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Deputy Director's Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 6 February 1951

Mr. Dulles said that the Attorney General was away for two weeks but that he planned to discuss the status of Public Law 110 with Solicitor General Perlman and perhaps Payton Ford. He believed that the situation was urgent enough to warrant early action.

There was discussion of the problem of public relations of the agency with particular reference to the correspondents and columnists who are urging the United States to engage in clandestine operations. It was decided that the matter needed more consideration but that the possibilities were to clear some correspondents as consultants and to talk to others within the restrictions of security.

It was reported that the four studies on strategic vulnerability mentioned by the Director had been completed and were being forwarded to State.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that a memorandum on defectors had been prepared for Mr. Dulles approval and that he recommended that instead of suggesting the modifications to the Assistant Directors it be issued in the form of an order.

Mr. Jackson reported that the second meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff would not be held until the week of February 12, and that General Bradley would take the initiative in setting up this meeting.

Mr. Dulles reported that he and Mr. McConnel had conferred with [redacted] who will start immediately to make a survey of our Communications Organization. [redacted] is retiring on [redacted] and at that time consideration will be given to having him take over a Central Communications organization.

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Mr. Reber reported that, together with Kingman Douglass, he was having a meeting today with General Weckerling and Dr. McKee of G-2 to discuss the extent to which CIA can and will support the Watch Committee.

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