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THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING - 9:15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Mr. Ball presided.

1. INR - Mr. Hughes - A CIA report says that Laos has decided to break relations with DRV if interference in Laos continues.

The Thai Ambassador in Saigon has been reporting very pessimistically to Bangkok on the situation in Viet Nam.

The intelligence community still estimates that a ChiCom nuclear explosion will not occur October 1.

From Indonesia CIA reports that the Soviet Union will grant 150 million in military equipment.

The Paks have accepted in principle the ChiCom loan of \$60 million. Mr. Talbot added that this would be upon IDA terms.

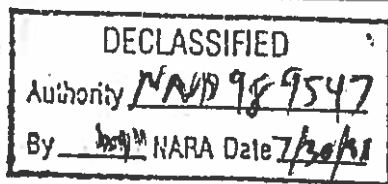
2. FE - Mr. Green - The apparent success of the ChiCom goodwill mission in Africa will increase our problems on the Chirep issue in the UN. Mr. Ball commented that the "important question" angle remains. Mr. Cleveland said that this could be reopened by a simple majority.
3. EUR - Mr. Davis - The Yugoslav Claims Agreement should be ready for signature the latter part of October.
4. USIA - Mr. Wilson - Editorial opinion on the Warren report is generally favorable but mixed from certain parts of Europe.
5. NEA - Mr. Talbot - We have signed the PL-480 Agreement with India and are about to do the same with Iran.
6. AF - Mr. Fredericks - Agreement was reached with Murumbi last night on a communique. He and his party are leaving today and will probably go to Leopoldville after the Cairo Conference. Mr. Ball asked whether the Congolese rebels would be represented in Cairo and the reply was "probably."

The Red Cross plane will stand by in Bujumbura today for possible flight to Stanleyville tomorrow.

Godley has had a worthwhile talk with Rothschild as reported in Leo's 1275.

The French

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The French were no help on the ChiCom mission to Africa and have only begun to show signs of tackling the problem. The CAR has a 600 mile frontier with the Congo (L) and the new ChiCom aid offer totals more than ours to the CAR for the past several years.

7. H - Mr. Lee - The Aid Bill conference was delayed by the absence of adequate votes to forestall Congressman Gross giving objectionable instructions to the conferees but they have been meeting informally prior to appointment.

The Senate last night voted a compromise version of the Broom Corn Tariff Amendment to the Tariff Simplification Act. The House has already passed this as a separate bill. A sugar amendment to the Tariff Act will be introduced today. Mr. Johnson said we would have to consider the possibility of sacrificing the Tariff Act if it is loaded down with objectionable amendments.



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