

19 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD	
SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of the Special Group, 19 April 1962	
PRESENT: General Taylor; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Gilpatric and General Lemnitzer; General Carter and Mr. Helms	
1. Labor Program	
This project was approved, with the understanding that required now and that the amount to be expended in FY 1963 (a maximum of would be only the sum required to make up a shortfall in the amounts raised by the labor movement.	
2. Support for the	25X1
At the beginning of the discussion of this project, Mr. Helms amended the recommendations, to call for expenditure of only for the remainder of FY 1962, with the understanding that CIA, in coordination with State, will assess critically the financial outlay necessary to achieve the objectives of the project through the 1964 elections. Specific recommendations for any further expenditures will be brought back to the Special Group. Mr. Johnson said that, contrary to the content of paragraph 3 d, the State Bepartment's position was that the operation should be so conducted that there would be no knowledge on the part of the recipients as to the true source of funds.	 -
With these two changes, the project was approved.	
3. Influence over the	25X1
This project was approved, subject to coordination with the Ambassador.	
4. Support for	25X1
General Taylor and Mr. Johnson questioned the estimate of risk as stated in the paper. Both felt that there is a real danger of a project of this kind causing undue government reaction. General Taylor called attention to the widespread feeling of	25X1
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NSC review(s) completed.

SECRET EYES ONLINE

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EYES ONLY

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Mr. Johnson said that the State Department would conc project provided a moderate and practical attitude toward government and toward theis maintained, and that a co assessment be made of the effectiveness of the operation.	the ntinued He also
cautioned that the government will probably assume that the is being backed by urged that the government reaction to the expanded activitivery closely watched.	25X
	the proposal. 25X
the project. 5.	
This project was approved for one year only, in the a feer the first year, with the clear understanding that the pot imply in any way tacit approval for continuance.	WE LEGATES

6. <u>NSAM 99</u>

General Lemmitzer called the Group's attention to HSAM 99, asking whether operation WHIPLASH should be considered by the Special Group under the terms of that paper. It was felt that this is not necessary. There was some discussion as to the responsibility of the Special Group in connection with MSAM 99, and the Chairman undertook to look into this further.

7. Information for UN Registration of Satellites

Mr. Gilpatric said that Dr. Charyk has prepared a list of information to be provided for short-lived satellites, as discussed last week. He said that this would be distributed to the members.

8. Briefing of Executive Director of the Space Council

General Taylor noted that suggestions had been made that, in order to avoid any unwitting conflict of interest, the Executive Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, Mr. Edward C. Welsh, be fully briefed on recommaissance activities. Mr. Johnson said that he had already given instructions that this be done.



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9. Proposed Operation Against Airfields

General Lemnitzer called attention to the supply operations that are being conducted from the airstrips at Vinh and Tchepone. He said that he believes a covert operation of some kind is desirable in order to neutralize these fields or the aircraft operating from them. The Group agreed that this is the proper forum in which to discuss such a proposal and General Lemnitzer said he would table one.

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