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THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING, 9:15 a.m. (Friday)

Mr. Ball presided.

1. INR - Mr. Hughes - Concerning the U.S. attachés' return to Moscow, Mr. Ball thought we should make sure the press has the right story and Mr. Greenfield said that we had denied that they were returning only briefly.

Negative press reactions to the Grewe visit have come in from Europe.

CIA reports a French underground nuclear test to occur in the Sahara in November.

Douglas-Home has brought the ChiCom question into the British election campaign saying that ostracism is no answer.

The Muslim League in Pakistan has had meetings attended by Ayub in which charges of US and Indian covert support to the opposition have been made. The subject has also appeared in the press.

NEWSWEEK was planning a story on discord over CIA activities in Viet Nam but Mr. Greenfield said that it was "under control."

The ChiComs have passed out reports that they will explode an atomic bomb either before or after the end of October.

Castro reacted irrationally and with threats to shoot down a U-2 when he learned in the presence of the Canadian Ambassador of attachment of Cuban assets in Quebec by Canadian air line.

2. EUR - Mr. Tyler - The West German press played down and thus far the communist press has not mentioned yesterday's FRG cabinet meeting in Berlin. Foreign policy will be debated in the Bundestag next week.

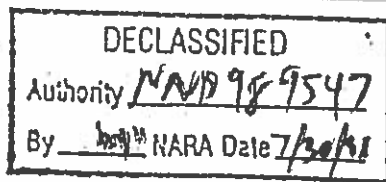
3. IO - Mr. Sisco - The Security Council meets today to recommend Malawi membership. Later Zambia and Malta will bring the total to 115.

Pressure is building up for postponement of the Article 19 issue and the SYG and Secretariat are talking about a Johnson-Khrushchev meeting to resolve it.

4. AF - Mr. Williams - Kenneth Kaunda is coming to the U.S. November 14-16 and wants to see the President.

A - Mr. Porter

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5. A - Mr. Porter - Budget Bureau hearings begin next week, but only CU and IO assistant secretaries are involved.

6. ARA - Mr. Adams - Indications are fairly definite that a Cuban landing of unknown size occurred in Venezuela. US surveillance flights will be maintained after this evening as search operations for psychological reasons. We are urging the Venezuelans to take note of the Cuban formation of a committee to liberate Venezuela.

Ambassador Bunker is hopeful that an OAS meeting will be possible soon on admission of new members.

7. E - Mr. Johnson - Among steps to salvage the coffee agreement situation, we have obtained Customs' cooperation in voluntarily reporting coffee imports and certain exports to the international coffee bureau.

8. Governor Harriman - Bill Jordan is following up statements between the Secretary and Shastri on the Indian atomic capability.

As a result of discussion at the Assistant Secretaries' meeting, a committee has been formed to work out government-wide policy on ChiCom advances, especially in Africa.

9. P - Mr. Greenfield - The UPI editors' meeting recently decided to make one more try for Pak compensation in the closing of UPI offices before going to court.

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