI said he would like to attend.

DD/S&T, back from a trip last week to the West Coast, reported that actual flight experience with OXCART to date shows zero engine failures at operational speeds and altitudes. DCI inquired about the status of a presentation being worked up for his use concerning OXCART deployment.

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[redacted] assessment of the effects of OXCART deployment on the TACKLE Program. Copies of this cable were given to DDCI and DCI, and the findings will be included in the DCI's OXCART presentation.

DD/S&T said that the D/NRO proposals concerning CORONA improvement [redacted] are good ones from our point of view. The

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DD/S&T reported on visits he made last week to [redacted] and [redacted]. Agency work at the former, [redacted] for fighter detection instruments aboard a U-2 or OXCART, has reached the stage where feasibility appears certain. Highly useful work of interest to the Agency is occurring at [redacted] in the field of integrated circuits and transistors.

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Executive Director reported on a weekend meeting with the inter-agency "Executive Officers Group." Subjects discussed dealt with the many problems of coordination at the local level of Great Society programs.

DDCI said that General Sam Griffith has written a book on the ChiCom Peoples Liberation Army and copies of the manuscript are available for study.

DDCI said that he and DD/P will meet with Army ACSI, General Davis, tomorrow. ACSI will describe Army clandestine operations around the world.

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DDCI said Air Force Secretary Brown had called him recently to describe certain clandestine capabilities of the USAF for air operations. Secretary Vance had asked Brown to check these capabilities with us. We will survey and review them.

DCI initiated a discussion of a special memo done over the weekend by [] on the situation in Vietnam. The memo was made available to Assistant Secretary Bundy and will be shown on a read-and-return basis to Representative Mahon.

ACTION:

1. DCI requested that OGC make copies of the recent [] article appearing in Foreign Affairs available to Representatives Mahon and Bates, who have requested copies. OGC is also to consider making copies available to the Chairmen and members of the various CIA subcommittees on the Hill.

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