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Noted by the
Under Secretary
of the Air Force

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Breakfast Meeting, Friday, October 2

Mel Laird was absent and Jammie Philpott substituted for Don Bennett. The Service chiefs were present.

I took extensive, somewhat illegible notes which are attached. The salient points of interest to the NRO were:

1. Dave Packard suggested we brief Secretary Rogers and two of his undersecretaries. For example, could the cease-fire have been timed better than midnight August 7? Hal Bowen agreed to pull the briefing together. (Later I told Hal I would do the briefing--although you may wish to--and Noel said he would brief on NSA.)

2. Dave said they were holding information on Cuba down because the President hadn't decided what to do and we might be able to get the Russians to back down.

3. Rocky Triantafellu put in a plea for the modification of Shenva radar and the Cobra Amber aircraft. He asked who was responsible for it overall. Dave Packard said it was all a motley crew and perhaps the NRO should do the job. I smiled.

4. Joe McChristian felt our collection against the [redacted] but still fairly poor. He said he could not get USIB to support an early launch of CORONA. Fritz Harlfinger pointed out our shortcomings in [redacted]. He said the collection mechanism through USIB is cumbersome. I told him that we

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might be able to help on SIGINT if he came directly to us, but that PHOTINT collection was scheduled on the most economical basis--the factory-to-pad concept. At the same time, I pointed out that the cumbersome USIB procedure was desirable because we did not want to be in the position of adjudicating Service intelligence priorities.


F. Robert Naka

Attachments
Oct. 2 Agenda
Notes

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