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Daily Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 13 March 1951

It was suggested that a meeting be held with Mr. Babbitt, who will be in charge of intelligence in Civil Defense, to work out intelligence support matters between Civil Defense and CIA.

There was discussion of the comment in the book "Washington Confidential" and it was decided that no legal action was advisable and that probably the strongest action CIA should take would be to write a letter of protest to the publishers. The DDCI, upon consideration, decided to drop the matter.

Mr. [] said that there was difficulty in getting NSC papers to O/RR. He recommended that a copy remain at all times in the Director's Office and that Mr. Montague be instructed to send his copy to O/RR.

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Mr. Reber said that the following matters would be on the IAC agenda: NIE distribution; the Air Force proposal for instruction at Robert Collete; the NIS report; NIE 29 on Yugoslavia; NIE 20 on Southeast Asia.

Mr. Dulles reported that Mr. Staats of the Bureau of the Budget had returned the revised directive on psychological warfare, in which the idea of an independent outside chairman was dropped and instead a Director of Planning established.

Mr. Dulles reported that he had been called by Senator Smith concerning revision of the McCarron act.

Mr. O'Gara reported that the ceiling on military personnel had been reached and that it was necessary to get it raised immediately in order to staff []. The DDCI said that he would telephone Mrs. Rosenberg concerning the paper which lifts the CIA ceiling on military personnel.

Mr. McConnel said that [] will report on his survey of communications facilities at 2:30.

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