

Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 8 December 1952

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

General Smith:

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a. Noted that he intended to discuss with Lt. General W. E. Kepner, USAF, who will retire in about a year, the possibility of securing his services as our Senior Representative [redacted]. The Director went on to say that while he preferred a [redacted] for this job he did not know of one with suitable qualifications, particularly since a good deal of our work in this area involved PM operations. In this connection, Mr. Amory mentioned a Colonel Fertig who was very successful in organizing the moros during World War II. The Director noted that possibly he might be more suited for [redacted]. After some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to contact Colonel Fertig and the Director noted he had been advised General Kepner had indicated interest in joining us.

b. Noted that [redacted] had been expelled from the Communist Party and stated that this would detract from their value propagandawise; however, [redacted] memoirs should be worth something. Mr. Dulles suggested the possibility of putting [redacted] in touch with Henry Luce.

Mr. Dulles:

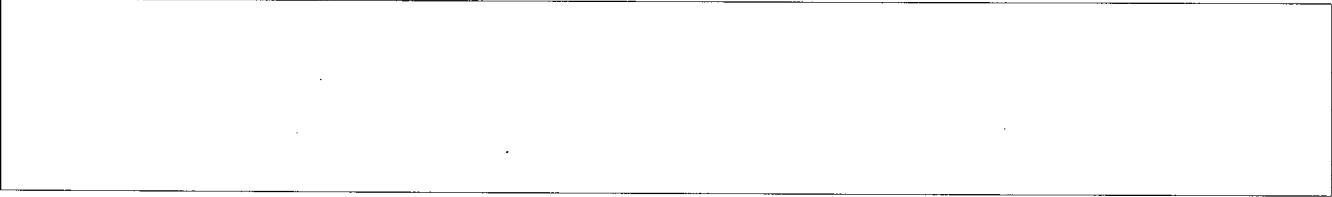
a. Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on 28 November regarding the tapping of a very sensitive source of information and stated that (1) he was seeing [redacted] today; (2) after further consideration he had decided not to discuss this matter with Mr. John Foster Dulles. The Director stated he was under the impression that [redacted] trip to explore this matter with the source in question had already been approved. Mr. Dulles noted it was his understanding as indicated in the minutes of the Deputies' Meeting of 28 November that this problem should first be brought to the attention of Mr. John Foster Dulles which as indicated above he now had decided not to do.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

b. Briefly discussed a recent conversation he had with George Morgan and noted that Morgan was anxious that we set up a group to study the paper on the program of psychological preparation for Stalin's passing from power. The Director stated he would prefer to discuss this matter with Mr. Dulles after the meeting.

