MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

30 December 1969

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the 303 Committee, 23 December 1969

PRESENT: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Johnson, and General Cushman. Mr. Packard was out of the city.

Mr. Thomas Karamessines and Mr. Wymberley DeR. Coerr were also present.

Aerial Reconnaissance of South China

a. The Chairman informed the members that on 8 December 1969 higher authority had authorized four more 147T drone reconnaissance overflights of South China. However, because of the coinciding Chinese Communist approach for resumption of the Warsaw Talks, he had spoken to higher authority and it had been agreed that these flights would not be implemented for the time being.

b. The Chairman requested General Cushman to provide an up-to-date intelligence justification for drone overflights of South China which General Cushman undertook to do in coordination with the Department of Defense.

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