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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 4 April 1980

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Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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McMahon reported the following:

--The Soviets have invited the SRV to send astronaut candidates to join in the Soviet space program.

--State internal circulation of a notice re the rights and duties of its officials abroad to comment on third agency reports. While Mr. Carlucci did not see this as inimical to our interests, McMahon opined that this tactic is probably intended to "put CIA in a bottle."

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Lipton appealed to the Deputy Directors for their assistance in his preparation of a letter responding to OMB's requirement for a two percent cut in our operating budget, e.g., whether or not the cut should include such items as SIS bonuses. He asked specifically that DD's carefully review and respond to him today re a list of items he has circulated for their consideration. He noted further that prospects appear good for gaining most of our budget amendment request of [redacted] A brief discussion followed on our response strategy. Mr. Carlucci advised DD's to be forthcoming to Lipton's request particularly in regard to the impacts of a [redacted]

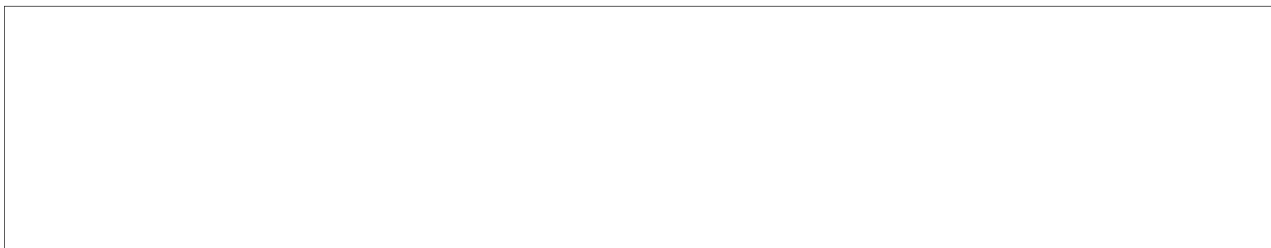
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Hetu called Mr. Carlucci's attention to a background briefing today for the news media on Afghanistan. Mr. Carlucci said he would discuss this with Hetu following the staff meeting. [redacted]

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Hetu said he has turned down a request from Mike Wallace (CBS) for a background briefing on nuclear proliferation relating specifically to Syria, Iraq, and Libya. [redacted]

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[redacted] said OLC is giving special attention to Senator Huddleston's decision expected sometime next week re charter--a mini-charter or a full charter. In response to a query from Mr. Carlucci, [redacted] said no one has information on the substance of what is being written by [redacted] staffers. Mr. Carlucci commented that the secretive efforts by [redacted] staff could have us facing a fait accompli--a sandbagging of our efforts. He went on to note a recent editorial by George Lardner which reported limited opportunity by CIA to express its views on FOIA. Mr. Carlucci said he does not want to raise a fuss over this if things are going our way, but if necessary, he is prepared to appear at any testimony that may be given by Assistant Attorney General Shenefield. Silver said he feels we can go along with DoJ's current position, however. [redacted]

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[redacted] said he has learned that bills not before the Senate by 15 May will not make it this year. Mr. Carlucci said we should thus move toward a floor strategy to include at least the Hughes-Ryan Amendment and FOIA. [redacted]

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[redacted] reported Representative Aspin is preparing a bill which would require review of publications and related works by friends as well as foes of CIA. [redacted]

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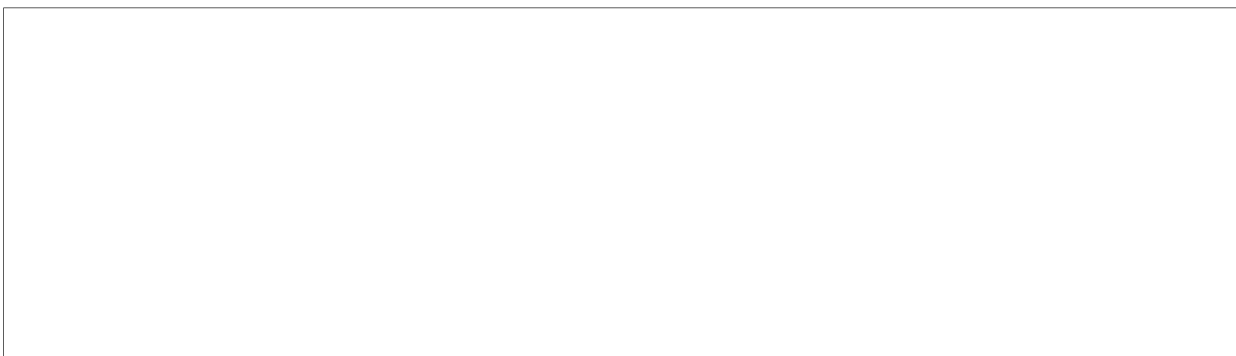
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Silver reported current work on the mini-charter has reduced its size from some 170 pages to 100 pages, but at this point he said the product is a non-starter. Relatedly, he noted the matter of publications review by CIA is becoming a nightmare with no simple solutions in sight. Hetu commented that of 33 manuscripts received for review thus far this year, 17 are from former DDO'ers. Lehman added that the reading of the Snepp decision by academics is having a negative impact on our ability to acquire the services of some academics as Agency consultants. [redacted]

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[redacted] offered Hetu and Silver his services if they can be useful re [redacted]. He said that he had worked with [redacted] years ago and is somewhat familiar with [redacted] Agency work experience in the Middle East. [redacted]

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Wortman announced a bureaucratic victory with GSA, i.e., the latter has agreed to grant CIA authority for space leasing up to [redacted] square feet per unit. He reported also the problem of [redacted] in some locations has been resolved, i.e., State has agreed with our proposal. Mr. Carlucci noted the agreement by State resulted in large measure from his discussions with Under Secretary Newsom who took a particular interest in the problem. [redacted]

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Dirks reported NPIC has turned over to GSA its "494" computer, a major computer whose lifetime ended at 13 years having responded to functions numbering into the trillions. Relatedly, Mr. Carlucci commented briefly on the Senate Budget Committee call for a 5 percent cut in administrative programs and that we should do some advance groundwork to avert unacceptable cuts, e.g., in travel. [redacted]

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