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29 March 1948

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[redacted] reference a call to General Todd from Mr. Jackson wanting a 10 o'clock appointment. General Wright called General Todd to give him background information.

Col. Wolfenbarger, National War College, advised that Col. Zander in G-2 has considerable amount of basic information on interrogation of Russians. Advised that he was contacting Gen. Anderson of USAF concerning certain phases of psychological warfare. Also stated that someone should contact Dr. Clyde Kluckholm, head of the Russian Research Center at Harvard. This problem was fully discussed with Col. Babbitt, ORE, who will assign someone to project.

[redacted] reference study on medical intelligence—being held in abeyance until the Deputy Director can discuss subject with the Surgeon General.

General Sibert reference channels to and from [redacted]

Mr. Cassady reference obligating of funds now available for certain activities.

Mr. Buckheister, Secretary to Congressman Rooney, inquired about VINCENT J. LONGHI, currently travelling in Italy and about whose movements the Congressman had expressed an interest on 12 March. Checked with SO to learn if a report had been received and was informed that none had been received up until Friday, 26 March, at which time they sent a follow-up cable requesting that a summary of developments up-to-date be cabled at once.

Mr. Childs reference Army request for reassignment of [redacted]

Mr. Childs and [redacted] concerning IAC and standing committee of IAC.

Major White, aide to Gen. Vandenberg, reference [redacted] applicant. Appointment arranged for subject to talk with Personnel Branch, A&M.

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Mr. Sidney Shallett, columnist, reference background information on General Vandenberg for article soon to appear in Saturday Evening Post. (Col. Galloway also talked with Mr. Shallett.)

Meeting of the Interdepartmental Consultative Group for Coordination of Foreign Information Measures in the office of Asst Secy State Allen.

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30 March 1948

NOTES FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Mr. Allen Dibble, March of Time, inquired if CIA was engaged in certain photographic activities, as formerly conducted by OSS. Call referred to Executive Director.

Mr. Robert Blum, OSD, requested copies of the directives giving CIA responsibility for collection of nuclear energy information. Call referred to Executive Director.

[redacted] OSO, reference temporary security waiver for [redacted] to be employed for Special Procedures Branch. Deputy Director had approved, orally, the temporary waiver but to facilitate handling of personnel action request, the Executive Director signed the temporary security waiver in the absence of the Director and Deputy Director.

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31 March 1948

Mr. Houston, General Counsel reference request for passport for 
as discussed by the Deputy Director and Mr. Davies, of State.
Mr. Davies had indicated that arrangements would have to be made
"at the top level". Mr. Houston was to discuss matter with DCI.

General Todd, JIG, called. Stated he would call the Director.

A memo to DCI from the NSC (ER 8752) requested that the CIA Estimates,
based on certain assumptions with respect to US policy or courses of
action, be disseminated only to the named recipients of the CIA
Daily summary.

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1 April 1948

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DCI received an "Eyes only" from General Chamberlin concerning status of Soviet atomic bomb and its probable progress. (Memo with 3 copies of enclosure to Chief, NEG -- DCI retaining 1 copy.)

DCI signed Memo to ADSO subj: Supplementary Aid Project -- handled as SO project.

Chairman, Project Review Committee, submitted the following projects to DCI for approval:

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2 April 1948

NOTES FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DCI signed Memo to State regarding "Emergency Radio Facilities" 
 -- for emergency only and not to be construed as normal
communications channels at this time.

DCI approved recommendation that Mr. Carey and Col. White, 
attend meeting  for approximately 15 days -- on subject of
cooperation between 

Mr. Burkheister, Secretary to Congressman Rooney, was advised that
there were no developments to report in the case of  that
the case was being continued, and any significant developments
would be reported.

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5 April 1948

NOTES FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DCI received Memo from NSC transmitting memo from SecDefense subj: Internal Security; in which he recommends creation of an inter-departmental intelligence committee to "develop plans, coordinate responsibilities and supervise implementation in broad field of internal security"--to include members from State, War, Navy, Air Force, Treasury, Justice (FBI), Post Office, AEC, FCC and "CIA--for its counter-espionage activities abroad, and the bearing of these on domestic and military aspects".

Farewell luncheon for Col. John Sherman at Army-Navy Club -- expressed Deputy Director's regrets.

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6 April 1948

NOTES FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Mr. Oechsner, State, inquired if the CIA representative to the working group of the Interdepartmental Consultative Group for Coordination of Foreign Information Measures had been appointed. He was advised it was my impression that the Deputy Director had announced at the last meeting of the Consultative Group that one had been appointed and would be ready for duty 12 April. Mr. Oechsner then inquired the name of the representative and was informed that, while I knew of those who had been considered, that I did not know the one selected. He advised the reason for this inquiry was for the purpose of having an "informal chat" with the representative prior to entering on duty to brief him on background of the Group, etc. He stated that Air Force representative had been appointed and he intended to have him for lunch.

