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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
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December 10, 1954

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on Austria (NSC 164/1)

Meeting Held 3:30 P.M., December 6, 1954.
State Department Conference Room

Working Group Members Present:

- State - Mr. Richard B. Freund
- Defense - Capt. Walter Innis, USN
- USIA - Mr. Roland Perusse
- CIA -
- FOA - Mr. Lawrence Myers
- OCB - Mr. Robert H. Thayer

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The Chairman announced the purpose of the meeting was to report on the visit of Prime Minister Raab. He stated that nothing of particular importance had resulted from the visit which had been excellent from a public relations point of view in that Mr. Raab had seemed to be much impressed with everything that he had seen here.

The Defense Representative reported on the conversation between Mr. Raab and Secretary Anderson concerning the proposed \$10 million program for the housing of dependents of U. S. Forces.

The FOA Representative reported concerning the contract for furnishing 1000 freight cars to Austria.

There was a brief discussion concerning the sale of horse meat valued at \$600,000 in the Vienna stockpile.

The Chairman reported that the protests of the Jewish Committee against the failure by Austria to settle Jewish claims had not been as strong as anticipated but that, nevertheless, Mr. Raab was returning, it was believed, with a greater intention of settling these claims.

The Chairman reported on the concern expressed in Austria on the application of the German Law concerning German citizenship for Austrians residing in Germany. The Austrians consider that a change in the law as well as public statements by the German Chancellor against "Anschluss" will be necessary to satisfy the Austrians and offset Soviet propaganda.

The Chairman reported on the desires of Mendes-France to make a unilateral demarche to the Soviet as a follow-up to his speech before the

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