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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Wednesday, 5 March 1951, at 1100 hours
Monday

Mr. William H. Jackson Presiding

Present

Allen W. Dulles, Deputy Director for Plans
Murray McConnell, Deputy Director for Administration
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Executive Assistant to DCI
Joseph Larocque, Executive Assistant to DCI
Walter R. Wolf, Special Asst. to DCI
James D. Andrews, Advisor for Management
James M. Andrews, Asst. Dir. for Collection and Dissemination
George G. Carey, Asst. Dir. for Operations
H. Marshall Chadwell, Asst. Dir. for Scientific Intelligence
Kingman Douglass, Asst. Dir. for Current Intelligence
William L. Langer, Asst. Dir. for National Estimates
Max F. Millikan, Asst. Dir. for Research and Reports
James Q. Heber, A/Asst. Dir. for Intelligence Coordination
Frank G. Wisner, Asst. Dir. for Policy Coordination
Maj. Gen. Willard Wyman, Asst. Dir. for Special Operations

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1. Mr. Dulles presented the proposed comments by CIA on a paper on psychological warfare drafted by Mr. Staats, of the Bureau of the Budget, and Admiral Souers. He pointed out that the original draft envisaged a new board and that it was questionable in his mind as to whether a good outside chairman would be available for such a board. Mr. Jackson commented that the agency has a lot to gain by an authority of psychological warfare. Mr. Wisner said that a board such as that proposed would be helpful in view of the inevitable conflicts in psychological warfare and pointed out that even ECA was moving into the field. It was decided that, inasmuch as the major interest was that of O/PC, that Mr. Wisner and Mr. Dulles would confer the final draft. The status of [redacted] who represents CIA on the Interdepartmental Committee on Psychological Warfare Intelligence, would be reviewed separately.

Mr. Dulles raised the question as to whether a deputy should be appointed to CIA Senior Representatives in overseas posts. It was decided that no deputy should be appointed, and that each CIA Senior Representative could designate somebody to be acting for him in his absence.

2. General Wyman reported that together with Mr. Carey and Mr. Reber he had discussed the proposed JCS paper on captured sources with General McGhee. He stated that there appeared to be considerable opposition on the part of the Joint Staff to CIA representation in the Directorate of agencies handling captured sources. Mr. Jackson said that if the IAC did not agree to CIA representation the matter could be referred to the NSC as it was obviously covered by CIA's coordination powers.

General Wyman raised the question of a replacement for Colonel Peers as Director of covert training, inasmuch as the Far Eastern command would not release Colonel White. It was decided that General Wyman and Mr. Wisner would confer with Colonel Baird on this subject, and all the Assistant Directors were asked to submit any recommendations they might have as to somebody who had had educational, administrative, and military experience. [redacted] of O/NE, and Major General Orville Anderson were suggested.

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3. Mr. Kirkpatrick asked the Assistant Directors to make sure that their offices reported each day on matters for the Director's log. He stated that a negative report was desired as well as a positive one. He stressed the fact that it was important to keep the Director informed on any matters in which CIA was dealing with an outside agency, and asked that the offices also make sure that memoranda of conversation were prepared. It was pointed out that if the item was sufficiently covered in reporting for the Director's Log that a memorandum of conversation would not be necessary.

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