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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of the Special Group, 30 August 1962.

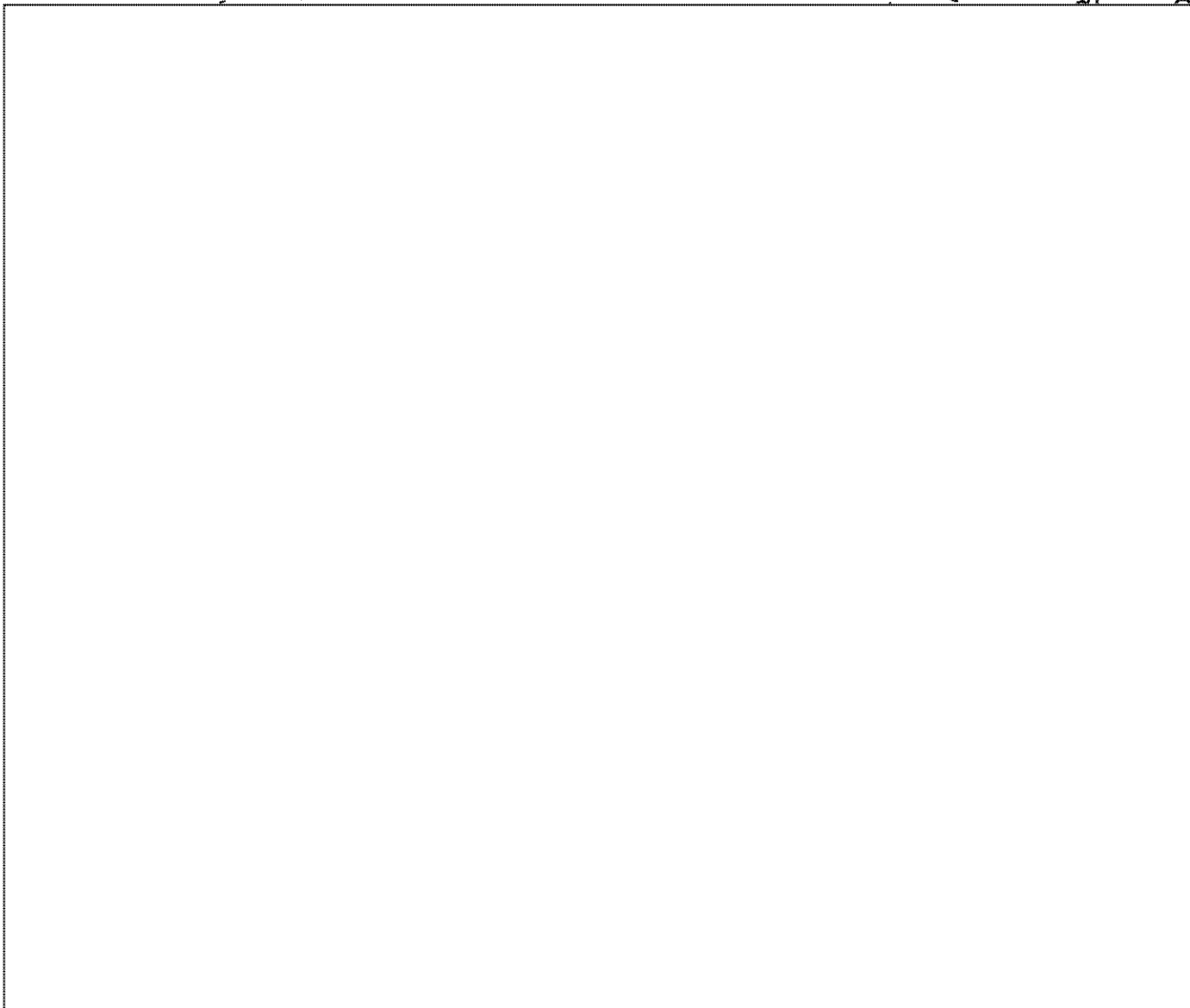
PRESENT: General Taylor, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gilpatrick, General Carter,
General Lemnitzer, and Mr. Bundy

Colonel Steakley was present for Items 1-3.

Mr. DeFord Herbert was present for Items 4-6.

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E. The Agency's monthly forecast was reviewed and noted. All of the flights contained therein had been previously approved. General Carter mentioned that there might be an additional requirement for flights over Cuba.

