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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 27 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Earman

The Director:

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to the item in the Log concerning the request from the Department of Justice to investigate two individuals. DCI stated that unless these people belong to us we would not do this. The DCI was advised that these people did not belong to us.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

b. Reported on a conversation he had with Sam Berger.

c. Stated that he had met with Scripps yesterday and had put him in touch with Admiral Miller. Mr. Dulles noted that Scripps has in mind a massive balloon project and was speaking of raising a sum in the amount of \$70,000,000 to finance this project. The Director stated that now was not the time for balloons in view of the BW campaign. Mr. Dulles noted that this was a private enterprise and there was probably nothing we could do about it if Scripps and his people desired to go ahead. The Director said that if they did, they should be advised of the propaganda value to the Russians inherent in this project until such time as the BW campaign cooled down. Mr. Dulles noted that in any event we should stay on the sidelines since this was a completely overt operation.

d. Stated that in going over the PSB agenda for today's meeting, the papers thereon appeared to him to be a cross between NSC and JCS matters. The Director stated that this had been of considerable concern to him for some time and asked Mr. Dulles to discuss this matter quite frankly at today's meeting.

e. Noted that Mr. Lay had circulated a portion of the JCS comments on the Director's letter of 11 December to [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Raised the question of the Gray Report. The Director stated that this matter should be handled by Messrs. Dulles and Wisner in the best way they saw fit.

b. [redacted]

The DCI noted he would discuss this matter with Gen. Bolling when he saw him today. (NOTE: Director subsequently prepared a reply which has been cleared with Messrs. Dulles and Wisner.)

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