

Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 24 November 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, Col. Betts,
Mr. Earman

General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] indicating Admiral Overesch's concurrence in the transfer of the responsibility for [redacted] to his command and directed that this be done.

b. Stated that Mr. Amory should consider attending the National War College, possibly the next course which begins the latter part of August 1953, provided he felt he could keep an eye on his shop while away.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] concerning the possibility of an article to be published in NEWSWEEK regarding [redacted]. The Director stated he had asked Col. Grogan to look into this matter; however, he did not wish "to push" NEWSWEEK too hard.

c. Referred to the [redacted] and asked if we were doing anything about it. The Director noted he had discussed the line we should follow in this matter with Mr. Wisner. Mr. Dulles then referred to a message from [redacted] under date of 23 October, which predicted [redacted] and recommended that the originator be commended for his excellent and accurate reporting. The DCI approved.

d. Referred to the [redacted] discussed at a recent Deputies' Meeting. The Director stated he had briefly discussed this matter with the President and we should, as a matter of urgency, obtain someone to spearhead the opposition in this area. Mr. Wisner recommended we use the individual [redacted] even though he (the individual) could not be cleared by the FBI. The Director expressed some concern over allowing the FBI

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

S. 12.2.52 to become knowledgeable of our covert people and stated he hesitated in a good many instances to go to them when we employ covert agents with questionable clearances. Mr. Wisner pointed out that in this case this man would be used overseas. ~~After~~ some discussion as to ways and means of implementing this project, the Director stated (1) we should also consider using our British friends and particularly mentioned [redacted] who is now in Africa; (2) in any event, provisions should be made for the assessment of the activities of the individual selected for this assignment -- Messrs. Dulles and Wisner undertook to furnish the Director recommendations on this problem.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that it might be necessary for Mr. William H. Jackson to delay his trip to Washington. The Director stated he intended to call him after the meeting.

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c. Reported that the son of Dr. [redacted] had applied for a position with CIA and during his interview an appointment had been made for him to see the medics; however, nothing further had been heard from him. After some discussion wherein Mr. Dulles stated that Dr. [redacted] was well known to him, the Director suggested that Mr. Dulles call him and advise him of the facts in this case. D/DCI undertook to do so.

Mr. Wolf reported that he had discussed our acquisition of the Munitions Building again with the Bureau of the Budget and our chances were still very slim.

Mr. Amory:

a. Briefly discussed a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] concerning the attendance of some of his people at a recent conference there and, in response to a query from the Director as to whether he (DCI) should further concern himself with this, stated the matter would be resolved between DD/I and DD/P.

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Mr. Amory (Cont'd.)

b. Reported that the results of the meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts, indicated that Soviet production would equal ours in 1975. The Director noted he was more interested in determining when their production would support a major military effort.

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