

24 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Group Meeting, 20 February 1964

PRESENT: Mr. Bundy, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Vance, and Mr. McCone.

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[The "Proposed Covert Funding of the Somali Parliamentary Elections" was approved by the Special Group.

The previously considered review program papers on France, Japan, Tibet, Taiwan, and China also were approved.]

The minutes of the Special Group meeting of 13 February 1964 were modified at the request of Mr. Vance in the following context: In paragraph one under "Cuba - Covert Activities," subheading Sabotage, the phrase "he fully supported the paper under discussion" has been substituted for "his attitude had turned to a harder line."

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28 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of the Special Group, 27 February 1964

PRESENT: Mr. Bundy, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Vance, and Mr. McCone.

Mr. Bruce Cheever was also present for Item 1.

1. Cuba

The Special Group approved the following infiltration/exfiltration and/or caching and resupply operations: Numbers 411, 3121, 415, 422, 431, 3126, 432, 423, 416, 433, 434, and 3122, with the proviso that in regard to Number 434, a double agent operation, the cache would contain money and medicine but no weapons in case the Cubans decide to terminate the operation and publicize the cache.

The four sabotage missions, specifically Numbers 414, 3111, 424, and 3119, were again placed in abeyance pending eventual resolution by higher authority of the entire problem of higher noise level operations.

2. Kenya

The Political Action Operation on Kenya was approved without discussion.


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1 May 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group, 30 April 1964

PRESENT: Mr. Bundy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Vance, ^{General Carter} and Mr. McCone.

Colonel J. C. King and Assistant Secretary of State Mann were present for Item 1.

Mr. Bruce Cheever and Mr. Theodore Shackley were present for Item 2. Assistant Secretary Mann was also present for Item 2.

1. The Chilean Situation 98

a. During a 35-minute discussion of the 4 September Chilean election, Assistant Secretary of State Mann and Colonel J.C. King outlined some of the problems and prospects for the Frei candidacy.

Colonel King, who had recently returned from Santiago, outlined some of the covert efforts planned or underway which included financial support to Frei, Italian CDU assistance, emphasis on the woman's vote, Catholic and labor union assistance, fragmentizing the opposition Socialist party, distribution of propaganda, and possible assistance from long-standing United States industrial interests.

b. Some of the obstacles faced by the democratic forces were underscored: the strong Chilean anti-clerical tradition, the unimpeded rise in the cost of living, the formidable outside support being afforded Allende, the political apathy of the military and the third man candidacy of Duran.

c. The Special Group decided: (a) that contact should be made with Ambassador Cole to urge his return for a visit in the coming weeks, (b) that talks with American business interests should proceed to determine the amount and method of their support, and (c) It was further decided that higher authority would be apprised of the closeness and importance of this Chilean election and that the Group itself would continue to review the problem in the coming weeks.]

2. The Current Cuban Operational Climate and the Proposed Operations for May 1964.

a. A 25-minute briefing was provided on Cuban operations by the Chief of CAS, Miami, Mr. Theodore Shackley. He gave a thorough summary of the policy framework in which programs have been established and provided detail on the techniques used to accomplish these missions. He enumerated successes achieved to date and indicated the types of difficulty encountered.

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The briefing was well received and members expressed the opinion that the session had been extremely useful.

b. The Special Group approved the proposed infiltration/exfiltration operations into Cuba during May 1964.

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3. Recruitment of Chinat Personnel for Maritime Operations of 34-A.

a. On the proposal to recruit Chinat personnel for maritime operations of 34-A, Mr. Vance and Mr. McCone were in favor and felt that enactment of the maritime program was long overdue. It was noted that the Ambassador had already registered approval. State, however, requested that the matter be held in abeyance until the return from Ottawa on 1 May of Alexis Johnson and Secretary of State Rusk. Mr. Hughes felt that the introduction of additional Chinese Nationalists into this theatre was not in accordance with existing policy. Mr. Bundy was of the opinion that the proposed temporary introduction of 64 persons for sea operations was not a significant number.

b. As the minutes were going to press on 1 May, the Secretary of the Special Group was informed by telephone that State Department agreement was obtained with the following proviso: That an intensive and high priority effort on training of South Vietnam Nationals be undertaken as rapidly as possible "for future maritime operations."

4. Action 29 - OPLAN 34-A

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Action 29, OPLAN 34-a, proposed by DOD was disapproved.]

5. Monthly Forecasts

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a. The NRO Monthly Forecast for May 1964 was approved.

b. The JRC Monthly Forecast for May 1964 was approved.]


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