

EXCERPTS FROM "MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD" BY L.B. KIRKPATRICK ON SUBJECT OF "Meeting with the President's Board of Consultants, 27 Sep 57, 10:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m." Friday

2. Mr. Bissell opened the presentation by a brief description of recent AQUATONE activities, including areas covered, problems encountered, and the development of [redacted] Upon completion of this, the Board recessed to the adjoining room where Mr. Lundahl briefed them on the latest photographs. At the conclusion of this briefing, the Director added a few words indicating that he had been required to get clearance on an urgent basis for one operation, which he had succeeded in doing. The DCI then reported briefly on the [redacted] operation, illustrating a clandestine success. He added that on the basis of the evidence, which was of course not conclusive, we may have overestimated Soviet heavy bomber capacity as few BISONs were seen. he also went on to say that he knew that the Board was concerned with the TSS problem, and that he was pleased to report that Mr. Bissell had agreed to take over TSS. At 12:10 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch."

"23. Dr. Killian said that the Board would like to discuss with the DCI, on Saturday, ^{28 Sep} the problem of 'Strategic Intelligence in Relation to Early Warning,' also the relation of the AQUATONE project to the Advanced Reconnaissance Satellite, and the overload on the communications network. Dr. Killian said that he was also very concerned with the problem of awakening the country to increased Soviet strength."

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"4. The Director then went on to discuss the coordination of AQUATONE with the Advanced Reconnaissance Satellite. He stated that we had been in close touch with the development of the satellite and had, in fact, put some money into the Navy project. He said that it had not yet been considered in the IAC. Dr. Killian said that he considered the satellite program a peripheral project and that it should be evaluated in intelligence terms. He believes that the intelligence community should review this problem and the related question of how it might be affected by [redacted] He pointed out that [redacted] might well diminish the importance of the satellites. The DCI pointed out that we had no very definite way of knowing what paths the satellites would take and therefore what areas would be photographed. (On 30 September ^{Monday} General Cassidy called the undersigned to state that Dr. Killian had requested that this matter not be discussed with the IAC at the present time.)"

"10. ... Dr. Killian suggested that the Land Committee be asked to study the problem of clandestine crypto procurement. He also suggested that this Committee get into the whole area of [redacted]."

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