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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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Tuesday, 15 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [REDACTED]

The Director:

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A. Referred to the item in the log concerning [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] and asked who had actually agreed to serve as members of this committee.

Mr. Wisner stated that [REDACTED] would serve as members and it was believed there would be no trouble in convincing [REDACTED] to become a member.

The DCI then stated that he felt Stuart Symington should also be asked and after some discussion it was agreed that this would be done.

B. Stated that he had received a report from General Bolling indicating there was dire need for a "junior Truscott" in Berlin to coordinate the activities of the defense intelligence agencies there.

Mr. Wisner noted that this did not conform with General Truscott's most recent views.

The Director stated that nevertheless this matter would be brought before the IAC by Gen. Bolling at its next meeting and that "a good soldier or air man" would be selected to fill this job.

C. Stated that in a recent conversation he had with Col. Baird it was indicated that in a great many instances the Assistant Directors were standing in the way of their people applying for assignment as students to the various military schools and colleges at which we had been allotted slots. He went on to say that: 1) he had instructed Col. Baird to draft a directive for his signature outlining the general qualifications for these schools which is to be circulated and placed upon the bulletin boards; 2) qualified personnel could then make application for these schools through their appropriate Assistant Director who would have opportunity to make recommendation as to the applicant's qualifications and his availability. However, it was to be made clear that final decision in each case would be made by the Director's Office. The DCI then directed that his desires in this matter be made clear to all Assistant Directors. This will be done by the Deputy Directors concerned.

D. Stated that it had come to his attention that six of our "young career people" who had volunteered for Korea had been informed by one of the offices, when being briefed by that office, that positions here were now available however it was possible that these positions might not be open at a later date. The Director then indicated that such a statement

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was intolerable and directed that the ^{Deputy} ~~Deputies~~ concerned immediately rectify this situation with ^{the} ~~their~~ appropriate Assistant Directors. He also directed that Mr. Wisner arrange that the aforementioned "six young career people" be given opportunity to see something of our facilities in the Far East about a month prior to their return to the US. In connection with the above, the question of our career management program was raised and after some discussion, the Director asked Mr. Wolf to give him a report on the status of this program at the earliest possible date.

E. Referred to the item in the log concerning the Karens and after some discussion stated that pressure should be brought upon the Burmese Government to bring these people in.

Mr. Dulles:

A. Briefly reported on a meeting he had had with Gordon Gray, Gordon Dean and Paul Nitze regarding a certain matter and noted there was a closely held NSC paper pertaining to this which we did not have and which he was attempting to get. He also noted that there was some thinking that this particular matter should go before the PSB, however, he did not think that this Board was the proper place for discussion.

The DCI made reference to a letter we had received [redacted] and directed that an interim reply be prepared for his signature.

B. Noted the recent message received [redacted] regarding the penetration plan and recommended that Gen. Bolling be "brought in".

The DCI approved and said that it should be explained to Bolling that this particular plan was purely exploratory at this time.

Mr. Wisner:

A. Gave the Director further information contained in a memorandum to be used during the appointment with Ambassador Bowles on Tuesday, 22 January.

B. Referred to the recent cable received from Gen. Truscott concerning the German contractual arrangements and the Department of Defense's view thereon.

The Director, after a call to Gen. Bolling, stated that a Mr. Coverdale of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, was handling this and directed that Mr. Reber get in touch with him and bring this matter before the IAC at its next meeting.

C. Reported on the new organization of the information programs in the Department of State.

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Mr. Wisner (Continued)



D. Stated that a recent State Department cable indicated that nine out of ten Iron Curtain refugees preferred Radio Free Europe to the Voice of America.

The Director asked that a copy of this cable be made available to him.

Mr. Wolf:

A. Discussed the various sites for our new building.

The DCI stated that he preferred the Nevius tract as first choice and directed that we draw our plans and request appropriation for a building to house approximately [] people. He stated that he wanted a building of simple construction of "concrete and steel".

Mr. Wolf pointed out that it might not be possible to get approval of the Planning Commission for a building on this particular site unless it met particular specifications which would in his opinion cost considerably more than a building which could be erected on the Soldiers' Home site.

The Director stated that nevertheless we should "shoot for the Nevius tract" with the Soldiers' Home site as an "ace in the hole".

Mr. Hedden:

A. Received the Director's approval of his recommendation that the training pool be transferred from Personnel to the Director of Training.

Mr. Becker:

A. Raised the question of an IAC meeting on Thursday, 17 January and stated that the items on the Agenda were not urgent.

The Director indicated that this being the case, there would be no meeting this week.

B. Noted that recent ~~p~~ reports indicated that "something was cooking in Brazil" and he was following through on this matter.

