MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion on Tibet, 4 February 1960

PRESENT: White House: Mr. Gray
          General Goodpaster
          Mr. Herter
          Mr. Merchant

          Defense: Mr. Douglas
          Mr. Irwin
          Mr. Dulles
          General Cabell
          Mr. FitzGerald

Mr. Dulles briefed the group on CIA operations in support of the Tibetan resistance. He covered the history of the program since agents were first introduced into Tibet in the fall of 1957, and he described the high quality of the resistance fighters and their strong motivation.

The DCI requested approval for the continuation of the program to supply arms and ammunition to the resistance elements so far identified, and to those which are expected to be contacted in the future. He stated that, assuming the resistance develops satisfactorily, resupply missions would average about seven per month for the next five or six months, and that the February schedule would call for four or five missions.

Mr. Dulles emphasized that this program has been, and will continue to be, subject to close review by the Designated Representatives under NSC 5412/2; that all significant developments will be brought to the attention of the Representatives; and that in the event anything arises indicating the desirability of a change in plans, the Representatives will be consulted.

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