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June 17, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING  
COMMITTEE (ICPC)SUBJECT: Minutes of the June 14, 1971 Meeting of the  
Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee

A meeting of the NRP Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee, Dr. F. Robert Naka, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, presiding as Chairman, was convened on June 14, 1971 at 3 p.m. The following committee members, working group members, and advisors were present:

Committee MembersAmbassador Wymberley DeR Coerr, State Department  
[REDACTED]Alternate Committee Members[REDACTED] USN; JCS/JRC  
Mr. Leslie Dirks, CIACommittee Advisors

Maj. Gen. Henry L. Hogan, III, SAFOI

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SecretariatCol. David D. Bradburn, Director, NRO Staff  
[REDACTED], NRO StaffOthers[REDACTED], State Department  
Lt. Col. Gordon Bass, DIA  
Mr. Charles Murphy, NRO Staff(b)(1)  
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Lt. Col. James F. Finkle, NRO Staff

Maj. Harold S. Coyle, Jr., NRO Staff

Maj. Raymond D. Rose, NRO Staff

[redacted], Secretary to Acting Chairman

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Dr. Naka opened the meeting, explaining that he was serving as Chairman because a conflict had developed today on Dr. McLucas' schedule. Dr. Naka said that since the ICPC meeting in March the Working Group had met and generated a plan which had been coordinated and was to be approved today. He explained that the plan addressed two possible world situations when Russia might attempt to intercept one of our satellites--during peace and during crisis. In peacetime, the instruction to the DNRO is to permit Russia to shoot down one of our satellites. We then consider what our next action should be. In a time of crisis, if the satellite collection is sufficiently important, the DNRO may be instructed by the Secretary of Defense or higher authority to make a maneuver, in which case the NRO should do so.

Dr. Naka asked if there were any general comments, stating that he would poll the members.

[redacted] said the DIA supported the recommendations of the Working Group in that they provide for procedures by the NRO for maneuvering and use subject to approval by the Secretary of Defense and/or higher authority. This acknowledges the fact that we would probably lose the first intercepted satellite.

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Ambassador Coerr commented that the State Department concurs in the plan.

Dr. Naka announced that the White House had concurred in the plan. (A call was received from Mr. Chapin's office on June 11.)

The Chairman then proceeded to poll the remaining members of the ICPC.

Mr. Dirks concurred for the Central Intelligence Agency. He then stated that he was unclear as to whether this action set wheels in motion to maneuver at a later date. It was explained that the plan to maneuver could be implemented on

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Ambassador Coerr said the State Department concurs with the plan although Ambassador Johnson, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, had not yet been consulted. He added that, as stated on page 6 of the plan, a crisis situation must remain undefined. The Chairman said that if Ambassador Johnson had comments an amendment could be added to the plan later.

[redacted] said that JCS/JRC agrees with the plan essentially as written. He commented, however, that a maneuver might affect our "national means" of verification as stated in the SALT agreement. Major Coyle assured him that the wording of the SALT agreement has taken this into account.

Dr. Naka then polled the ICPC Advisors.

General Hogan of SAFOI said he had been away and had not had an opportunity to review the paper but he had heard nothing with which he disagreed. He suggested that he might review the document immediately after the meeting. (Later, General Hogan concurred in the document as written.)

In response to Dr. Naka's polling the Working Group members present, Lt. Colonel Bass of DIA said his comments had been reflected by [redacted] of the NRO Staff said he agreed with the plan and stated that the CIA member of the Working Group also agreed with it.

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The members were unanimous in their opinion that the plan displayed an excellent effort by the Working Group.

At 3:18 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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- 5 [redacted], DIA
- 6 Maj. Gen. Henry L. Hogan, III; SAFOI
- 7 [redacted], State Department
- 8 [redacted] CIA
- 9 Lt. Col. Gordon Bass, DIA
- 10 [redacted] ASD/PA
- 11 [redacted], NRO Staff

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