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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 26 June 1952

PRESENT: General Smith (for part of meeting only), Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Col. White, Gen. Truscott, Col. Betts, Mr. Earman

Mr. Dulles:

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b. Noted that we had sent one of our lawyers [redacted] as discussed at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting. In this connection, he said that [redacted] had advised us that the son of the lawyer who allegedly [redacted] was doing some work at Johns Hopkins University and had, at one time, participated in Communist activities in Indochina. Mr. Dulles said that [redacted] had also reported that this individual's passport had been taken up and she still felt that there was more to this situation than met the eye. The Director stated that the above information furnished by [redacted] should be passed on to the FBI. Mr. Dulles undertook to so advise her.

c. Noted the item in the Log concerning Col. Hansen's telephone conversations with certain newspapermen and commentators and stated that he felt Hansen had gone a little too far in voluntarily calling these people and he intended to discuss this matter with Hansen.

Mr. Becker:

a. Again raised certain problems connected with our Legislative Liaison activities and, after some discussion, Col. White undertook to follow through on this matter.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Made a brief preliminary report on the circumstances surrounding Mr. Hunter's return.

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Colonel White:

a. Noted that he had received a number of complaints on the Executive Order concerning the dismissal of employees due to excessive heat. He went on to say that in each instance those concerned had been advised that this Agency had no authority to change the directive contained in this Order; however, our officials in position of responsibility should use their own judgment in this matter. The Director stated that (1) since there was only about a 50-50 chance that we would get the Munitions Building, immediate steps should be taken to refurbish and air condition our present buildings; (2) annual leave would not be charged to those people dismissed on account of the heat. Col. White noted that a study was already under preparation which would cover (1) above and that the Bureau of the Budget had requested we not purchase air conditioning equipment until the legal problems involved had been ironed out with Budget and GSA. The Director stated that notwithstanding this fact we would go ahead and purchase window-type air conditioners for Quarters I and, in the event we did move to the Munitions Building, this equipment could be well used there.

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