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SUMMARY NOTES OF 542nd NSC MEETING  
September 1, 1964; 12:45 to 1:15 P M

Global Briefing -- Cyprus

CIA Director McCone briefed on following items:

1. The nuclear test site in Communist China can be completed within two to four months. [REDACTED]

2. The Soviets are undertaking a vigorous ICBM program. Many tests have been held of a new weapon, the SS-10, [REDACTED]

3. In Cuba there remain about 2,000 Soviets. All weapons are in the hands of Cubans but the Russians may retain some control of the SAMs. Castro subversion in Latin American countries continues.

4. In Cyprus, Makarios is still trying to get Soviet and Egyptian aid. He now appears trying to get Enosis with demilitarization of the island.

5. In the Congo, there are some signs of improvement but militarily, the situation is still critical. [REDACTED]

6. In Tanganyika and Zanzibar there are disturbing developments. Soviet and Communist Chinese advisers have arrived. The union of these two states has lost its momentum.

7. In South Vietnam, Viet Cong activity has not stepped up recently. This may come later. General Kiem, the hardliners, and the Catholics want to get on with the war. The Buddhists and the students are on the other side. Coups and counter-coups are possible.

Under Secretary Ball: With respect to Cyprus, the Geneva phase of the negotiations is over. Two months have been spent in narrowing the gap between the Greeks and the Turks and defining their differences. There are two reasons for the failure of the Acheson talks at Geneva:

1. The weakness of the Greek Government which was unwilling to move in and take over in Cyprus, and

2. The Turks' insistence on having a sovereign base on the island, which in effect, meant partition. The Greeks insisted on leasing an area to the Turks; hence, Enosis.

We should not despair of a Greek reply to President Johnson's letter which may indicate the Greeks are prepared to give way, thus permitting continuation of bargaining.

The UN Secretary General's press conference was not helpful in that he said that the Cyprus Government had to be a party to any deal between Greece and Turkey.

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Under Secretary Ball (cont'd.):

There are two timebombs in the situation:

1. The rotation of Turkish troops on the island which will take place within the next few days.
2. The cessation of the rights of 10,000 Greeks living in Turkey; which will undoubtedly cause trouble.

A Tamaya report on Cyprus is impartial and gives a true picture of the situation. It cites the heavy pressure of Greek Cypriots on the Turkish Cypriots.

Secretary Rusk commented on following situations:

1. Latin America
  - a. Uruguay may break with Cuba.
  - b. Chile -- The election of Frei as President would be a real advance. His election will hurt Castro and encourage moderates throughout Latin America.
  - c. Mexico is still holding out on the united effort to oppose Castro. However, we do not plan to make an issue of their refusal to go along with restrictions on trade with Cuba.
  - d. We will be discussing trade with Cuba with European representatives this week.
2. Congo -- The OAU is putting pressure on Tshombe.
3. Indonesia -- Ambassador Jones is returning to have a frank talk with Sukarno. He thinks there is some prospect that Sukarno will work out something on the Malaysia problem. General Nasution has been kept in the Indonesian Cabinet.
4. Laos -- There is to be a meeting in Paris of the leaders of the various factions in Laos. The Pathet Lao have not pushed hard recently.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting, 12:30, September 1

This is a briefing meeting only and should not lead to any major decisions. I have asked John McCone to be ready to lead off with a general intelligence briefing of 5 to 10 minutes (he has not had a chance to do this for sometime, and it will be useful for members of the Council to get caught up on some basic Agency assessments).

Dean Rusk will follow with a general comment on the current major issues.

The whole meeting should not take more than 15 or 20 minutes unless you wish to pursue discussion on any particular subject.

After that, John McCone hopes to meet privately with you in your study. He quite understands that problems arising out of the Convention may come up at the lunch and is happy not to be present there.

McCone's own agenda includes the question of briefing for Humphrey and Miller, and permission for a tour of NATO capitals in the last ten days of September. He may also raise his usual question of contact with Eisenhower.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1964 AT 12:30 IN THE CABINET ROOM  
OF THE WHITE HOUSE

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