

Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 15 October 1952

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

General Smith:

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a. Stated he was having lunch with Gen. Collins at 12:30 on 22 October and he wished Mr. Wisner and either Gen. Weckerling or Gen. Balmer to accompany him.

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b. Raised the question of delegation of authority to release cables and stated that initially this authority would be given to the Deputies, AD/Commo, IG, EA/DCI, and Director of Training. However, he desired that each of these individuals submit to him for his approval the name and position of people within their respective offices to whom this authority would be delegated.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that Messrs. Foster and Nash had expressed interest in seeing some of our people on their forthcoming trip [redacted]

[redacted] The DCI approved and asked Mr. Wisner to follow through on this with Mr. Nash.

b. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] and, after some discussion wherein Mr. Wisner pointed out that our representative was working on this matter with and through the Chief of Police, [redacted] the Director stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] if funds were needed to accomplish this, he would approve the expenditure; (3) he did not approve the action recommended in the above-cited cable and noted his reason therefor.

c. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] containing Admiral Overesch's report on reduction in size of the Headquarters staff [redacted] The Director stated that he had not had opportunity to read this cable; however, in connection with our proposed reduction in size of our overseas stations [redacted] personnel at those stations to be affected by this program should be given the opportunity to state their preference as to future assignments and, further, it should be made clear to them that the reduction in question did not mean they would be out of job. The Director also stated that consideration should be given to the utilization

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd)

[REDACTED] of some of the officers now assigned to [REDACTED] After some discussion wherein Mr. Wisner stated this was already being done, the DCI directed that this action be coordinated with the Assistant Director for Personnel.

[REDACTED]

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that Gen. Shortt planned to attend the IAC Meeting tomorrow and raised the question as to whether he should remain for the full meeting. After some discussion, the Director stated that those items on the agenda which could not be discussed in his presence be dropped and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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c. Reported that Mr. Gleason had advised him that the summary evaluation paper would not be placed on the agenda of the NSC until some time in November.

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