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policy intended regarding this subject. Other members of the Group  
Mr. Bowles suggested that we might well have a General

Mr. Bowles proposed that the Party should be allowed to do this, for  
to introduce another, higher authority related to wider issues.  
Progressive voluntary efforts to political parties and leaders  
Mr. Bowles said that the special sensitivity of

## 2. Doctoral Political Action Project

simple research and a chance eventually to the control of the government.  
particular in a new People's Government or Parliament, he had  
made was made of the possibility that it could be decided to

not support this proposal without reference to higher authority.  
Speaker and control the government. Mr. Bowles felt that he could  
of bringing in a speaker of his own who would attempt to  
representatives in the People's Parliament Committee; involved the degree  
that the condition which proposed the formation of Congress as the  
that these conditions were accepted by the Agency that he proposed for  
members dated 6 June 1961 (copy attached). Mr. Bowles indicated  
the three conditions set out in the People's Parliament proposal  
ago. Mr. Bowles suggested this approach to the acceptance of  
further. Bowles and Congress with the plan for the

## 1. Congress

in the Special Group meeting for the first time.  
Mr. Bowles, Special Assistant to the President, participated

PARLIAMENT; Bowles, Bowles, Gipstein, Bowles, Lewis, Miller, Miller

SECRET: Minutes of Special Group Meeting, 6 June 1961

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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suggested that a general policy statement might not be sufficiently flexible to take care of special situations which might arise.

Mr. Dulles noted that the pertinent NSC paper authorized programs such as that under discussion, but emphasized that he would only undertake this type of activity if it was fully supported by the Department of State and higher authority. He stated that he fully appreciated the sensitivity of this type of activity. Mr. Dulles said, however, that he felt the Special Group should have some latitude to make decisions on those matters within the general policy which might be laid down by higher authority without referral of each specific case for approval.

Mr. Bundy stated that he would like Mr. Duncan to work with our people in the preparation of the briefing to be given higher authority next week.

**3. Release Procedures - Francis Gary Powers**

Because of the contingency nature of this proposal and because of the crowded agenda, discussion of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**4. BYPOLY Flight, Vietnam**

This flight was approved with Chinat personnel. There was some discussion as to the desirability of having South Vietnamese conduct these missions but it was pointed out that they did not have the competence.

**5. Covert Annex, Vietnam**

This annex was approved. It was noted that a progress report had just been received and it was suggested that this report be distributed to members of the Group.

**6. Covert Annex, Korea**

Mr. Bundy reiterated the decision that covert annexes should not be processed through the NSC machinery. Because of the interest of higher authority in political action operations in friendly areas (see Item 2) and since this annex was written in rather broad terms, he would like to check it further.

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**7. TACKLE**

Mr. Dulles stated that while he wanted to open discussion of this matter at this meeting, he did not expect a final decision to be made until the next meeting. Mr. Bundy noted the previous reservations of the State Department and the fact that this matter had been considered but not approved three times previously. Mr. Clisbyric supported the need for current information which TACKLE would produce and suggested the possible use of U.S. personnel for the TACKLE mission. Mr. Dulles stated his opinion that the use of American personnel would raise serious problems in the event of an accident. The use of well qualified Cuban crews, in his opinion, would mitigate the risks involved. It was agreed that the proposal would be resubmitted later.

**8. Nicaragua**

Mr. Dulles outlined the nature and value of the equipment remaining at Puerto Cabezas and of the need for negotiating with Somosa to effect its recovery. He indicated that some gold pre quo would probably be involved in achieving an agreement with Somosa. Mr. Bundy stated that this was a matter that should be negotiated between the Agency and the Department of State and need not be again referred to the Special Group.

**9. Cuba**

Mr. Dulles stated that he wanted to raise in a general way at this meeting the problem of the Agency's relations with the exile groups. [redacted] and the publications [redacted] which the Agency has been supporting. He emphasized that these involved a considerable amount of money and that the matter should be resolved at an early date. It was agreed that the Agency should discuss this matter with Deputy Assistant Secretary Morales-Carrasco and submit a formal proposal to an early meeting of the Special Group.

**10. Minutes of Special Group Meetings**

Mr. Bundy requested that copies of the minutes of Special Group meetings be forwarded to members of the Group for approval and

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reception. Mr. Gilpatrick noted the very close relationship between his office and the Agency and felt that he could obtain all the information he needed without receiving a copy of the minutes. Mr. Dulles suggested that because of the sensitivity of these records and because some of the references contained therein involved the use of pseudonyms, the need of the Group might be satisfied by having copies of the minutes of each meeting made available at the subsequent meeting for approval. Messrs. Bundy and Dungan agreed to the submission of the minutes for approval at a subsequent meeting but stated that they might have a need for a complete record immediately at hand to answer any questions put to them by higher authority.

**THOMAS P. SCHREYER**

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