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Daily Staff Meeting

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Mr. Reber said he had discussed PM 888 with JIG and that they were ready to have CIA withdraw from this project, which involves giving them psychological warfare intelligence support.

The proposal of the Director of Training to join an inter-departmental arrangement for government support of the training of a thousand graduate students as area specialists was discussed. It was decided that this proposal should be circulated to the Assistant Directors and discussed at an Assistant Directors meeting. It was also mentioned that it would be exceedingly dangerous for CIA to make any commitment not to approach faculty members and that there was a security aspect in CIA's joining with other departments in a pool for area specialists.

After discussion it was decided that inasmuch as the Assistant Directors had submitted no questions for the agenda the Assistant Directors meeting would be cancelled.

Mr. Dulles mentioned that the Bureau of the Budget was drafting a new paper on psychological warfare and that he believed that the views of CIA would be adopted in greater part.

Mr. O'Gara reported that he would have a proposal on the instruction for covert training ready this morning and that after clearing it with Mr. Dulles he would meet with the appropriate persons to discuss a successor for the chief of covert training.

The question of continuing Sunday duty was raised by Mr. Kirkpatrick. It was pointed out that in addition to the duty officers in the Director's Office and each of the nine Assistant Directors offices, there are two regularly established duty officers in O/CI and O/SO communications with qualified professionals on duty twenty-four hours a day. It was decided that upon the Director's return it would be proposed to him that the Sunday duty officer system be abolished.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Dulles questioned the advisability of the guerrilla warfare paper coming up for discussion at such an early date. It is Thursday's NSC, inasmuch as it had not been worked out in detail with the appropriate staff departments.

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