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Director's Meeting

Friday, 14 December 1951

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PRESENT: Gen. Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, [] and
Becker.

Prior to the arrival of the DCI, Mr. Dulles called attention to the OO Log item relating to the interview had by some Congressman with a defector in the Defector Reception Center in Germany. While this matter was being discussed, the DCI joined the meeting and the question was presented to him. The DCI's view was that such procedure might well embarrass the State Department and might also have some effect on our existing pleasant relations with State. He inquired as to whether or not it would be possible to impose conditions when request for such interviews was made, to the effect that no public use would be made of the interview and particularly that no mention would be made of the defector or of any CIA assistance. Mr. Wisner suggested and the DCI approved that Legislative Liaison should see the Congressman in question upon his return to the U.S. and ask him to keep CIA's position confidential. Mr. Wisner also undertook to draft a cable to Gen. Truscott giving policy guidance on this matter.

There was a brief discussion of the [] Log item relating to [] and Mr. Wisner undertook to investigate and if appropriate to call the matter, in confidence, to the attention of [] presumably through []

Approval was expressed by several present, including the DCI, as to the development in [] reported in the Log this morning.

Mr. Dulles reported briefly on the meeting in Mr. Wilson's office respecting the procurement of strategic items and stated that he had prepared a memorandum for the record. The result of the meeting was a determination that no covert requirements as yet existed, but CIA was requested to give any possible additional intelligence on foreign trade. Mr. Millikan suggested that cobalt might be an excellent strategic item to investigate.

Mr. Dulles inquired of the DCI as to whether it would be appropriate for him to give a talk to the National War College on "CIA's Part in the Cold War". The DCI preferred that he give a talk along the lines of Mr. Laviero's articles in the "TIMES".

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