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29 October 1958

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 29 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Bradford (USIA), Gen. Cabell, Adm. Foster,  
Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Irwin,  
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Melbourne

1. Assumption of Power in Certain Countries by Military Elements

There was further discussion of this general subject, which had been talked about at last week's luncheon meeting. Mr. Herter suggested that an intelligence study be prepared which would list countries which might be susceptible in the reasonably near future to a takeover by military elements. General Cabell agreed that CIA would collaborate with State in the preparation of such a study. It was generally felt that the study should be made on a worldwide basis, including Latin America, and that it would not be profitable simply to list the countries, but that an exposition of varying factors would be required in each case. (It was agreed later that the study should include the possibility of coups by right wing civil elements, which would entail support by the military.)

Defense was asked to make an inventory of the contacts that U. S. military personnel maintain with foreign military officials.

2. Functions and Responsibilities of OCB

A somewhat inconclusive discussion then took place on the subject of the proper role of the OCB in proposing positive programs which involve previously unprogrammed funds, e. g. the civil aviation project which was scheduled for discussion at the open meeting to follow the lunch. A number of opposing points of view were expressed.

NSC review(s) completed.

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3. FBID Report

General Cabell distributed copies of the third monthly report prepared by FBID on "Soviet Broadcast Exploitation of U. S. Press Sources." He asked the members of the Board to consider whether or not these were valuable to them or to their staffs, and to be prepared to so inform the DCI or DDCI at next week's meeting.

4. Miscellaneous

Mr. Harr raised several points for discussion:

a. The U. S. should consider further propaganda exploitation of the announced Soviet intention to continue nuclear testing after October 31.

b. We should try to make propaganda capital out of the alternate-day shelling of the offshore islands by the Chinese, pointing out the callousness of the Communist attitude in this situation. (Mr. Bradford said that USIA was pushing this line.)

c. We should exploit the Soviet position on the award of the Nobel Prize to Boris Pasternak.



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