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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Monday, 9 July 1951, at 1100 hours.

General Smith presiding

Present

Allen W. Dulles, Deputy Director for Plans  
Joseph Larocque, Jr., Executive Assistant to DCI  
Colonel Chester B. Hansen, Assistant to the DCI  
Colonel Matthew Baird, Director of Training  
James D. Andrews, Advisor for Management  
James H. Andrews, Asst. Director for Collection and Dissemination  
George G. Carey, Asst. Director for Operations  
H. Marshall Chadwell, Asst. Director for Scientific Intelligence  
Kingsman Douglass, Asst. Director for Current Intelligence  
Paul Borel, D/Asst, Director for National Estimates  
Max F. Millikan, Asst. Director for Research and Reports  
James C. Reber, Asst. Director for Intelligence Coordination  
Frank G. Wisner, Asst. Director for Policy Coordination  
Maj. Gen. Willard Wyman, Asst. Director for Special Operations  
Perry Johnson, Acting Asst. Director for Office of Communications

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1. The Director mentioned that there had not been an Assistant Directors' meeting in three weeks and stated that he was pleased to know that things were going so smoothly that there were no items for the agenda. He hoped that in the future care would be taken to bring up at these meetings any items of possible common concern.

2. Mr. Reber spoke on developing a policy for sending CIA overt personnel abroad for tours up to two years under State Department reserve status. He brought up the question of the two O/RR agricultural personnel who had recently been in Belgrade to assist in the distribution of grain. When their mission had been completed, Embassy Belgrade had wished them to remain but O/RR had felt that they should return.

DCI stated that when CIA personnel went abroad on specific jobs they should return when their job was finished; however, it would be desirable when possible to let them stay as long as they were useful to State Department, both to enhance CIA prestige and increase their experience. The DCI felt that each case must be judged separately.

Dr. Millikan agreed with Mr. Reber that some program should be developed for placing CIA area and functional personnel with State Department upon State's request. He specifically mentioned a spot now open in Moscow for an economic analyst. The Director feels that we should produce an analyst to fill this job but stated that it must be one that is with us on a career basis.

Gen. Wyman mentioned the possibility of placing some of his covert people in such positions but this was considered too dangerous.

Mr. Wisner hoped that the travel of overt personnel abroad in such State positions would not interfere with State Department cover for covert personnel.

The DCI stated that State Department cover for CIA personnel would not be affected.

Mr. Douglass wondered if such a program could include tours up to six months for some of his area specialists. The DCI stated that this was too short a time and doubts if this would be possible.

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Mr. Borel of O/NE brought up the question of sending Senior O/NE personnel to the field for short periods and specifically stated that it would have been of the greatest value to O/NE if one of the Estimates Board had been able to go to Iran. DCI doubted the value of a visit to Iran but did feel that members of the Board of Estimates should get to the field more often. DCI directed Mr. Reber to work out tentative program and stated that we should assist State Department in meeting their requirements whenever we could, indirectly benefiting from additional training for our area and functional specialists.

3. Colonel Baird stated that plans were well formulated for handling of the language problem. Besides the present use of Georgetown, it is proposed that there will be established in Quarters "I" a language laboratory. This will enable personnel on full-time jobs to use the laboratory on a 24-hour basis for the study of languages by mechanical means. It will not only be a great convenience for all CIA personnel but will provide better security for covert personnel.

Col. Baird stated that at present they were running a six weeks' course for 200 employees in the unclassified group. He would like to expand the time to eight weeks but pointed out to the Assistant Directors that this might mean the loss to them for a few days of personnel who might be cleared before the end of the eight weeks' period.

Col. Baird mentioned film presentations and pointed out that there were a large number and that he believed attendance had somewhat fallen off. Dr. Andrews, AD/CD, stated that during June there had been 57 group showings attended by over 1,000 persons. The Director stated that he was sure there were too many film presentations and that it should be handled on a more selective basis.

4. Mr. Dulles said that he was leaving for Europe at the end of this week and suggested that the Assistant Directors advise him of anything that he could do for them.

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