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Deputies' Meeting

HR70-14

Friday, 28 November 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Amory, Earman

General Smith:

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a. Referred to the problem of appointing officers to release cables and stated that an examination of cables released over a ten day period indicated, by and large, that Division Chiefs and/or, in some instances, their Deputies would not be overburdened if they personally saw each cable prior to dispatch, thus placing the responsibility for the contents of outgoing messages on the senior officer present. An exception to this was the FE Division which dispatched on an average of 45 cables per day. The Director particularly noted that the officers under DD/A during the above period did not dispatch a single cable and, therefore, he saw no reason why DD/A should not personally approve all outgoing cables from components under his jurisdiction. At the DCI's direction Mr. Earman undertook to prepare a revised list of officers authorized to release cables.

b. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [Redacted] concerning his return and asked if it would not be possible to send a temporary replacement immediately until such time as a permanent one could be selected. Mr. Wisner noted that the difficulty in such action was delay [Redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

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b. Referred to previous discussions regarding the tapping of a sensitive source of information and, after some further discussion, undertook to clear this matter with Mr. John Foster Dulles. The Director noted he would also speak to Gen. Eisenhower about this subject.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

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✓ c. Reported that Max Millikan had raised the question of publishing on an unclassified basis certain nonsensitive [redacted] reports and that Under Secretary Bruce was inclined to favor this; however, he (DDCI) recommended that the Director place this problem before the PSB at their next luncheon or possibly State should act on this request. The Director noted that the Russians were quick to dry up any sources when they became aware of information obtained therefrom. After some discussion, the DCI undertook to discuss this matter with the members of the PSB. Done

Mr. Wisner:

✓ a. Noted that in the past correspondence between ourselves and the FBI concerning notification of individuals employed by CIA who have contact with foreign intelligence organizations had been signed by the former AD/SO and asked the Director if he wished to sign such correspondence in the future. After some discussion, the DCI stated that unless there was some particular reason which would require his signature he preferred that this correspondence be handled as in the past; however, he would have no objection to signing "4 or 5 letters a day of this category". Mr. Earman undertook to discuss this matter further with Mr. Timm.

b. Briefly discussed the contents of a memorandum for the Director prepared by AD/CO concerning [redacted] and stated that our participation in this activity was at the request of the Department of State. (NOTE: A copy of the above-referred-to memorandum is on the Director's desk.)

c. Reported that John Mitchell, Counsel for the Congressional Committee investigating the Katyn Forest Massacre, had indicated the possibility of a Congressional Committee being appointed to "investigate CIA" to be chaired by Senator McCarthy.

Mr. Hedden reported that he had again discussed with Adrian Fisher of State the claim that Department now holds against CATI and stated that Fisher was now hedging over the assignment of this claim to CIA but had indicated they might honor it if the amount involved (\$130,000) was transferred directly to Navy. After some discussion, Mr. Hedden undertook to discuss this matter further with Mr. Fisher and report to the Director.

Mr. Amory:

a. Reported that a "secure area" had been established in [redacted] to safeguard a certain type of intelligence information that might be sent to the President-elect.