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20 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 20 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter,  
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Staats

1. Article in Saturday Evening Post

Mr. Sprague spoke about an article on our bases in Spain, which is scheduled to appear in the Saturday Evening Post's issue of 30 August. He pointed out that the writer had succeeded in extracting from military personnel in Spain some statements and philosophy as to the use which might be made of these bases in time of war. These statements could be interpreted as indicating a lack of regard on the part of the U. S. for the retaliation that might be directed against Spain should we launch nuclear attacks from bases in that country.

It was agreed that the results of the publication of this article can only be unfavorable to our foreign policy objectives, but there is nothing anyone can do about it at this stage. The hope was expressed that the mechanisms for future clearance for publication of this type of article might be somewhat tightened up.

2. U. S. Bases Overseas

The discussion then turned to the general subject of U. S. military bases abroad and the implications of their existence, with particular regard to the effect on host countries. It was agreed that communist and neutralist propaganda will continue to emphasize the view that the presence of U. S. bases will invite nuclear attack on the countries in which they are located and that this propaganda is bound to have some effect on local populations.

NSC review(s) completed.

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In this connection there was discussion of the desirability of recommending to the President that an analysis should be undertaken of possible alternatives to our overseas base system, with recognition of the possibility that certain elements of the base complex might be lost to us over the next few years.

3. Articles by Roscoe Drummond

Mr. Dulles told the group that he had had prepared a study of Soviet or Soviet-inspired fabrications of alleged U.S. documents over the past 18 months and that he had arranged with Roscoe Drummond, of the New York Herald Tribune, to make these data available to him for a newspaper series. Mr. Dulles said that Drummond had received this material enthusiastically and that he proposed to write a series of three articles, the first appearing on 22 August.

The group agreed that this constitutes an effective step toward nullifying the effect of Soviet bloc or UAR attempts to make propaganda capital out of Baghdad Pact and other documents.

4. Expansion of Terms of Reference of IAC Committee

With further reference to the Board discussions of 30 July and 6 August, the DCI reported that, as agreed, the Intelligence Advisory Committee had been asked to consider the expansion of the terms of reference of its East-West Exchanges committee, to include materiel as well as people. He said that the IAC had agreed to do this and that this action had been recorded in the official minutes, a copy of which he lent to Mr. Staats.

5. Publicity on the Attempted Lunar Satellite

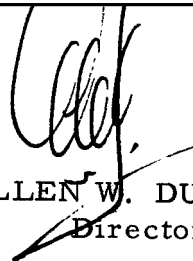
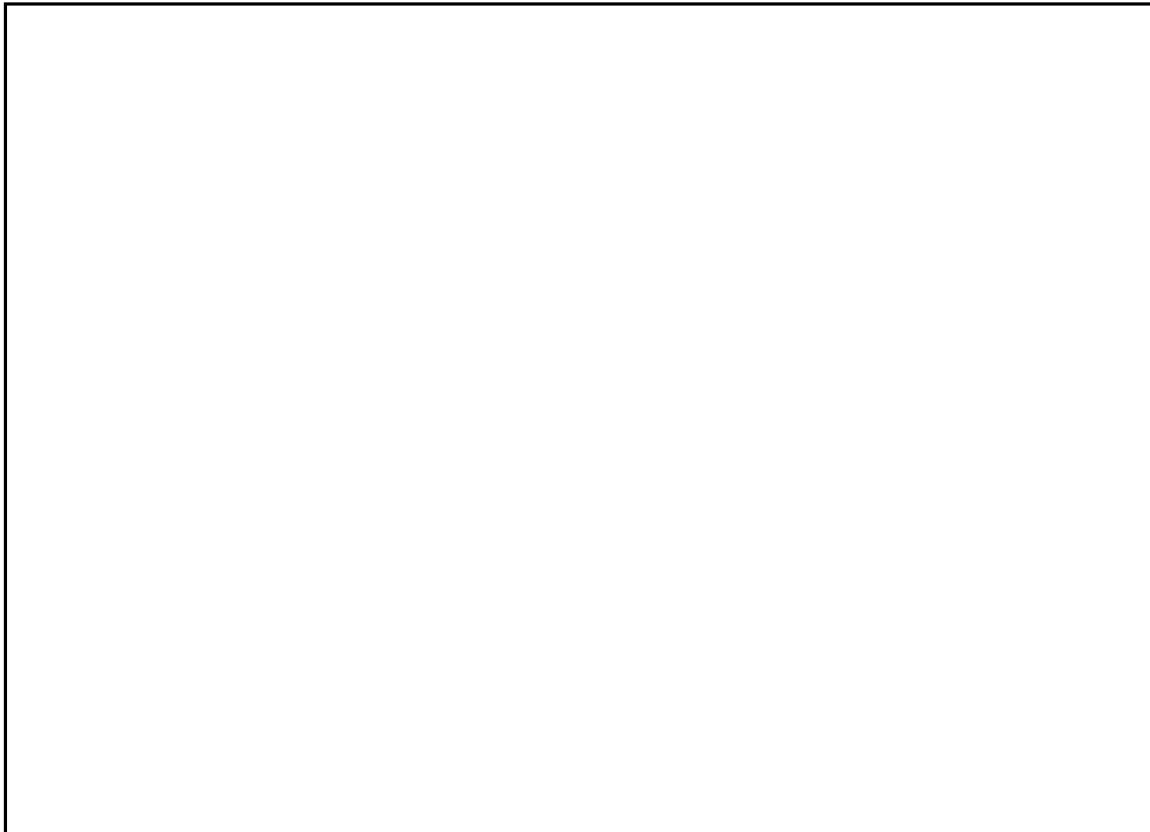
The Board then discussed once again the difficult situation posed by widespread publicity on satellite launching attempts, and

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other tests of this nature, with particular reference to the fanfare attending the unsuccessful lunar shot on 18 August. The only agreement was that this is a very difficult problem to control and there were no really constructive suggestions for effecting such control.

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