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Mr. Dillon. No, I don't, that particular meeting. But you would have to ask Mr. Gray about that. I don't know who they were...

Mr. Baron. For the record, these minutes refer to a report by Thomas Parrott, who was the Secretary of the Special Group on CIA activity in relation to the Congo. Mr. Parrott outlines three CIA operations in the Congo which make use of trade unions in the Congo and include the prospect that a vote of no confidence in Lumumba would be arranged.

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Following that report by Mr. Parrott there is a paragraph which describes the action of the Group as follows: "The Group agreed that the action contemplated is very much in order. Mr. Gray commented, however, that his associate had expressed extremely strong feelings on the necessity for very straightforward action in this situation, and wondered whether the plans as outlined were sufficient to accomplish this. Mr. Dulles replied that he had taken the comments referred to seriously and had every intention of proceeding as vigorously as the situation permits or requires, but added that he must necessarily put himself in a position of interpreting instructions of this kind within the bounds of necessity and capability. It was finally agreed that all planning for the Congo would not necessarily rule out 'consideration' of any particular kind of activity which might contribute to getting rid of Lumumba."

Do you recall receiving a report of that meeting?