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Saturday, February 18, 1967
9:00 a.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith the records in our minutes of meetings of the 303 Committee (and its predecessor group, 5410 Committee) which refer to CIA connection with support for youth and student groups. The first such reference is 25 February 1959; the last is 3 December 1964.

Those present at the meetings are noted.

You should know that the basic work of the 303 Committee is to examine new programs; although, in the period I have been here, I have asked for reexamination of certain programs when current issues arose.

Clark Clifford's committee may be more deeply engaged in studying the whole of the CIA program; although I am not sure about this.

W. W. Rostow

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February 23, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Mr. Secretary:

Here is the chronology of 303 briefings on Youth and Student Activities which was referred to by the President at the luncheon meeting yesterday.

When it has served its purpose, I would appreciate it being returned to me.

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Chronology of Briefings of 303 Committee on Youth and Student Activities

a. 25 February 1959 Minutes

"The DCI pointed out to the Group that there are a number of Agency programs under way which began before the approval of NSC 5412/2 and thus the establishment of the Special Group."

Members present were: Christian Herter, Gordon Gray, Mr. Irwin, Allen Dulles, Richard Bissell

b. 4 March 1959 Minutes

"The DCI showed the Group the summary of actions approved by it since its inception. Mr. Dulles repeated what he had said at last week's meeting to the effect that this summary represents only the individual actions taken by the Special Group and that some of them have since been incorporated in continuing CIA programs." (We do have the summary referred to here; it does not include

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Members present were: Christian Herter, Gordon Gray, Mr. Irwin, Allen Dulles

c. 14 February 1961 Minutes

"Mr. Dulles, assisted by Mr. Bissell, then summarized for the benefit of the new members of the Special Group the specific actions taken by the predecessor group during the past year, and also a list of significant projects which antedate the beginning of 1960 and which it is planned to continue." (We do have the list mentioned; it includes

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Members present were: Messrs. McNamara, Gilpatric, Bowles, Bundy, Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Bissell

d. 24 August 1961 Paper read by the Special Group reviewing CA Operations

"Youth and Student Organizations. A program designed to oppose the international communist fronts in the youth and student field, the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) and the International Union of Students (IUS). To this end, CIA supports

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and works [redacted]

[redacted] to preserve youth movements from communist leadership and to gain support of youth organizations from communist leadership and to gain support of youth organizations and potential political leaders for Western causes. "

Members present at 31 August 1961 meeting were: General Taylor, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Dulles, General Lansdale

e. 12 December 1963 Minutes

"Mr. McCone stated that he agreed, and in addition to the continuing reviews made inside CIA and with the State Department, he had reviewed all of the covert action programs twice with higher authority. Mr. Alexis Johnson also affirmed that constant reviewing was being done in the Department of State and that he was satisfied with the importance and necessity of the covert action activities currently undertaken by CIA." (We have the briefing outline used by the DDP on covert political action and PM projects. Mr Meyer covered "all other covert action" but no outline is available. It is likely that he covered Youth and Student activities.)

Members present were: Mr. Bundy, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gilpatric, and Mr. McCone. Present from Bureau of the Budget were Mr. Gordon, Mr. Staats, Mr. Hansen and Mr. Amory. Present from CIA were Mr. Helms, Mr. Meyer, [redacted]

f. 30 October 1964 Minutes

"Covert Relations [redacted] (a) Mr. Meyer made an oral presentation of the Agency's covert relations [redacted] in response to the request by Mr. Bundy made on 10 September 1964. Mr. Meyer outlined the types [redacted] dealt with: [redacted]

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He outlined the necessity of these mechanisms to lend a nonattributable basis to many covert actions and the complexities involved. [redacted]

[redacted] (Mr. Meyer states that he briefed the Committee along argumentation in [redacted] "Funding Covert Operations", to the DCI from Chief, CA and believes that Youth and Student activities in this context were probably mentioned.)

Members present were: Mr. Bundy, Ambassador Thompson, Mr. Vance, Mr. McCone and Mr. Meyer

g. 3 December 1964 Minutes

"World Youth Festival - The CIA paper entitled, "Program of Covert Counteraction against the 9th World Youth Festival, Algiers, August 1965," was approved promptly. Mr. McCone noted that the site of this event would produce more difficulties than those encountered in the relatively friendlier areas of Helsinki and Vienna. Mr. Bundy observed that he was personally acquainted with the considerable educative impact on young Americans participating in this type of confrontation with a Communist organization, a useful by-product to an important effort." (The paper referred to does not detail the instruments available to CIA to carry out the covert action. It implies the use of democratic youth and student organizations.)

Members present were: Mr. Bundy, Ambassador Thompson, Mr. McNaughton, and Mr. McCone

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In a 303 discussion on 8 July 1966 [redacted]
the following remarks are pertinent:

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"d. Mr. Meyer then went on to point out that this was only one conspicuous example of a problem which would grow larger, and he specifically mentioned the need of a new institution created by legislation and based on British Council lines which could provide general support grants to this and similar organizations whose activities are of proven value to the United States abroad.

"e. He cited a speech by Eugene R. Black at the recent Wesleyan University commencement dealing with grants in aid. It was emphasized that substantial private contributions and those of foundations are inhibited, if not precluded, by CIA association with such organizations [redacted]. Mr. Rostow pointed out EO 12958 3.4(b) that the CIA had many times taken up the slack when other agencies (C) were unable to come up with funds. Mr. Meyer's suggestion was greeted with considerable interest, and Mr. Helms suggested that any committee on this subject be headed in the White House in order to give it sufficient impetus. Mr. Moyers agreed to approach Mr. Harry McPherson and urged that talks continue between Mr. Meyer, Mr. McPherson and other interested parties. It was noted that although the committee would not operate under 303 aegis, its determinations and findings might well have a bearing on future proposals before the 303 Committee."

Present were Mr. Rostow, Amb. Alexis Johnson, Mr. Vance, Mr. Helms, Mr. Moyers, and Mr. Cord Meyer.

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