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30 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 September 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. Reinhardt (State), Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn,
Mr. Smith

1. Soviet Jamming of VOA

Mr. Gray reported that the President had told him that Mr. Khrushchev had stated that the Soviets would not continue to jam broadcasts of the Voice of America unless these broadcasts tried to denigrate the Soviet regime or to appeal to the people over the heads of their government. The President had directed that VOA try to avoid doing this. Nothing had been said about Radio Free Europe or Radio Liberty.

Mr. Gray went on to say that this information had been passed to Livingston Merchant to handle the State Department's responsibility in this connection, and that Ambassador Thompson had also played a part. He said that after the first meeting with Georgi Zhukov, Chairman of the State Committee for Cultural Relations, the VOA had been told to give attention to making its broadcasts more objective.

Mr. Washburn informed the Board that the Soviets were now jamming VOA broadcasts on a selective basis, e. g. they jammed Walter Robertson's anti-Chinese Communist speech at the UN.

2. Reappraisal of the Jackson Committee Report

Mr. Gray then told the Board that the President had decided that the report of the Jackson Committee, prepared in 1953, should be re-examined to assess its validity under current circumstances

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and to see what had been accomplished and what should be accomplished in accordance with its recommendations. The President wished to establish another committee somewhat along the lines of the Jackson group but he had not yet decided what its composition should be; he was leaning toward having the members come partly from the government and partly from outside. It is planned that the new committee will go into the substantive recommendations of the Jackson report but not those dealing with organization.

The President wishes to keep this matter on a secret basis, at least for the time being, because of the uncertainty as to the personnel that will comprise the committee and also in an effort to keep speculation out of the press.

3. Guidance Following Khrushchev's Visit

Mr. Harr expressed the opinion that general overall guidance which might affect current operations was needed in the aftermath of the Khrushchev visit. As an example, he cited the agreement with Turkey to establish IRBMs in that country and the problem which thus arises of whether or not to publicize the agreement. On this specific point, the Board felt it would be best not to publicize it.

The DCI said that in his opinion it would be difficult to establish firm guidance to cover every situation and that each case would probably have to be decided in the light of the peculiar circumstances pertaining to it, particularly bearing in mind the effect on our allies of any seeming change in U.S. policy.

4. Situation in Ceylon

The DCI gave the Board his assessment of the political situation in Ceylon following the assassination of Prime Minister Bandaranaike. Mr. Reinhardt agreed with the Director's assessment, adding a few comments of his own.

5. Visit of the Dalai Lama to the UN

Mr. Irwin told the Board that the Air Force had suggested making an airplane available to the Dalai Lama and his entourage to travel to the UN to present his case there. The Board was unanimous in feeling that no official U.S. involvement of this nature should be

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undertaken. As to the general financing of the trip, Mr. Dulles said that CIA is discussing the matter with the State Department, which under the circumstances appears to be the proper channel.

6. Request from Nepal for Airplanes

The DCI referred to the State Department cable from Katmandu outlining the request from the Prime Minister for some airplanes. He reported briefly on his conversation with Eric Boheman, now a director of the Scandinavian Airlines System, stating that the latter had indicated some interest in this situation. Mr. Boheman had referred particularly to the fact that SAS has recently acquired a controlling interest in Thai Airways and also that it had taken steps to consolidate maintenance and other facilities with Swissair and that KLM might join in this arrangement.

7. Project HOPE

Mr. Washburn said that the Advertising Council had agreed to support the idea of project HOPE and that Dr. Walsh and LIFE had received pledges of up to \$750,000 for the same purpose. (No ICA member was present for the discussion of this item.)



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