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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 9 February 1966

Executive Director was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill. DDCI was out of town.

DD/I reported on two memos on Vietnam and Thailand produced on short notice yesterday for the Vice President prior to his departure for the Far East. The Vice President's itinerary calls for twelve days of travel to various countries in the Far East. We will supply a daily intelligence cable. DD/S noted that the Secret Service has requested our aid in communications and also some technical support. DD/P noted that briefings have been requested by the Vice President's office for the Vice President [redacted]

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DD/I reported completion of a memo on the increasing air capabilities of NVN. This will be sent forward to the Director with a recommendation that he personally disseminate copies to high officials.

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[redacted] briefed on the true state of affairs concerning the North Vietnamese note to India which triggered erroneous press flurries yesterday to the effect that the note constituted a peace feeler.

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[redacted] noted the Laotian Defense Ministry public announcement of the appearance of Communist tanks along routes through the Laotian corridor. This is probably related to an air sighting yesterday of not tanks but tracked prime movers with light artillery pieces along Route 9. The purpose of the light artillery is not certain. It may be for harassment of Laotian government forces rather than for Vietnam. This is all under study. [redacted] was requested to make sure that the DCI is briefed on this.

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Kent reported on a debriefing this morning by ONE, OCI, and ORR of a U. S. Army senior intelligence advisor back from duty in the IV Corps area of SVN. The officer believes that most of the supplies coming to the Viet Cong in the IV Corps area come via the

waterways and that Navy officials on the scene admit to this despite the official Navy line that evidence is to the contrary. Kent was requested to do a Memo for the Record on this and other such debriefings.

Kent reported that arrangements have been made to hear from a U. S. military expert on the new fusing devices available for aerial bombs. This will take place on the afternoon of 11 February.

Kent reported on arrangements being made to have [redacted] conduct a seminar and serve as a rallying point for developing oriental psychology inputs to the work of the Board and staff of National Estimates.

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DD/S reported that the LDX system is now fully approved for operational use.

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DD/S&T reported on recent developments concerning ABM matters. The CIA/DIA debate on the curious Soviet sites (CIA believes them to be long-range air defense; DIA considers them to be related to ABM) appears now to have been resolved by the latest [redacted] photography which tends to pin down these sites as connected with long-range air defense.

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DD/S&T reported that he had briefed John Foster and other key people in DOD DD/R&E yesterday on the new evidence of the range precision capabilities of the Soviet long-range HENHOUSE radars. He also noted that the evidence, which comes from a CIA project [redacted] is of interest to NSA and that NSA has made an approach to have this contract transferred to their cognizance. The NSA approach was met negatively.

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DD/P raised the subject of possible Soviet deception as a companion piece to their disinformation practices in filling the air with false technical emanations of various types to mislead U. S. technical collection. It was agreed that this was a subject worth periodic study and the DD/S&T will meet with the DDP/CI Staff to look into this. DD/S&T was requested to take this under consideration and surface conclusions and/or recommendations for further study.

Executive Director noted that Henry Kissinger is scheduled to brief the Chiefs of Station training course here in the building. The briefing will take place tomorrow. Executive Director asked if arrangements had been made to meet and brief Kissinger as appropriate and thought perhaps the DCI would want to see him.



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