MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Intelligence Breakfast of Friday, October 12

It was reported that at the subject meeting Dr. Schlesinger expressed concern that the Agency U-2s had been deployed to
for any approval by his office. He said that he
been notified of the action until it was completed and
that he would assure that it did not happen again. He further
expressed the opinion that it was the wrong kind of equipment
and it was my interpretation of his remarks that he meant that
SIGINT gear should have been sent.

On three occasions, within a few minutes after the actions
were decided, I personally contacted Brig. General Wickham with
information relative to the deployment. The first case was to
inform him of the departure time of the first U-2 for
the second occasion resulted in my talking to Brig.
Taylor as I could not contact General Wickham, I apprised
him that no landing rights in
been approved and,
therefore, the U-2 would not depart. The third contact was to
inform General Wickham for Dr. Schlesinger of the departure
times of the two U-2s and the suppo
each case, I
passed any additional information available relative to the
planned deployment.

Ordinarily, the Deputy Secretary of Defense and you sign
off on a black book approving such a deployment. However, in
the past this has been circumvented if the Secretary of the
40 Committee, representing the President, gave orders to deploy.
This is the case that in fact prevailed in this instance. An
additional anomaly is that the aircraft officially deployed
under the SCOPE SAINT practice deployment plan particularly to
facilitate landing approvals in
this deployment had
already been approved through nor
It was planned
that if deployments to the Middle East were ordered or requested,
a black book would be circulated in the normal fashion whether
it was before the fact in the case of a request or after the
fact in the case of a directive.
After being informed of Dr. Schlesinger's statements, I checked with General Wickham who assured me that Dr. Schlesinger had been informed. I further checked with Dr. Schlesinger's secretary, Evelyn, to insure that correspondence did not go out of the office with such statements in it unless it was assured that it was Dr. Schlesinger's intention to do so in spite of the information that was available in his office.

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