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2 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 2 March 1966

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill.

DD/I noted completion of an updated and current internal memo recapping U. S. and SVN air losses to date. Although the memo is internal, copies have been made available to []

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DD/I noted that General Carroll is said to be suffering from a back ailment and may require surgery.

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[] briefed on the situation and outlook in Indonesia.

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At DDCI inquiry [] said that OCI judgments on the most likely African prospects for future coups will be sent forward today.

Kent initiated a brief discussion of the special USIB meeting yesterday to hear the findings of the [] nuclear panel.

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deSilva noted a DIA request that the Agency arrange to brief Brigadier General Philpott, a SAC officer on TDY with the JCS. Philpott is charged with evaluating ROLLING THUNDER operations and wants advice on intelligence collection capabilities so as to know what can and cannot be learned about the effects of ROLLING THUNDER bombings against NVN targets.

Bross noted the request from Pat Coyne for certain basic materials relating to subjects to be covered in briefings of Professor Langer and General Taylor next week. It was agreed that it will be SOP for all such requests to be brokered by Bross or [] rather than directly from Coyne to Agency officers.

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[] noted a late and added starter on this week's USIB agenda. It is an item initiated by General Starbird of the DCA. It deals with the use of secure telephones and cryptographic materials by NATO.

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[] reported that the signs now indicate that yesterday's Soviet lunar attempt, which failed, was probably intended as a circumnavigation flight rather than a soft landing.

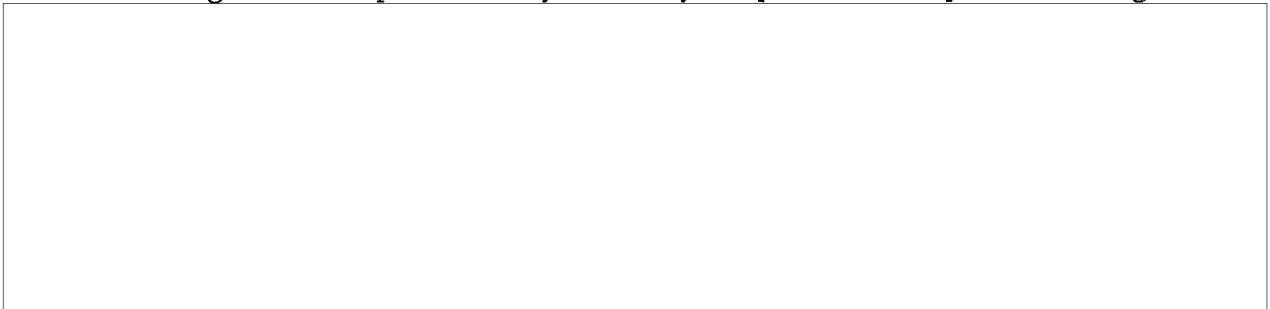
In answer to DDCI's inquiry, [] said that the two dogs now in orbit are expected to be deorbited on or about 20 March. DDCI suggested that the status of this mission be covered periodically in the President's Daily Brief.

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Acting DD/P reported on yesterday's Special Group CI Meeting.

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Acting DD/P noted a collision and resulting serious fire in the port area of Istanbul yesterday. The collision involved two Soviet ships -- an oiler and a freighter.

Executive Director noted receipt of a letter to the DCI from Agriculture Secretary Freeman expressing thanks to three Agency officers for briefings on Vietnam.

Executive Director noted that an Agency document has been prepared in response to a recent request from the Knox Panel. Each Deputy Director is asked to clear this document so that a deadline of 4 March can be met.

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Executive Director noted that General Bill Quinn has retired and will be a Washington representative of the Martin Marietta Corporation.

DDCI reported that he had discussed with Moyers Senator Muskie's recent speech in which he attributed certain information to the Agency. Moyers knew nothing of the background of this.

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DDCI noted word passed to the DCI yesterday by Clark Clifford, who said that the President thinks highly of the accurate and timely assessments provided by the CIA in recent weeks. Singled out for particular praise was Agency reporting on Uganda, Syria, and Ghana. It was noted that it is useful to continue passing to Pat Coyne Agency post-mortems of the reporting record on significant developments.

DDCI asked Kent to relay to [] the DDCI's thanks for the [] memo assessing the recent Alsop article.

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DDCI noted that [] has retired and will be given a Presidential award today.

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ACTIONS:

1. A-DDP and C/SAVA are to see Governor Harriman to discuss the Thailand subversive threat and preferred ways of meeting the threat.

2. A-DDP is requested to ensure that the Vice President has received reporting available to us on the anti-U. S. demonstrations during the Vice President's visit in Australia including the role of a U. S. student in these demonstrations. (DD/P - In the course of the day)

DONE

3. All members of the Executive Committee are requested to take steps as appropriate to pass the word to Agency employees that the best guarantee for ensuring a continued high state of morale within the Agency is to speak up in defense of the Agency and its work when appropriate in the course of conversations with others.

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