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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)  
2 p.m., Thursday, June 20, 1963

PRESENT: Governor Harriman, The Attorney General, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell,  
Mr. McCone, Mr. Murrow, Mr. Forrestal, General Krulak vice  
General Taylor

Mr. Martin and Mr. Meyer were present for Item No. 1.

Mr. Battle was present for Items No. 1 and 2.

Mr. Koren was present for Item No. 2.

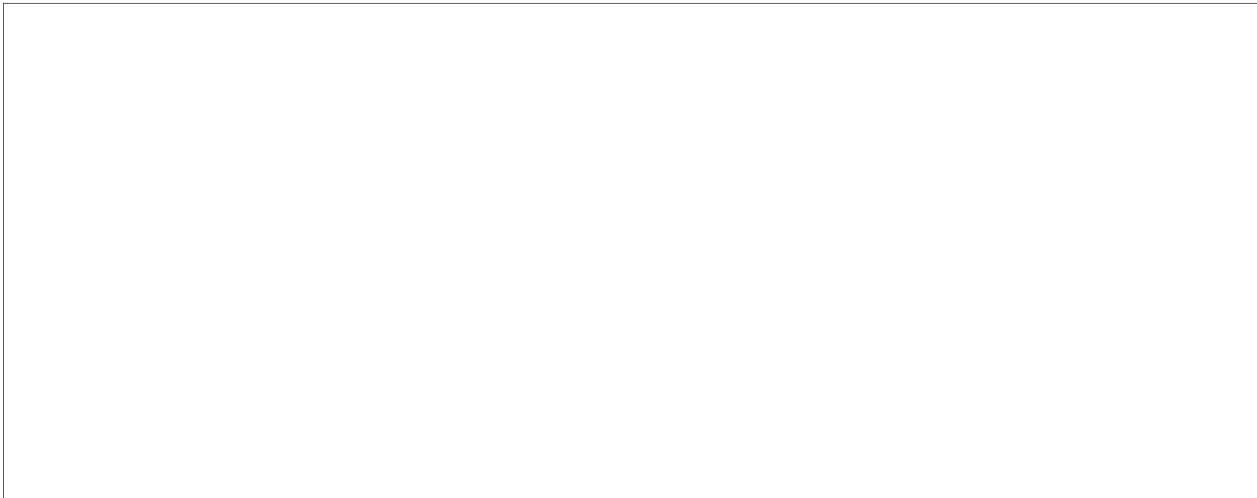
Mr. Engle and Mr. McCann were present for Item No. 3.

Mr. Maechling was present for the meeting.

1. Report on Youth and Political Actions in Latin America

Mr. Meyer used the example of the Central University in Caracas to describe the unique political character and role that student groups play in influencing the entire structure of several universities in Latin America.

Through existing electoral procedures, Communist oriented student groups have not only been able to seize control of student organizations but to change the composition of the university faculty. This system results in the universities being autonomous units within each countries' educational system.



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Mr. Battle outlined the organization and functions of the Washington and country team organizations responsible for youth programs.

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Mr. Battle commented that the field has responded reasonably well in establishing youth programs but that it is necessary to develop a keener appreciation within the State regional bureaus of the importance and role of youth programs to U.S. policy. The Chairman commented that he plans to meet with the Assistant Secretaries to emphasize the importance of youth programs and emphasized the responsibility of the State desk officer in monitoring these programs.

Mr. Battle recommended that all country plans and studies should contain a section on youth, and that quarterly progress reports on Internal Defense Plans should continue to reflect progress on youth programs.

The Group agreed that State should prepare a pilot study on the adequacy of the overall U.S. effort to influence youth in Venezuela. This study should indicate how all programs are being coordinated and what is being done to encourage local organizations to work with students.

## 2. Review of Youth Programs

Thailand - Mr. Koren reviewed for the Group the major points contained in the State memorandum on youth programs in Thailand. The Group in noting this report agreed that this report indicates that the overall youth program in Thailand is much more extensive than the youth activities referred to in the quarterly status report in the Internal Security Plan.

At the suggestion of Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Koren agreed to ascertain whether the Embassy in Bangkok needed any assistance in obtaining additional personnel to work on youth programs.

Cambodia - Mr. Koren in commenting on the youth program in Cambodia stated that U.S. programs are not as advanced as those in Thailand due to the reluctance of the Cambodians to permit our assistance. He commented that progress is being made in these programs, and gaps that have been identified will be brought to the attention of the country team. State is directing the field to include in its quarterly status report on the Internal Defense Plan highlights of progress on youth programs.

## 3. Report on the International Police Academy

The Group approved the concept as set forth in the AID memorandum for the establishment of the International Police Academy. Mr. Bell stated that AID is ready to take the necessary steps to establish the Academy.

Mr. Gilpatric raised a question on the utilization of the 20 military personnel provided by Defense for the Office of Public Safety. Mr. Bell commented that he believed they were being properly utilized but agreed to take the necessary steps to resolve this issue.

The Group emphasized the need for a public information plan to handle publicity on the International Police Academy. AID will coordinate this public information plan with USIA.

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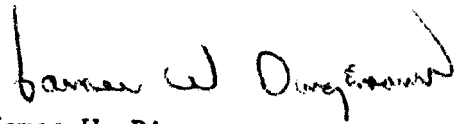
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Miscellaneous

A. There will be no meeting of the Special Group (CI) during the first week of July.

B. The JCS memorandum on "Reduction of Communist Influence Among Latin American Youth" was circulated to the members.



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