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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING, 9:15 a.m. (Monday)

The Under Secretary presided.

1. INR - (Mr. Hughes)

Bochum Observatory has reported there may be a second Soviet spacecraft in orbit, judging by signals they have received. Ambassador Thompson asked what our plans were for a congratulatory message. At a later stage in the meeting, Mr. Phillips (P) asked for guidance on what we should say about the Soviet space feat, and the Under Secretary asked Mr. Read (S/S) to see what had been done on earlier occasions.

Mr. Hughes said there was a report that Khrushchev had warned Sukarno about the increasing activity of the Indonesian Communist party.

The Chinese Communists are going to some lengths to deny that they have notified other governments of an imminent nuclear test.

The Cyprus Parliament will debate the question of U.S. installations on the Island.

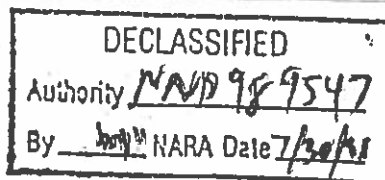
There is a report that Khrushchev has ordered his Ambassadors in Africa to gather evidence of Chicom activity there, which he will use in a presentation to the December International Communist Conference.

The Canadians wish to reduce the number of their military personnel in Southeast Asia, and are sending a five-man mission to a number of countries in the area to see whether the number cannot be cut by about half.

2. EUR - (Mr. Tyler)

The West German Government has informed us that the inclusion of West Berlin in the Test Ban Treaty will be made by

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formal deposit of the document of ratification in Moscow some-time this month.

3. IO - (Mr. Cleveland)

U Thant has said it might be necessary to postpone the General Assembly because of U.S. and Soviet intransigence over the assessments issue.

IO will begin consultations this week within the Department on our strategy for the General Assembly; expand these to inter-government consultations next week; and undertake international consultations during the last week in October. The Non-Aligned Conference resolution is a good road map to the General Assembly.

On the Chicom admission issue, we are probably within three or four votes of losing a simple majority, and may have to consider tying it to other issues, e.g. SEA, and perhaps proposing that the matter be referred to a study committee in order to defer General Assembly consideration for an additional year.

4. H - (Mr. Lee)

Bureau of Budget is asking for a decision on the Cuban assets legislation. The Under Secretary said this had been worked out and the alternatives would be presented to the President when he returns to Washington.

5. S/P - (Mr. Rostow)

UN admission of the CPR and the SEA problems, as well as MLF, were the principle subjects of interest at the recent APAG meeting.

6. S/AL - (Ambassador Thompson)

SCI and INR might work up a report on the most recent Pugwash Conference, which took positions at variance with U.S. policy, e.g.,

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on MLF, to see whether our scientists are being used in a way which might incline us to change our official attitude toward these conferences. Mr. Kretzmann (SCI) said such a report was now being typed.

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