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26 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 26 January 1966

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[redacted] of DDS&T/OEL gave a background briefing on the CIA Quality ELINT Program.

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Godfrey reported that NMCC advises that U. S. minesweepers off the Spanish coast have a good contact and may have located the missing nuclear device. (See Action 1)

Godfrey reported that OCI and WH officers have jointly assessed recent rumors and reports of invasion planning by Haitian exiles, and a memo is being done on the prospects for this. Invasion may be attempted, but the outcome appears quite dubious.

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Houston said that he expects to learn today some details pertaining to discussions among the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday on the McCarthy resolution concerning CIA.

Houston noted that a Congressman is usually invited to address the Midcareer Course. It was agreed that we would invite Representative Bates for this session.

Bross noted that USIB has approved new procedures which will provide effective ways and means for the DCI to provide effective guidance to U. S. COMINT programs. A new SIGINT subcommittee will be established. Heavy burdens will fall to various components of the Agency in following the new procedures. DCI noted the need to get organized in order to accept the new responsibilities and provide the best possible leadership and guidance.

Sheldon noted that the SR-71 which was lost over New Mexico yesterday belonged to Lockheed and not to the USAF [redacted]

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Sheldon noted plans for a TACKLE U-2 mission [redacted] tonight. He also noted that the 303 Committee had stood-down U-2 flights over China during the bombing pause. The DCI directed that all U-2 operations in the Far East be postponed pending further guidance from the Administration and/or the 303 Committee.

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Sheldon reported that [redacted] will revolutionize intelligence views of Soviet ABM capabilities, which are now found to be much greater than previously thought. All the necessary components within the Community will be briefed, and detailed analysis will continue.

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DD/P noted that the Washington Post this morning for the second straight day carries a story which could be construed as implicating the Agency in the [redacted]. A denial has been worked out with the Department and will be issued when press inquiries are received.

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DD/P reported on a DD/P-DD/I look at current trouble spots in Africa. Latest of these is Mauritania. A DD/I memo is being prepared.

Executive Director noted that Agency printing specialists [redacted] and [redacted] are getting special certificates from a graphic arts organization. 25X1

Executive Director noted commendatory letters from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk covering four Agency students who recently completed the course.

Executive Director noted a letter to him from Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration Crockett commending CIA-State relationships and praising [redacted] 25X1

DDCI noted today's snow storm and asked the Executive Director what Agency policy on early dismissals should be. Executive Director explained that the Agency has no legal authority to dismiss employees early--prior to a decision by the D. C. engineers--but that each Agency component should exercise good judgment as the snow continues.

DDCI reported on yesterday's Special Group CI Meeting on Thailand. Various recommendations for action submitted by Ambassador Martin were approved in principle. The Thai situation was viewed as serious.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI requested that DD/P confer with DOD, State, and USIA with a view toward taking the initiative in lessening the impact of any adverse press stories concerning the nuclear device lost in the Spanish area. (DD/P - Status report by 2 February)

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3. DCI requested that an inquiry be put informally to [redacted] 25X1

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4. DCI requested the opinion of a ballistic expert as to the comparisons between ChiCom and U. S. weapons as set forth in the recent complaint from General Westmoreland. (C/SAVA by 2 February.)

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5. DCI requested that DD/S study the curriculum of the Armed Forces Staff College. If it emphasizes logistics, the course should be attended primarily by Agency logistics officers. (DD/S - Status report by 2 February.)

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