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Daily Staff Meeting

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— Mr. Kirkpatrick inquired as to whether the training course in April would be for personnel other than new employees inasmuch as several questions had come in from older employees asking to attend the course. Mr. McConnell said that the course would be open to anyone who could receive his Assistant Director's permission to attend.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that Sterling Hayden was being called before the House American Affairs Committee to testify on his communistic affiliations and would state that he had become interested in Communism when he was in Yugoslavia for OSS. It was pointed out that this might have serious repercussions on CIA.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that at Mr. Wisner's suggestion he had checked to see whether Averill Harrimann had been consulted on the psychological warfare paper and had been informed by Tanniwald, of Harriman's staff, that they had participated in its draft.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that we had never received an answer to our request to the Secretary of Defense for WSEG participation on the Soviet capabilities for forestalling a U.S. attack. After discussion it was decided that this matter should not be pressed.

Mr. McConnell reported that Mrs. Rosenberg had lifted the ceiling on military personnel, and that requests for personnel should be processed through [redacted]

Mr. McConnell reported that the Evening Star published an article stating that the Defense Department had asked for Prince William Forrest at our request and that this would mean that a camp for crippled children could not be stationed there. After discussion it was decided that CIA would look elsewhere.

Mr. Jackson said that he would request the JCS paper 1952/11 from General Bradley as a test case.

Mr. McConnell stated that there would probably be further efforts by [redacted] to get in touch with the Director, and he was afraid she might resort to publicity on the matter.

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