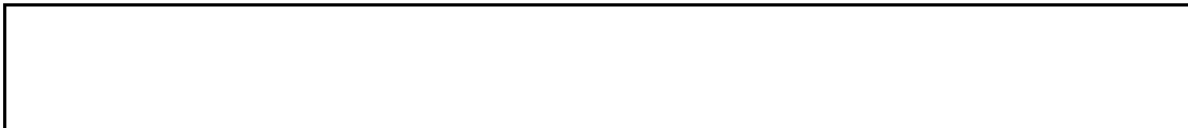


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 26 May 1969



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DD/I mentioned he has been advised that there will be no NSC meeting this or next week.

Godfrey noted that we had no advance information or warning on the coup in Sudan. He commented that the new government claims to have the support of all factions of the military. The Director asked who put the new government into power. Godfrey noted that we do not know but that it was probably a small, well-organized group, and the DD/P added that it appeared to be essentially a "colonels' coup."

Godfrey noted that Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Vaky asked for and received a memorandum on the situation in those remaining countries on Governor Rockefeller's itinerary. The President will be seeing Governor Rockefeller tomorrow, hence the requirement to prepare a second memorandum. He noted that, with the possible exception of Trinidad and Tobago, there is a strong possibility of violence in each of the remaining countries to be visited.

Mentioning the situation in Sudan, D/ONE noted that most of the reports we have received in the past have been from [redacted] the last of which saw no possibility of a change in government. Because of the Prime Minister's ill health, he observed that the coup may have been simply in response to the absence of government.

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D/ONE noted the requirement to prepare a memorandum on the Vietnam infiltration problem and the reasons for its reported decline. He said that they will be forwarding a working paper on the community's views through INR. DDCI asked whether the decline could be attributed to the enemy's having gone to "land lines." The Director and Godfrey

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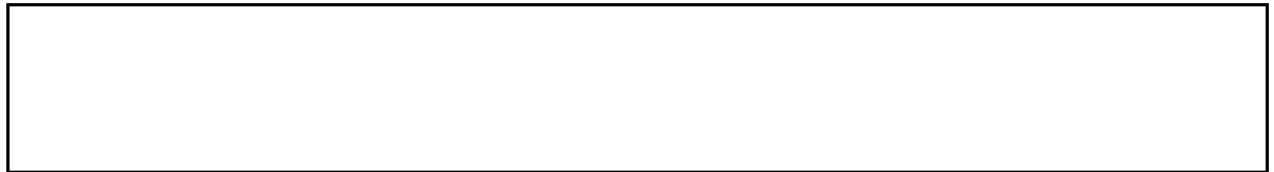
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noted that this is very much on their minds. Carver commented that a two-month lull in reporting on infiltration is not unprecedented.

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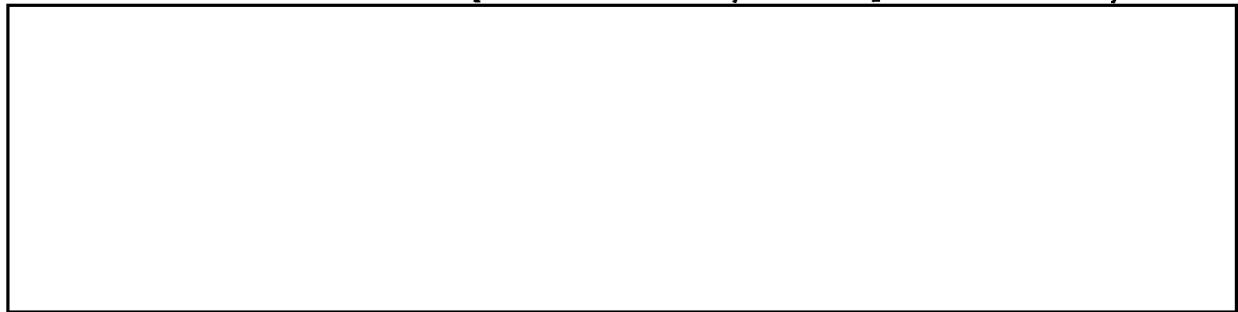
Carver reported that he will be seeing Deputy Secretary Packard today in lieu of Secretary Laird, who is out of the country.



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Maury reported that all arrangements have been completed for the Director's appearance before the Rivers Committee at 9 a. m. tomorrow. The Director commented that he will go directly to the hearing room and that Bruce Clarke can join him there.

Bross mentioned that Herbert D. Benington, Assistant Director of Defense Research and Development (Command and Control), had called to obtain a status report on our study of the quick readout system.



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DD/S&T mentioned a 303 agenda item involving controls over U-2 flights. The Director mentioned that, due to other demands on his time, there will be no 303 Committee meeting tomorrow.

The Director briefed on a call he received Friday from a New York Times editorial writer requesting an in-depth background on U. S. arms race policies and verification techniques. During the course of the conversation it became quite clear that the caller was privy to statements made by the DD/S&T in a closed session with Deputy Secretary Packard, Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, and ACDA Director Smith. The Director noted that he called each of these and their respective staff members.

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individuals, made it clear that we cannot tolerate such leaks, and emphasized that they have the effect of closing out options to the President. The Director asked each Executive Committee member to be extremely careful and circumspect in any conversations he may have on quality and effectiveness of verification systems. The Director asked that, if anyone is required to comment on such matters, he make it very clear that the Director has not made up his mind with respect to verification in support of arms control.



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