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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ExCom Meeting -- 2 April 1969

Present were: Packard, Dubridge, Helms, Foster, Flax
and McLucas

1. STG - Several members expressed interest in reading the black part of the report before it goes forward.

2. Budget - Question asked by Dubridge -- do we have a budget problem -- answered by Packard, no.

3. [   ] - Dubridge still very interested.

4. Classification - Dubridge wants to know if we shouldn't revise guidelines since NASA astronauts now get pictures better than 0.1 milliradians.

5. Dr. Land - suggestion made to invite him to ExCom meeting. Agreed to do so.

John L. McLucas

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Issue: What should be the level and extent of OSD participation in the

activity of the NRP Executive Committee?

Policy:

      An NRP Executive Committee, consisting of the Deputy
Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence,
and the Special Assistant to the President for Science and
Technology, is hereby established to guide and participate
in the formulation of the NRP through the DNRO. (The
DNRO will sit with the Executive Committee but will not
be a voting member.) If the Executive Committee can not
agree on an issue the Secretary of Defense will be requested
to sit with the Committee in discussing this issue and will
arrive at a decision....

      The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of either
the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central
Intelligence. All meetings will be attended by the DNRO and
such staff advisors as the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the
Director of Central Intelligence consider desirable.

                    (From August 11, 1965 DOD/CIA
                    Agreement for Reorganization of
                    the NRP)

Practice: Attendance (by "other" than principal and ex officio members)

at NRP ExCom meetings has followed this pattern:

In number --

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7	6	9	6	8	11	10	9	10	9	11	10	12	12	14	16

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By organization represented --

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
OSD	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	5	6
CIA	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
WH	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
BOB	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
NRO	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	5	4	3

In early meetings:

1. Attendance by "other" than principal and ex officio members was strictly limited to

    a. those personal staff advisors to ExCom principals;

    b. those directly participating in the presentation of agenda item material.

2. OSD staff support to the DepSecDef was provided by DDR&E and ASD (Comptroller) through

    a. restricted pre-briefing sessions;

    b. actual attendance as advisors at formal meetings of ExCom.

Discussion: Staff support from both the ODDR&E and OASD (Comptroller) elements is considered essential. However, actual attendance at the

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ExCom meetings by representatives of these elements should probably be limited to the principals, i.e. the DDR&E and the ASD (Comptroller). The staffing of agenda items could most effectively be accomplished in a pre-briefing for these principal representatives; as could any additional staffing required for particular agenda items by other elements of the OSD.

Attendance at formal pre-briefing sessions for the DepSecDef and ExCom meetings should probably be restricted to the DNRO, his Comptroller and Staff Director, the DDR&E and the ASD (Comptroller).

Attendance of all others should be limited to those individuals actually participating (briefings, presentations, etc) on ExCom agenda items and then only for those specifically designated agenda items.

Debriefings of ExCom activity and decisions could be accomplished through controlled dissemination of the minutes and further discussions among the principal (attending) representatives and their staff elements.

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