

28 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 28 January 1966

25X1 [redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing on Rumania.

Godfrey noted the Madrid Embassy's concern that there may be some sensational press treatment of the lost nuclear weapon off the Spanish coast over this weekend. [redacted]

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[redacted] DCI said he would confer with Secretary Vance.

Godfrey reported on scheduled demonstrations in Ecuador over the next few days. The junta is expected to be able to ride out the storm.

Kent noted receipt of a JCS request for an NIE on the effectiveness of interdiction efforts in Vietnam.

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25X1 [redacted] reported on the status of security and protection for the PAT training center at Vung Tau. [redacted] plans to visit this camp on the ground during his forthcoming visit to Vietnam. DCI urged that MACV be encouraged to arrange for anti-guerrilla sweeps by friendly forces periodically in the vicinity of Vung Tau.

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25X1 [redacted] noted Bangkok Embassy telegram 1470 which reports expectation that PAVN military forces will at some time in the future move south to occupy the northernmost provinces in SVN. It was agreed that this expectation should be evaluated by DD/I analysts.

Houston noted that Representative Moorhead of Pennsylvania will be in the building for breakfast at 0800 on 31 January. DCI said he would attend.

Houston noted that the DCI is scheduled for a meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 7 February.

DD/S&T reported that the next CORONA has been fixed and launch is scheduled for 1 February. He also noted a letter of thanks from SAC concerning the loan of two Agency U-2's to SAC [REDACTED]

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DD/S&T noted preliminary information that the Lockheed SR-71 lost this week was probably due to pilot error. DCI asked DD/S&T to consider installation of an automatic warning device in the OXCART.

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[REDACTED] of DDS&T/ORD displayed pictures of the first tests of foliage penetration camera gear. He also briefed on Project [REDACTED] an Air Force program involving [REDACTED]. This project holds promise for eliminating from photography foliage and other such ground clutter.

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DD/P noted that DIA has hired a public relations firm to help develop a college recruitment program. The DIA goal is two hundred young men to be hired this year.

Executive Director discussed the mission of the Knox Panel looking into Intelligence Community information handling. Because of PFIAB and Presidential Science Advisor sponsorship of the Panel, the Agency will cooperate with the Panel as far as possible. Borel is the Agency's focal point in dealing with the Panel. Each Deputy Director was asked to name an officer to work with Borel in keeping abreast of the Panel's work in the Agency. For correspondence and requirements external to the Agency involving the Knox Panel, D/DCI/NIPE will be the reviewer.

Executive Director asked all hands to ensure that O-PPB is kept advised on the nature of Agency briefings and dealings with Mr. Convisser, the new BOB examiner.

DDCI noted yesterday's clandestine report about MIG-19 production in China, including word that a new model of the MIG-19 is what is being produced. It was agreed that this will be the subject of continuing analysis.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI requested an OCI-ONE assessment of the recent Rand report based on interrogations of Viet Cong defectors and purporting to indicate the state of morale among the Viet Cong. DCI requested advice on the validity of this information and the implications it holds for U. S. policies. (DD/I and ONE by 3 February)

2. DCI requests advice and information on certain ordnance intelligence. He wants to know how the U. S. Army assesses the capabilities of Communist weapons and what is being done to borrow for our own technology the better aspects of Communist weapons. (DD/S by 3 February)

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