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25 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 25 November 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,  
Mr. Irwin, Mr. Reinhardt, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn,  
Mr. Smith

1. Death of Bandera

The Board discussed the circumstances surrounding the recent death in Munich of Stefan Bandera, the Ukrainian emigre leader. It was pointed out that this death, which was ostensibly a suicide, might well have been the result of action by Soviet agents or others hostile to Bandera and his movement. Mr. Dulles mentioned the current investigation of the apparent plot to poison employees of RFE and suggested that it might be worth investigating both of these incidents more closely to see if there were any connection between the two.

2. Committee to Consider the Jackson Report

Mr. Gray informed the group that a certain former Government official who was recently offered the position of chairman of the committee to re-examine the report of the old Jackson Committee was still considering the offer and that he had promised Mr. Gray his decision by 30 November. It was also noted that C. D. Jackson would be a member of the committee and that although both Philip Reed and Sigurd Larson had been suggested, it probably would represent duplication in terms of background and experience to have both of them on the committee.

It was agreed that although the committee should be basically composed of private citizens, the agencies directly concerned - State, Defense, USIA and CIA - should be represented in some way. The DCI suggested that individuals from these agencies might be considered as ad hoc members and that in any case they should be available to give testimony. He did not particularly press this point, however.

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3. Meeting of Ambassadors with OCB Committees

Mr. Dulles then suggested that the Board might wish to consider establishing a procedure for having returning Chiefs of Missions meet with appropriate OCB groups in order to make their specialized information available as widely as possible. He emphasized that it was not his intention in making the suggestion to require these officials to meet with a number of different groups, but rather the suggestion was that the appropriate Working Group and the Board Assistants could perhaps be combined in one meeting for the purpose of discussing outstanding problems with the returnee.

4. Story by Fulton Lewis

The next subject which was discussed briefly had to do with a column by Fulton Lewis in which he adverted once again to the Bartholomew case, involving a former employee of RFE, about which Lewis had written and spoken extensively a year or so ago. The latest column reviewed the alleged involvement of Edward Page, then Consul General in Munich and now Minister-Designate to Bulgaria.

5. Protection of Nicaro Nickel Company

Mr. Harr stated that GSA Administrator Floete felt strongly that measures should be taken to protect the Nicaro Nickel Company properties in Cuba. Mr. Harr said that a project of this kind presents certain difficulties, in that the company is owned by the U.S. Government.

6. Cuba

The discussion then turned to a general review of conditions in Cuba. Mr. Dulles commented that he had been informed of a proposal by U.S. sugar interests that a part of the differential between the price to Cuban producers and the world price of sugar be set aside to recompense U.S. citizens who are victims of expropriation procedures.

7. Situation in Panama

Mr. Reinhardt reported briefly on Mr. Merchant's mission to Panama. It was acknowledged that despite Mr. Merchant's best efforts the situation could well lead to anti-American demonstrations,

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particularly on the 28th of November, the anniversary of Panama's independence from Spain. It was noted that, perhaps in preparation for such demonstrations, a number of Panamanians have been transiting the Canal Zone.

8. U.S. Hockey Team in the USSR

Some members of the Board commented on the mediocre record of the American hockey team which recently played in the Soviet Union. It was pointed out that the Soviet athletes would certainly be classed as professionals in this country and that we should consider <sup>in</sup> future contests of this kind sending either really first-class amateur teams, or possibly even out-and-out professional teams, in order to make a reasonable showing.

  
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