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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 30 September 1968

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Godfrey indicated that two Soviet units on the western Czechoslovak border are on the move, but where and for what purpose is unknown at this time.

Godfrey indicated that a memorandum has been prepared on Soviet policy in the Middle East, concentrating on Soviet diplomatic rather than military approaches and objectives.

Godfrey obtained the Director's concurrence in the elimination of the weekly publication The Situation in South Vietnam (Weekly).

D/ONE led a discussion on the revised text of NIE 11-8-68.

The Director advised that he discussed with Bromley Smith the Secret Service request for an Estimate on Mr. Nixon's impending trip to Mexico and feels on the basis of the discussion that ONE should proceed with the Estimate.

DD/S briefed on the bombing of the CIA recruitment office in Ann Arbor, noting that there was no warning beforehand and no injuries.

Carver observed that the USS New Jersey went into action yesterday just above the DMZ.

*Maury noted that there is no sign of life in the Henderson Subcommittee concerning the Ervin bill and that it appears to be a dead matter for this session. Maury inquired whether there should be follow-through in any case with Senator Ervin. The Director demurred for the time being, asking Maury to remind him of the issue periodically between now and the elections.

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*Maury advised that Senator Mundt has agreed to receive General Vang Pao next week. The Director asked that FE Division put together an appropriate briefing paper for Senator Mundt to serve as background on Vang Pao and Laos.

Maury reported that the Hardy Subcommittee has requested a written world briefing, concentrating particularly on Latin America. The Director concurred in the suggestion that Maury contact Congressman Hardy with a view toward handling the briefing orally rather than in writing.

*DDCI questioned whether our awards ceremonies do not lose a good deal of their effect by virtue of the fact that disparate awards are handed out before conglomerate audiences, thereby mitigating the possibility of publicly commenting in a meaningful way on various awards, particularly those arising from a sensitive operation. DD/S agreed to look into the matter.

DDCI queried whether there are in the relevant directorates publications review boards to examine the ongoing usefulness of various publications and was advised that there are.

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The Director noted that he spoke with Mr. McNamara on Saturday concerning the Kennedy memoir and that Mr. McNamara cannot recall for certain whether there are potential problems in the sections on CIA.

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