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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on UN Activities

Colonel Gerald M. Adams, JCS representative to the United Nations, presented a short briefing on September 24, 1970, outlining activities planned to be taken up in the United Nations sessions this fall. His briefing specifically covered those activities of interest to the Air Force which are listed in the attached printed agenda. Of special interest to us are his comments on activities pertaining to outer space. Colonel Adams remarked that there were many significant actions being discussed in this area but found almost no one in the military who was interested or concerned or knowledgeable. I explained that we were very concerned and asked him for a private session following the general briefing.

Colonel Adams is cleared SI, TK. Thus we were able to explain to him that we were very concerned and why we were concerned with activities in space being discussed before the United Nations. Lt Colonel Lawrence McCarthy, who accompanied Colonel Adams to our office, explained that indeed the NRO has had substantive comments in the past which were reflected in documents to the United Nations.

Colonel Adams voiced his personal concern over some of the events currently taking place with respect to space technology. For example, he stated there is presently a library at the United Nations filled with technical information on space which has been furnished by the United States. He expressed concern also over current NASA and State Department proposals for cooperation in space. He referred to the speech by President Nixon before the General Assembly

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in 1969, and said that the State Department and NASA have taken this as a charter to proceed at what he feels is a much faster pace than had been indicated. There is a Mr. Thatcher assigned to the US mission at the United Nations, who is responsible for many of the United States position papers on space matters. Mr. Thatcher is, we understand, a former CIA employee now employed by State Department and does understand the fact of satellite reconnaissance. This does not, however, keep him from proposing items for discussion which we feel are very sensitive. Mr. Thatcher appears to work unilaterally and resents questions from Colonel Adams, which he feels are interfering with his work. Thus, Colonel Adams feels constrained in working with Mr. Thatcher and making suggestions to him.

We assured Colonel Adams of our continuing interest in all matters pertaining to space which are discussed by the United Nations. We solicited his assistance in making sure that we are informed on important matters and asked him to send us appropriate messages and documents so that we might be informed, and so that we might make appropriate inputs. He assured us that he would do this to the extent of his ability.

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Twenty-fifth session

AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Adopted by the General Assembly at its 1843rd plenary meeting,
on 18 September 1970

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Liberia.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
6. Election of Vice-Presidents.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. General debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
14. Report of the International Court of Justice.
15. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
16. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council.
17. Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council.
18. Election of fifteen members of the Industrial Development Board.
19. Election of fourteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.
20. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General.
21. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.
22. The situation in the Middle East.
23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
24. Special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
25. (a) Question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction:
 - (b) Marine pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects which might arise from the exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Views of Member States on the desirability of convening at an early date a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (d) Question of the breadth of the territorial sea and related matters.
26. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
27. Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.
28. Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.
29. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.
30. Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: report of the Secretary-General.
31. Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
32. Consideration of measures for the strengthening of international security: report of the Secretary-General.
33. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.
34. The policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies

- of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa.
35. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Commissioner-General.
 36. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations.
 37. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: report of the Trade and Development Board.
 38. United Nations Industrial Development Organization:
 - (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director.
 39. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director.
 40. Operational activities for development:
 - (a) Activities of the United Nations Development Programme: reports of the Governing Council;
 - (b) Activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.
 41. United Nations Capital Development Fund.
 42. Second United Nations Development Decade.
 43. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment: report of the Secretary-General.
 44. Question of the establishment of an international university: report of the Secretary-General.
 45. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources: report of the Secretary-General.
 46. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Secretary-General.
 47. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General.
 48. Housing, building and planning: report of the Secretary-General.
 49. Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance: report of the Secretary-General.
 50. Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity: report of the Secretary-General.
 51. Freedom of information:
 - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
 - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
 52. Question of the elderly and the aged.
 53. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination:
 - (a) International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of apartheid and segregation in southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, submitted under article 9
 - of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
 - (d) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General.
 54. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance:
 - (a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;
 - (b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
 55. Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development: report of the Secretary-General.
 56. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: report of the Secretary-General.
 57. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
 58. Technical assistance in the field of narcotics: report of the Secretary-General.
 59. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General.
 60. The importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights.
 61. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
 62. Question of Namibia:
 - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
 - (c) Establishment of a United Nations Fund for Namibia;
 - (d) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.
 63. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration:
 - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.

64. Question of Southern Rhodesia: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
65. Question of Fiji: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
66. Question of Oman: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
67. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
68. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations:
 - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
69. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General.
70. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
71. Financial reports and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1969 and reports of the Board of Auditors:
 - (a) United Nations;
 - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
 - (c) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
 - (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
 - (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
72. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1970.
73. Budget estimates for the financial year 1971.
74. Planning estimate for the financial year 1972.
75. Pattern of conferences: report of the Secretary-General.
76. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
77. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
78. Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency:
 - (a) Allocations from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (b) Allocations from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme.
79. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
80. Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
81. Publications and documentation of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
82. Personnel questions:
 - (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Other personnel questions.
83. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
84. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-second session.
85. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States.
86. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its third session.
87. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression.
88. Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations.
89. Amendment to Article 22 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Seat of the Court) and consequential amendments to Articles 23 and 28.
90. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General.
91. Progressive development and codification of the rules of international law relating to international water-courses.

92. Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly.
93. Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2456 B (XXIII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).
94. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security.
95. The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States.
96. Review of the role of the International Court of Justice.
97. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.
98. Question of Korea:
 - (a) Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations;
 - (b) Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea;
 - (c) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.