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Official Diary

Wednesday, 12 December 1951

Discussed with [] briefing of DCI for NSC meeting.

Discussed with Col. Baird his proposal for a course to inform Division Chiefs of the respective offices of matters which they should know about other offices. Baird had previously discussed this with all of the Assistant Directors save for Reber. I suggested that Col. Baird incorporate his suggestions, based upon his talks with the ADs, in a memorandum which could be brought up for discussion at the next ADs meeting. It seemed to me important that the ADs have a chance to study his recommendation before considering it at the meeting.

Ted Shannon called my attention to previous items in the Diary relating to Ted Babbitt of FCDA, inquiring as to the intelligence services they would receive. Shannon informed me that the basic reason for putting in the teletype was that CIA had undertaken to give notice to Civil Defense of an impending attack if, and only if, intelligence thereof is received from the Watch Committee. I informed Shannon that in view of this fact, which he was to pass on to Babbitt, we need to do nothing further respecting the general question of intelligence support for Civil Defense until Babbitt or Civil Defense had a much clearer idea of its operational mission. I informed Mr. Reber of the foregoing discussion and conclusion.

Discussed with Mr. Earman some of the impressions which I gained by reviewing the State Department's set-up and made an appointment to discuss that matter with Mr. Reber on Thursday.

Discussed with Mr. Douglass an item relating to collection which will come up for consideration by USCIB on Friday. Dictated a memorandum for Mr. Douglass on this point and briefed [] thereon also.

Col. Hansen advised me of the advance notice received respecting a projected column by Fulton Lewis as of 17 December, attacking, inter alia, CIA as having disloyal personnel. After some discussion, we agreed that Col. Hansen would pass on this information and discuss what was to be done with Mr. Jackson, [] and Shef Edwards. Hansen also suggested and I approved that before any final action is taken we should check with Short at the White House. Col. Hansen reported back today after talking with Jackson [] and stated that the initial thought, agreed upon by everyone, was that it would be advisable to investigate the possibility of having someone Lewis respected talk to him. Hansen was going to find out if there was any such person and we would decide what to do after he had reported on this.

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I referred to Col. Baird the request by Col. Pierce of the War College for 4 or 5 qualified individuals to participate in seminars in the course on psychological warfare.

[redacted] suggested that I ascertain from the Director whether or not he wanted Mr. Douglass to preside at the USCIB meeting on Friday.

After discussions with Mr. Dulles and Sherman Kent, and after Mr. Dulles had consulted the Director, we postponed the IAC meeting until Friday in order to permit completion of SE 20 for consideration of the Committee.

[redacted] Advisor for Management, consulted Mr. Earman and myself respecting the General's direction that white paper be used on CIA publications and reports. We noted that the General had indicated that some other form of designating between various types of publications and reports would be satisfactory. Both Earman and I felt that the General's directive would apply to something more than the papers reviewed personally by him.

Spoke to Davidson [redacted] and suggested that they should read the minutes of the Director's meeting on an "eyes only" basis. As a follow up on this, I suggested at the staff meeting on Thursday that each of those attending keep a diary of significant matters which could be circulated among the group. I also requested that Mr. Harvey keep us informed of any matters in Mr. Wolf's office that we should know and stated that I had made a similar request to [redacted] with respect to Mr. Wisner's office.

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