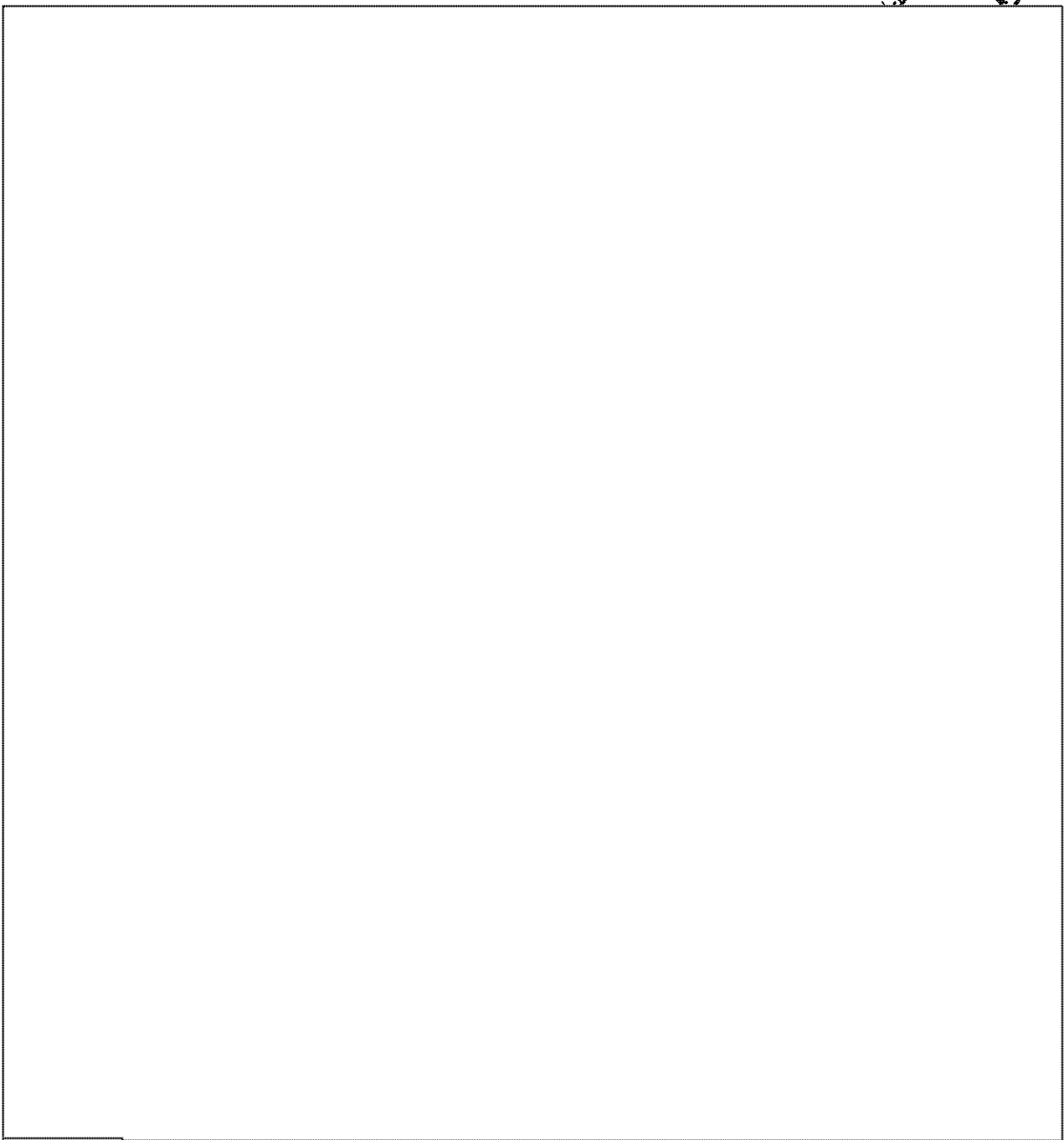
F. The destroyer surveillance mission DESOTO was discussed and approved. It was pointed out that the ship generally operates 20 miles offshore, but closes to 12 miles under certain conditions. The Group requested that they be informed if any of the various ELINT operations picked up unusual indications.

G. The Group reviewed certain submarine activities and approved them as presented.



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General Lemnitzer stated that Mr. McCone had called him and posed a possible requirement for low-level photography of critical Cuban targets. General Lemnitzer said that from the military point of view this was feasible, utilizing either RF-101 or F8U aircraft flown by U.S. pilots from various bases or carriers in the Caribbean area. The

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use of Cuban pilots would involve a delay of some months due to the precise training required. - General Carter pointed out that we are accused daily of overflights in any case and that the possibility of Cuban protests should not dissuade us from making these flights if they are necessary. It was pointed out that other types of photography, while useful in pinpointing critical targets, does not give sufficient detail for precise identification of certain types of equipment. After some discussion, the Group agreed to take cognizance of this matter and requested that it be reopened at an appropriate time when specific targets and information needs could be identified.



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General Taylor did not have an opportunity to review these minutes prior to his departure.



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