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Director's Meeting

Friday, 7 September 1951

PRESENT: General Smith, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Wisner,  
Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Becker.

Mr. Dulles referred to [redacted] and Mr. Wisner undertook to  
check as to his availability. The DCI indicated that he would phone  
[redacted]

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The DCI did not feel that CIA had any reason to be embarrassed  
with respect to [redacted]

Mr. Dulles mentioned that Colonel Hansen was having lunch with  
Drew Pearson to take up three topics, namely:

1. CIA's interest in the defector program;

Mr. Wisner indicated serious concern as to giving any information to Pearson.  
Mr. Jackson indicated belief that Colonel Hansen would exercise great  
discretion in dealing with Mr. Pearson, [redacted]

[redacted] The DCI emphasized that no apology  
should be made to Pearson with respect to the defector matter.

[redacted]

Mr. Dulles also indicated that Dr. Langer had also raised the  
question of "Estimates" by OCI. Both the DCI and Mr. Jackson indicated  
that this issue had been definitively settled. The DCI pointed out  
the distinction between a fully considered and coordinated estimate and  
the type of "comments" made in the OCI publications. In view of the wish  
of the President that such comments be included, CIA was under obligation  
to make them and would continue to do so. It was entirely in order that  
such comments should be coordinated with O/NE and O/CI had agreed to have  
a representative of O/NE sit on its Publication Board. The DCI indicated  
that he was not worried that there might be some minor inconsistency between  
flash OCI comments and O/NE estimates.

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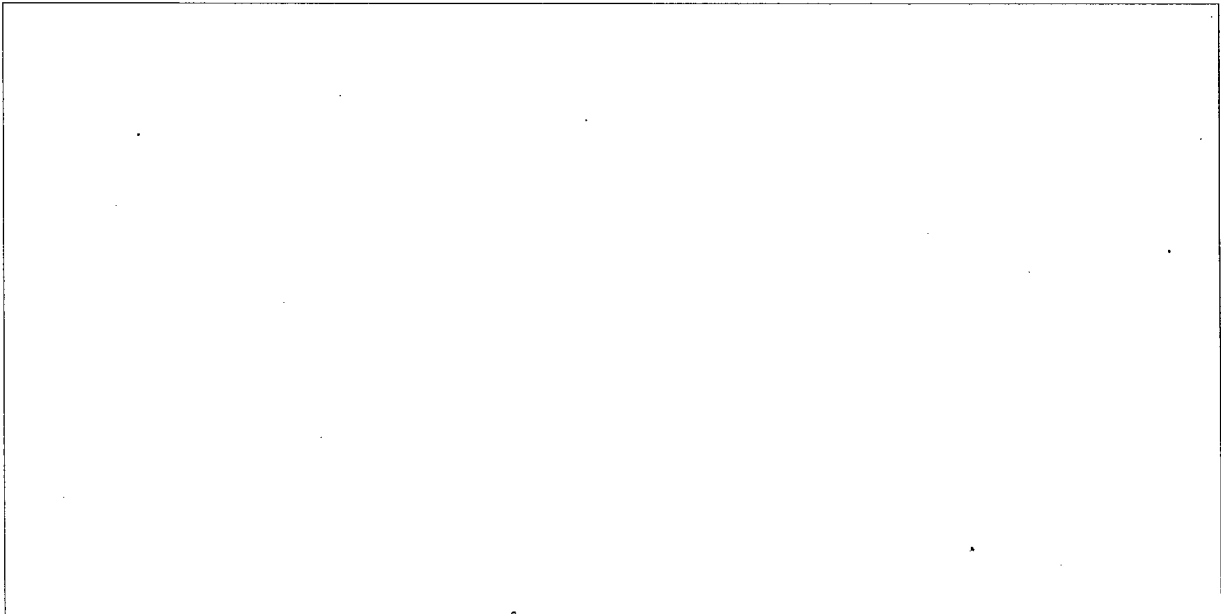
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The DCI called attention to the Log item referring to Mr. Donovan's request for documents in the [ ] case. The DCI strongly expressed the view that no additional documents should be given to Mr. Donovan without clearing with Defense since CIA had no connection whatsoever with this case; it was completely a matter for Defense, which had taken over SSU prior to the organization of CIA. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Becker undertook to follow up on this matter with Colonel Hansen. At a later meeting during the morning, Colonel Hansen reported that the toxological report which had been given to Mr. Donovan was unrestricted and had been handed over with the approval of the Department of Defense.

Mr. Dulles reported that he had had a successful meeting with Peyton Ford of the Department of Justice and that Mr. Ford had agreed verbally that the so-called [ ] was not affected by the McCarran Act. After some discussion it was determined not to request such an opinion in writing from Mr. Ford. The DCI emphasized that CIA's arrangements with Mr. Ford should be confirmed with his successor and Mr. Dulles noted that Mr. Horan of Mr. Ford's office attended the meeting.

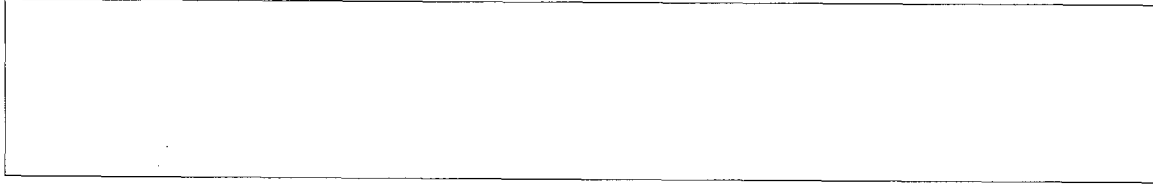
Mr. Dulles referred to a resolution (S.Res.74, 82nd Congress, 1st Session) introduced by Senator Benton calling for an investigation of the U.S. propaganda program. Senator McMahon, who is extremely interested in this resolution, planned to ask the DCI to testify on it, in his capacity as Chairman of the Psychological Strategy Board. The DCI indicated that if such a request was received he would ask Gordon Gray to testify in his stead.



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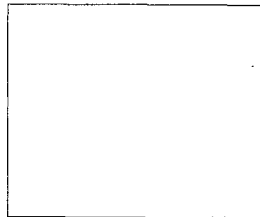
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In answer to an inquiry from the DCI, Mr. Wolf indicated that there was nothing new on building, though he hoped to have something in the near future.

Reference was made to a [redacted] an individual who was highly recommended by, among others, [redacted] and Mr. Wolf indicated that he had been talking with [redacted] and was very favorably impressed.

Mr. Becker raised the question of whether NIE 31 should be distributed by CIA to the Coast Guard, Agricultural, Public Health Service and Federal Civil Defense. The DCI directed that such distribution should not be made by CIA.



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