Mr. Oechsner also advised that a meeting of the Consultative Group was being called for 1100 Friday, 16 April, at which time the working group would have an opportunity to report their progress.

The Director received a memo from Dir of Security & Intelligence, AEC, restating desire to receive currently all significant information which would have a bearing on their export control responsibilities.

Congressman John Davis Lodge forwarded to the DCI a memo from Prince Francis Windisch-Graetz which DCI acknowledged, advising that we were in touch with some members of this movement in Austria and also with some of the people suggested for contact in America. (Copy of memo to ADSO).

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7 April 1948

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Col. F. Edgar Cheatle, former MAA Switzerland, called. It was suggested that he call the Deputy Director one day next week. Col. Cheatle is to be assigned to duty in W.D.C.

Admiral Inglis was elected Chairman, USCIB for period 1 April 1948 - 1 April 1949.

ExecDirector recommended that information contained in ORE memo of 6 April (ER 8852) on "Clandestine Air Transportation Operations in Europe" be forwarded to SecState.

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8 April 1948

With Director and [redacted] (DCI appeared before Armed Services Committee in connection with CIA enabling legislation.)

General Sibert concerning classified material to be sent to Field Offices and that which is to be returned for destruction.

[redacted] mentioned that [redacted] is to attend the meeting [redacted] Col. White, Ch, [redacted] leaves 10 April for inspection of some [redacted] Dep Asst Dir, OO, departs early in May.

Director reference letter from Rev. Blessing stating that Father Geo. E. LaBonte is going on six months' leave of absence; to visit friends overseas. (666 Broad St, Central Falls, R.I., phone: Perry 1748) Deputy Director called Father LaBonte and arranged for conference for 0930 Saturday, 10 April, in this office.

Coll Galloway reference "eyes only" cables -- to take action.

Col. Shannon reference availability of funds for confidential purposes.

Col. Babbitt reference proposed trip to London conference by [redacted] Dr. Baldwin, who will accompany [redacted] is a representative of Research & Development Board and has no official connection with CIA.

Lunched in office.

[redacted] -- applicant -- introduced her to Col. Shannon; arrangements made for her to enter on duty 26 April.

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9 April 1948

With Director and Executive Director for inspection of Contact Branch, OO.

[redacted] reference background information on the working group, to which he is to be assigned, of the Interdepartmental Consultative Group on Coordination of Foreign Information Measures. Discussed his transfer from OO to Plans and Policy Staff, ORE, with Col. Babbitt and Col. Shannon. Executive Director sat in on briefing of [redacted]

Col. Babbitt, ORE, concerning term paper prepared by employee on leave without pay, which paper had not been approved by Exec for I&S. Col. Babbitt will forward memorandum recommending reconsideration.

Checked with OCD concerning intelligence publications being furnished Interagency Offices of OO.

Major White, Office Chief of Staff, USAF, reference [redacted] presently in G-2, who had seen General Sibert, and wanted to see Deputy Director, concerning employment. Deputy Director checked with General Sibert and was informed that they were checking the record of subject applicant. The Deputy Director will not see applicant. (x. 74141)

Col. Galloway reference conference between Deputy Director, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Barsky; Director feels contact should be established with organization in question, as mentioned in a memo from Mr. [redacted]

Mr. Oechsner, State, advised he would like to establish informal contact with the CIA representative to the working group on Coordination of Foreign Information Measures; Deputy Director stated selection had not been made but would be made over weekend and that he would introduce representative to Mr. Oechsner at 0945 on Monday, 12 April, Rm. 4174 New State.

Mr. Saunders reference confidential funds.

[redacted] reference SANACC 396 -- plan prepared by John N. Irwin and submitted by Mr. Forrestal thru NSC to SANACC. Deputy Director called Col. Fields (191, x 2163) concerning proposed membership on a subcommittee. DCI says we will not designate a representative to the subcommittee. The report, when completed, should be presented to him and to JCS for comment.

Lunched with Director and Col. Galloway at Cannon's.

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Conferred with Rev. George E. Labonte concerning his proposed trip to Europe, etc.

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12 April 1948

With Director and [redacted]

Checked with [redacted] Contact Branch, OO, concerning report on Nenni, Italy, which was to be delivered to OCD for dissemination. Checked with [redacted] OCD, to verify receipt of report. He stated report had been reproduced and was being disseminated this morning to State, ORE, OCD, OSO, OO. The Deputy Director directed that copies be furnished immediately to Navy, Army, Air Force.

[redacted] reference assignment as CIA representative to working group of Interdepartmental Consultative Group on Coordination of Foreign Information Measures. Advised Mr. Oechsner, State, of [redacted] assignment.