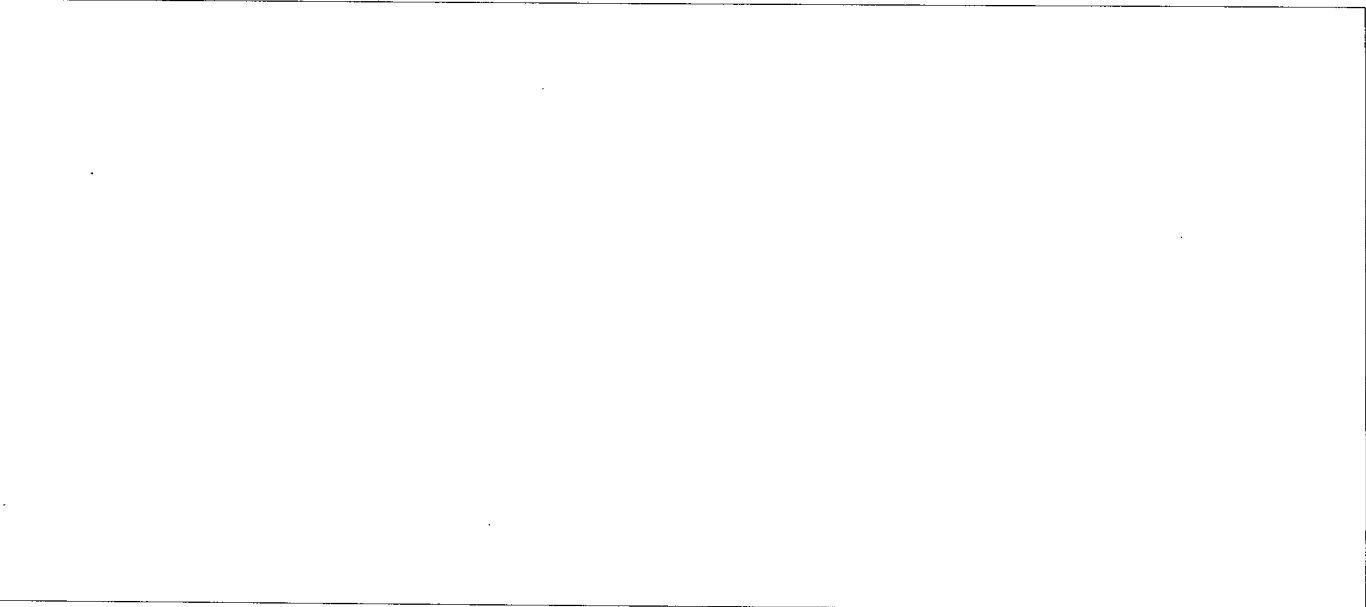


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d. Raised the question of CIA representation on the security committee of NATO as previously discussed at the Deputies' Meeting on 3 and 4 December and noted that (1) the FBI had also requested representation on this committee; (2) the State Department representative would act as the U.S. spokesman; (3) he believed the FBI should be allowed to attend these meetings since the representatives from the other countries would be, in fact, the Bureau's opposite numbers. The Director noted that in theory any representation by the FBI at such meetings should be through CIA; however, there was probably nothing we could do about this at this time, with the exception of advising State that in view of our responsibilities under the law this Agency should be represented at these meetings. The Director added that in our letter no mention should be made of FBI participation. Mr. Dulles undertook to draft this letter for the Director's signature. Done

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that a cable had been sent to [redacted] regarding the Director's interest in an interview between Soviet representatives and the defector [redacted] and stated we might experience some difficulties in photographing this interview. The Director stated we should "do the best we can and in any event the meeting could be recorded".

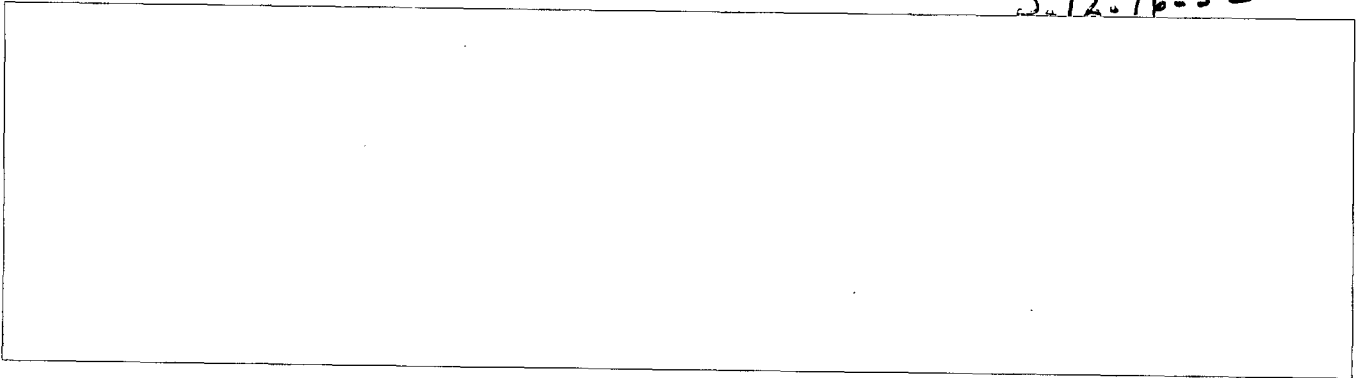


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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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Mr. Amory:

a. Reported the possibility of a revolution in Bolivia. The Director noted he was becoming a little gun shy on passing direct to the President reports of revolution in any of the Latin American countries and, for the time being, it was probably best just to record them in one of our daily intelligence bulletins.

b. Noted that the French situation at Na San looked bad.

