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23 February 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 February 1966

DDCI was in the chair -- DCI was on the hill.

Smith [redacted]

[redacted] reported that the large hatch Soviet ship, which may be carrying some military materiel from the Black Sea to Hanoi, would be followed as closely as possible. (See action item 1)

Concerning the situation in Indonesia, the DDCI expressed his concern regarding the optimism which prevailed in certain quarters in Washington. (See action item 2)

[redacted] noted the Baath coup in Syria which initiated a discussion of how this development and the Uganda situation had been covered in previous weeks in publications. (See action item 3)

FitzGerald noted a report that there may be a coup in Ghana tomorrow and it was agreed that this would be covered in the OCI publications.

DDCI requested that a memorandum be prepared outlining the continuing political instability in the Congo. (See action item 6)

Kent reported on a meeting at Headquarters on Monday with members of the Joint Staff, and he was given guidance by the DDCI regarding future relations with this group.

Houston reported that the DCI had decided to accept the invitation to the Donovan awards dinner in New York. DDCI asked [redacted] to mention to the DCI that since the President did not want both the number 1 and number 2 officers of any agency absent from the city at the same time, he would decline his invitation.

Wheelon briefed on the latest Soviet space shot which apparently contained two dogs.

FitzGerald tabled his comments on General Taylor's draft NSAM on counterinsurgency. [redacted] noted a possible infringement on the DCI's responsibility for third-party COMINT relations and was requested by the DDCI to make these views available to the DCI prior to his meeting with General Taylor this morning.

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The DDCI noted that there would be a meeting with the Congressional leadership in the White House at 8:00 am. tomorrow to be followed by a meeting from 9:00 to 10:30 with various committees of Congress.

ACTIONS:

1. DDCI requested that DDP ask for any info they might develop on the large hatch ship (In the course of the day) 25X1
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2. DDCI requested that a memorandum be prepared on the current situation in Indonesia and the developments which led thereto. (OCI in the next few days)

3. DDCI requested that a memorandum be prepared on the prospects for Indonesia. (ONE by close of business 2 March) D O N E

4. DDCI requested that Messrs. speak to Messrs. Jessup and Coyne respectively concerning the Agency reporting on the Syrian coup. (In the course of the day) 25X1
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5. DDCI suggested that a report be prepared concerning Agency reporting on Uganda and Syria which should be transmitted by the LDX System to the White House and State. (OCI in the course of the day) D O N E

6. DDCI requested that a brief transmittal note for his signature be prepared to accompany the memorandum on the Congo situation to Messrs. Rusk, McNamara, Bundy, Alexis Johnson, Vance, Harriman, and Komer. (OCI - 25 March) D O N E

L. K. White

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