[redacted] Ch. Advisory Council, concerning Dr. Colby, liaison with AEC.

Admiral Olsen, OCD, reference need for additional personnel.

Col. Babbitt reference temporary security waiver to be granted to Col. Moses Pettigrew — retired for physical disability. Advised Col. Edwards.

General Sibert reference Michael Kearns, who claims to have been in an intelligence organization in Europe during war; General Sibert did not remember him. Subject expressed desire to write article on CIA; Deputy Director was unable to contact by telephone.

Col. Babbitt, ADRE, reference ID dissent on ORE paper on Trieste. Will print paper with usual coordination notice but add that ID comment had not been received.

Mr. Lewis, New York News, inquired amount of CIA budget.

General Sibert reference draft reply to [redacted] ltr of 19 February. Stated that the request on OCD had been misinterpreted but that draft reply should be forthcoming in another day.

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[redacted] SO, reference cable received from Bogota.

Rev. George E. Labonte reference trip abroad; had secured passport, etc.

Lunched in office with Director and Executive Director.

Col. Charles Merkle called -- personal -- staying at Willard.

Charles W. Freeman, [redacted] - applicant.

(was not interested in filling out Forms 57 and PHS but believed he was well qualified to render great service; mentioned his letter concerning desire to make trip to Mexico--his many contacts, etc.)
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13 April 1948

With Director and Executive Director.

Director's Weekly Staff Conference.

Talked with Director concerning teletype equipment for Director's use. Discussed problem with [redacted] and Col. Shannon; the latter to make arrangements with Communications people, and Contact Branch, OO.

Requested file on assumption of responsibilities for collection of information in Latin and South American countries.

Appointment was scheduled for Michael Kearns to talk with Deputy Director on Wednesday, 14 April, at 2:15 P M. (EX 7725 x 336; NA 5400 c/o Mr. Neal, News Director of WMAL).

Col. Galloway [redacted] reference letter to Ambassador Bruce concerning availability of liaison officer.

Reference arrival in W.D.C. [redacted] car made available for his use during visit. [redacted] is staying at Wardman Park Hotel.

Mr. Doherty, FBI, introduced his relief, Mr. DeLoach; was given copy of TS document entitled "Sale of Penicillin Plant".

Col. [redacted] OCD, was informed that the DCI desired [redacted] with 8 copies each of the intelligence reports cleared for exchange [redacted]

Mr. Lee Nichols, United Press, queried concerning a cable reported to have been sent by Secretary Marshall to CIA concerning Columbian situation.

[redacted] Ch, Scientific Br, ORE, reference discussions [redacted] during his proposed trip [redacted] Deputy Director briefed him on exchange of material, etc.

(ADSO was requested to have hotel reservations made for [redacted] and Dr. Baldwin [redacted])

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Congressman Rooney, Capitol x 762, concerning developments with regard to visit in Italy of [redacted] Was advised that there was nothing to indicate subject was doing anything other than visiting; but that another cable was expected by Thursday which might contain additional information.

Lunched in office with Director.

Preliminary arrangements made for dinner honoring [redacted] scheduled for 22 April.

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14 April 1948

With Director and Executive Director.

Col. Galloway,  replacement for  with
Director.

Executive Director and Exec for A&M concerning teletype equipment and
arrangements.

Interviewed F. Michel Kearns, who proposes to write an article or series
of articles on status of American Intelligence. Discussed intelli-
gence in general.

Lunched in office with Director and Col. Galloway.

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15 April 1948

Checked with Mr. Horton, OSO, concerning any report from field on activities of [redacted] -- of particular interest to Congressman Rooney. Latest cable indicated "no information"; has asked for clarification.

Mr. Carl Levin, New York Herald Tribune, NA. 0290, concerning any statement on the Columbian situation. DD called him after DCI appearance on Hill.

General Sibert requested permission for leave for one day--Wednesday, 21 April.

With Director, Air Commodore [redacted] Col. Galloway, Mr. Griffis, [redacted]

Official luncheon for [redacted]
Director, [redacted]
Deputy Director [redacted]
Executive Director, Brigadier Chapman
Col. Galloway Commander Sheppard
[redacted] Mr. Dwyer
Group Captain McMurtrie
Mr. Armstrong, State W/Comdr. Canham
Col. Watson for Gen. McDonald
Col. Carter Clarke for Gen. Chamberlin
Capt. Sabolot for Adm. Inglis

Director appeared before Armed Services Committee reference Columbian situation.



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Personnel advised that General Sibert was reviewing the file of [redacted] applicant (referred by Mr. Allen Dulles).

[redacted] Contact Branch, concerning editor in Wilmington; Deputy Director stated we did not wish to take advantage of the editor's kind offer of favorable publicity at this time.

[redacted] concerning progress of the "working group". Navy and Army representatives have not yet been appointed. (Col. Cheatle is USAF representative.)

Attended meeting of Interdepartmental Consultative Group for the Coordination of Foreign Information Measures.

General Sibert concerning [redacted] (presently assigned to Admiral Kirk); OO will have a position for him at completion of temporary assignment.

Queried Col. Babbitt, Asst. Director, ORE, concerning current study and situation in Venezuela.

General Sibert stated that [redacted] will not go to London as previously planned. That Col. White has been thoroughly briefed to enable him to discuss matter; he will make no firm commitments.

Lt. Col. Frank A. Osmanski, P&O Div, Gen Staff, USA, (O-19745) reference paper being prepared by an ad hoc committee on guerrilla warfare.

Mr. Sam. Schaeffer, Newsweek Magazine, Ex5500—concerning "classification" of material from which DCI read at hearing.

Mr. Werkling, NY Herald-Tribune — called for appointment; will call on Monday 19 April.

Col. Babbitt, reference night duty officer in ORE. Problems discussed with Mr. Duggan and Col. Shannon; and arrangements will be made.

Lunched in office with Director and Col. Galloway.

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Mr. Allen Dulles and Mr. Robert Blumh, reference survey of CIA.
Reported on recent meeting with State Department intelligence
people.


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Mr. Herman Horton, OSO, reported on activities of 
(For Congressman Rooney.)

Mr. Doherty, FBI, delivered letter addressed to DCI from Mr. J. E. Hoover having reference to rumor that FBIB credential cards being used in South America are mistaken for FBI credentials.

Mr. Hickerson, State x 4224, concerning personal cable from Ambassador Dunn—as result of personal State Dept request on  thru DCI. Requested Col. Galloway to discuss matter with Mr. Hickerson on Monday.

Mr. Doherty, FBI, was given copy of memo for Walter Winchell regarding contact in Russian embassy.

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19 April 1948

With Director and Exec. Director.

Advised Mr. Burkheister, secy to Congressman Rooney of NY, of activities of [] as reported by Mr. Horton on 17 April.

Col. Galloway reference instructions disseminated by State and OSO reference coordination of information in foreign areas. Requested to assemble material for DCI's use.

[] reference appointment with Deputy Director for []
[] which was held later in the day.

Deputy Director gave [] copy of two memos recently addressed to the DCI by the Air Force on the subject of possible subversive activity in Bermuda.

Col. Galloway advised he had seen Mr. Hickerson and the matter reported on 17 April had been resolved.

Advised [] that reservations for him and Dr. Baldwin have been made at the Mount Royal Hotel, London.

Mr. Armstrong, State, concerning memorandum addressed to Sec State, SecDefense and the President---stated one paragraph was subject to misinterpretation and suggested revision.

Mr. Gardner, SANACC Secretariat, x 2685 (recorder for SANACC 395 and 396)--reference CIA membership on sub-committee. Deputy Director stated that we desired to have neither member nor observer on any of the sub-committees but that we would be glad to offer any comments or suggestions at such time as they desired to submit draft paper to us.

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20 April 1948

With Director and Executive Director.

Col. Babbitt, Asst Dir, ORE, concerning the NIS Program — G-2 had indicated concern that the program had not been fully implemented. Discussed proposed memo to IAC with Director and forwarded it to ICAPS for action.

Congressman Van Zandt of Pennsylvania expressed desire that Director lecture to Reserve Officer unit on Wednesday, 28 April, 8 PM, at Naval Gun Factory—on duties of CIA, organization, etc. DCI was invited to be the Congressman's guest for dinner at Officers Club at 6:30 PM. (Congressman is N.R. Capt.) Attendance will be approximately 200 officers; lecture 20-30 minutes with 15-20 minutes for questions. Stated there had been no security problem in the past.

[redacted] applicant — Deputy Director stated he would check to determine if there was any active interest by one of our offices. (Later checked with Mr. Cassady, SO, and was advised there was no interest in applicant on the part of that office — they considered applicant's background not suitable to their work.)

Talked with Mr. Webb, Bureau of Budget.

[redacted] ExecDir, mentioned suggestion on part of Mr. Doherty, FBI, that FBI might be willing to resume our security investigations.

Mr. Brent, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, concerning applicant. Stated he had no particular interest in individual; therefore Deputy Director suggested that subject individual file application directly with our Personnel Branch.

[redacted] I&S, concerning security investigation report on Exec for I&S. (Report will be filed in his personal file.)

[redacted] and Mr. Duggan, I&S, concerning request by Mr. Hoffman, Director, ECA, for assistance on security problems — cargo, cargo shipments, procedures, etc.

Lunched in office.

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